

PAPER 4 LISTENING (approximately 40 minutes)

Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 You hear the beginning of a lecture in a university.
What is the lecture going to be about?
 - A the history of a place
 - B social problems
 - C a person's life and work

- 2 You hear part of a radio programme about an island.
Why are there so few trees on the island now?
 - A because of urban development
 - B because of the expansion of agriculture
 - C because of the action of the sea

- 3 You hear a teenage boy talking on the radio about his family's efforts to earn money.
What will the money be used for?
 - A computer games
 - B new clothes
 - C an expensive car

- 4 You hear an announcement at a railway station.
What should you do if you want to go to London?
 - A await further instructions
 - B travel from a different platform
 - C get on the next train to arrive

- 5 You hear a man talking about newspapers.
What does he say about the newspaper he reads?
- A It is an essential part of life.
 - B It is an important source of information.
 - C It is useful for passing the time.
- 6 You hear a conversation on the radio.
What is the programme about?
- A solving traffic problems in cities
 - B studying nature and wildlife
 - C finding part of an ancient town
- 7 You hear two people talking about a music festival they have been to.
What do they agree about?
- A the quality of the performances
 - B the fairness of the prices
 - C the standard of the accommodation
- 8 You hear a travel writer speaking on a radio programme.
What aspect of his travels is he talking about?
- A what he does to keep healthy
 - B how he reduces the risk of accidents
 - C illnesses from which he has suffered

Part 2

You will hear a man called Tom Aitken talking about a company called Crunch, which makes cereal bars, which he set up with two other people. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences.

Cereal bars

Tom studied 9 as his main subject at university.

The activity that Tom, Alan and David enjoyed at university was 10.

Tom says he and his flatmates made a sample cereal bar using 11, which they distributed free of charge.

Tom says that, at first, he and his friends sold their cereal bars in a 12 at the weekends.

Tom uses the word 13 to describe his, Alan's and David's attitude to starting the business.

Tom, Alan and David asked both and 14 for financial help, but without success.

Tom points out that, unlike Crunch, most cereal bars have 15 added.

According to Tom, Crunch cereal bars will be available in more 16 very soon.

Crunch may use 17 as the base for their proposed new dessert range.

The company hopes to use more 18 for its wrappers in future.

Part 3

You will hear five different people talking about an international sports event. For questions **19–23**, choose from the list (**A–F**) the best description of what each speaker is talking about. Use the letters only once. There is one extra answer which you do not need to use.

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| A accepting disappointing results | Speaker 1 | 19 |
| B praising the level of organisation | Speaker 2 | 20 |
| C appreciating an unexpected opportunity | Speaker 3 | 21 |
| D criticising an individual performance | Speaker 4 | 22 |
| E complaining about the seating arrangements | Speaker 5 | 23 |
| F regretting having missed a good performance | | |

Part 4

You will hear an interview with Alex Miller, who teaches people how to fly helicopters. For questions **24–30**, choose the correct answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

- 24** Why do most of Alex's students choose weekend lessons?
- A** to take advantage of lower prices
 - B** his weekday lessons are at inconvenient times
 - C** it is easier for them to concentrate then
- 25** Why does Alex teach his students about the helicopter's controls before taking off?
- A** It is the quickest way to learn.
 - B** It is a way of saving money.
 - C** It is impossible to do it in the air.
- 26** Alex believes that a student's first flight can be dangerous
- A** if they get too nervous.
 - B** if they are overconfident.
 - C** if they don't have a natural ability.
- 27** According to Alex, how long does it take to learn to fly a helicopter?
- A** It varies from person to person.
 - B** It depends on the type of helicopter.
 - C** It doesn't take as long as many people expect.
- 28** Alex keeps a record of every flight because
- A** he works for himself.
 - B** he is required to do so.
 - C** he wants to improve his efficiency.

- 29 If there are no lessons booked, Alex usually
- A begins to get worried.
 - B takes the opportunity to relax.
 - C catches up on paperwork.
- 30 Alex's Tuesday morning lesson was cancelled because
- A the student could not get away from work.
 - B the weather conditions were too dangerous.
 - C his helicopter was being repaired.