

LISTENING (approximately 40 minutes)

Part 1

You will hear three different extracts. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One

You hear a man telling a friend about his holiday.

- 1 The man thinks the essential component of a holiday is
- A physical activity.
 - B the opportunity to travel.
 - C mental stimulation.
- 2 He feels that one benefit of doing archaeology on holiday is that it
- A provides him with the excitement of discovery.
 - B adds to the sum of his knowledge.
 - C helps him to be more tolerant.

Extract Two

You hear two colleagues talking about time management.

- 3 They agree that being late
- A is a growing trend.
 - B is a difficult habit to break.
 - C can be amusing when it affects others.
- 4 In the woman's opinion, people who fail to arrive on time
- A are often completely unaware of the problems they cause.
 - B generally have a relaxed attitude to life.
 - C are putting their career prospects at risk.

Extract Three

You hear two friends talking about a historical novel they have read.

- 5 The woman thinks the novelist manages to
- A create a credible background.
 - B exploit a strong story line.
 - C depict well-drawn characters.
- 6 The friends agree that this historical novel
- A gives a successful insight into the past.
 - B provides an escape from the present.
 - C presents a highly subjective view of events.

Part 2

You will hear a photographer and TV cameraman called Mike Darby talking about his life and work. For questions 7-14, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

PHOTOGRAPHER AND CAMERAMAN

- Mike says that among his older colleagues, (7) rather than photography, was a common degree subject.
- While working as a diver at a (8) in the Antarctic, Mike decided to become a photographer.
- Mike feels that an aptitude for (9) is the key business skill in his work.
- Mike's most recent shoot involved taking pictures for a (10)
- Mike is proudest of the book called (11)
- In his most recent TV work as a wildlife cameraman Mike filmed different types of (12) in various locations.
- Mike uses the word (13) to emphasise how his work as a cameraman differs from his book project.
- Mike advises young photographers to invent (14) to go with their pictures when they try to sell the

Part 3

You will hear part of an interview in which two experts called Kirsten Neet and Anton Best are discussing the idea of what's called 'information overload'. For questions 15-20, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

- 15 What aspect of modern life does Anton think Seneca anticipated?
- A The fact that intellectuals sometimes reject new ideas.
B The fact that an interest in owning books has decreased.
C The way that people get distracted by passing trends.
D The way that people have become obsessed with the notion of quality.
- 16 In Kirsten's view, the volume of material available today
- A makes us too reliant on technology.
B is far less useful than we think it might be.
C is not significantly greater than in the past.
D presents a problem which has always existed.
- 17 How does Anton respond to the suggestion of doing without much of today's information?
- A He feels it might actually lead to meaningful progress.
B He says it would be betraying the past.
C He thinks the solution lies in technological systems.
D He would prefer to see a reduction in the quantity produced.
- 18 In discussing the problem of dealing with information overload today, the two experts agree that
- A it is reaching a critical point.
B the methods used are ineffective.
C it makes people communicate less.
D the concept of convenience has been lost.
- 19 Kirsten sees the biggest work-related benefit arising from greater available information as
- A the rapid advances in direct feedback.
B the spread of personalised advertising.
C more worker participation in product development.
D a marked increase in customer satisfaction.
- 20 What does Kirsten say dieting made her realise about information?
- A restrict your own access to it
B only a small part of it is ever accurate
C only bother with it when you really have to
D be highly selective when faced with a lot of it

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about a course they did in business administration.

TASK ONE

TASK TWO

For questions 21–25, choose from the list (A–H).
For questions 26–30, choose from the list (A–H) what each speaker gained as a result of doing the course.

While you listen you must complete both tasks.

- A to improve promotion prospects
B to explore a new subject
C to keep up with developments in a field
D to enhance existing abilities
E to impress a current employer
F to find effective ways to support others
G to discover how to succeed independently
H the development of a specific product
- A the fulfillment of a long-term ambition
B a high-powered job in another country
C significant financial rewards
D a prestigious managerial appointment
E the chance to gain a foothold in business
F the creation of a new company
G a period of re-adjustment
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| Speaker 1 | 21 | Speaker 1 | 26 |
| Speaker 2 | 22 | Speaker 2 | 27 |
| Speaker 3 | 23 | Speaker 3 | 28 |
| Speaker 4 | 24 | Speaker 4 | 29 |
| Speaker 5 | 25 | Speaker 5 | 30 |