

LISTENING (approximately 40 minutes, including 5 minutes' transfer time)

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 two friends talking about a boy who's just completed a trek to the South Pole.
What do they agree about?
 - A It must have been difficult being away from friends.
 - B He must be strong mentally as well as physically.
 - C They'd like to do something as extraordinary.

- 2 You hear a news item about the penguins at Edinburgh Zoo in Scotland.
What is the speaker explaining?
 - A how penguins came to be at the zoo
 - B how young penguins are looked after at the zoo
 - C how successful penguin breeding programmes have been at the zoo

- 3 You hear two friends talking about celebrating Chinese New Year.
What did the girl find most memorable about the experience?
 - A making preparations in a Chinese home
 - B watching a friend in a Chinese parade
 - C trying typical Chinese food

- 4 You hear a radio report about a teenager who won a science competition.
What is the speaker doing?
 - A explaining her reasons for entering
 - B describing the topic of her project
 - C giving information about her background

- 5 You hear a woman talking about growing up as a junior chess champion.

What did she find difficult about it?

- A the effect it had on her friendships
- B the amount of travelling that was required
- C the pressure from her parents to succeed

- 6 You hear two teenagers talking about a television drama.

What do they agree about it?

- A The humour was unconvincing.
- B The storyline was hard to follow.
- C The action scenes were badly done.

- 7 You hear a boy talking about manga comic books.

He thinks some people dislike them because of

- A the predictable stories.
- B the particular artistic style.
- C the uninspiring characters.

- 8 You hear two students talking about a visit to a gym.

What do they agree about it?

- A The equipment wasn't appropriate for them.
- B The people there made them feel uncomfortable.
- C The music gave them a more positive experience.

Part 2

You will hear a talk by a man called Luke Harris who is a sports photographer. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

The sports photographer

Luke's interest in sports photography started when he attended a **9** competition.

One sports photographer Luke met told him that **10** was the key thing in becoming successful.

On Luke's first day working for a local newspaper, the type of weather that caused difficulty for him was **11**.

When covering unfamiliar sports, Luke says that finding out about the **12** of people involved is the most important thing.

The people Luke most enjoys taking photographs of are the **13**.

Luke's favourite picture of last year was taken next to the **14** at a sporting event.

Luke says that it's hard to show **15** in photographs of big sporting events.

Luke doesn't mind if the **16** isn't perfect when he takes photographs.

Luke admits that he doesn't much enjoy the **17** that is part of his job.

The name of Luke's favourite stadium is **18**.

Part 3

You will hear five short extracts in which teenagers are talking about learning geography. For questions **19–23**, choose from the list (**A–H**) what each speaker says about the experience. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

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- A** I enjoy the lessons much more than I used to.
- B** I wish we spent more time studying the subject at school.
- C** I've really enjoyed studying how different landscapes are formed.
- D** A relative encouraged my initial interest in the subject.
- E** Things I've learnt in the lessons have proved useful outside school.
- F** My friends don't share my enthusiasm for the lessons.
- G** Recent lessons have focussed on an interesting new topic.
- H** I have particularly enjoyed studying outside the classroom.
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| Speaker 1 | | 19 |
| Speaker 2 | | 20 |
| Speaker 3 | | 21 |
| Speaker 4 | | 22 |
| Speaker 5 | | 23 |

Part 4

You will hear an interview with a young songwriter called Liz Stewart, in which she answers questions sent in by her fans. For questions **24–30**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

- 24** How did Liz feel about playing music as a child?
- A** pleased that her father made her do it
 - B** reluctant to do it in front of other people
 - C** determined to do it like other musicians
- 25** As a teenager, Liz's musical tastes
- A** changed as a result of what she saw on television.
 - B** were influenced by her parents' preferences.
 - C** were very different from other people her age.
- 26** What does Liz say about the songs she writes?
- A** They describe a difficult time in her life.
 - B** They include stories that teenagers have passed on to her.
 - C** They are based on other people's experiences.
- 27** What does Liz say about writing new songs?
- A** She accepts that for long periods she doesn't produce much.
 - B** She is convinced that she should review her work carefully.
 - C** She often changes her mind about a song after talking to friends.
- 28** When asked about the ceremony where she won an award, Liz
- A** appreciated being told why the judges liked her work.
 - B** regretted not preparing for the possibility of winning.
 - C** disapproved of the attention given to well-known stars.

- 29 How does Liz feel about her book on song writing?
- A concerned that it reveals too much of her personality
 - B worried about it affecting her own music
 - C unsure whether it has an original approach
- 30 What does Liz say she wants to do to help her write?
- A cut back on her busy social life
 - B be more physically active
 - C move to a different location