

FCE PRACTICE

LISTENING TESTS 20

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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 a man talking on the local radio station. What are you listening to?
A a travel programme
B an advertisement
C an economics programme

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2 You hear a TV chat show host talking about someone called George Grosvenor. What is George Grosvenor?
A a politician
B a farmer
C a fisherman

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3 You hear a man and a woman talking. Where are they?
A in a film studio
B in a radio studio
C in a TV studio

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4 You hear a doctor talking to a patient. How does the patient feel?
A depressed
B tired
C in pain

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5 You hear a news item about a woman called Mrs Turner. What is she supposed to do?
A pay £58 a week rent
B pay 15 pence a week to the judge
C pay the Borough Council money

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6 You hear a young man talking. What is he?
A a parent
B a student
C a teacher

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7 You hear a short news item about a cancelled theatre performance. What is the theatre going to do?
A put on an additional performance
B cancel all matinées
C change the dates for afternoon performances

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8 You hear a woman talking on the telephone. Who is she talking to?
A a lawyer
B a secretary
C a builder

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Part 4

You will hear an interview on the radio with a conservationist called Kay Giles, who is trying to help schoolchildren understand the importance of protecting the environment. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 What is Kay's job?
- A teacher
- B journalist
- C manager

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25 What is the purpose of the seminars Kay mentions?
- A to give support to teachers
- B to talk to students about the planet
- C to make environmentalists more active

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26 The projects are designed to let the students
- A communicate with their families.
- B see for themselves the consequences of pollution.
- C get away from their classrooms.

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27 What does Kay think is the best way for students to learn about the environment?
- A by reading articles and watching videos
- B by doing practical work
- C by doing both of the above

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28 How many containers for recycling should you have?
- A two
- B three
- C four

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29 What is Kay's opinion of the government?
- A They are not active enough.
- B They are very fair.
- C They are communicative.

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30 Kay wants children to
- A educate their families about the environment.
- B think about being grandparents.
- C prepare themselves for their future jobs.

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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 presenter of a TV programme introducing someone.
What are you watching?
A a documentary about Hawaii
B a quiz show
C a travel programme

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2 You hear a woman answering questions on the telephone.
What is the caller asking about?
A a railway ticket
B an airline ticket
C a bus ticket

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3 You hear a man reading out a newspaper report of a football match.
What was the result of the match?
A Barnsley won.
B It was a draw.
C Ambleford won.

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4 You hear a man on the radio describing a procession. What is about to take place?
A a military parade
B a funeral
C a wedding

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5 You hear a news item about a celebrity couple.
What did the couple consult lawyers about?
A the media failing to respect their privacy
B holding a wedding anniversary party
C ending their marriage

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6 You hear a man interviewing an actress who has just been given a film part.
How does she feel?
A excited
B impatient
C nervous

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7 You hear a woman talking to a man about a car. What is the man doing?
A hiring the car
B buying the car
C borrowing the car

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8 You hear a man and a woman talking. What is the relationship between them?
A She is one of his customers.
B She is his business partner.
C He is her boss.

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Part 4

You will hear a young man called Simon talking about the 'gap year' he took after finishing secondary school. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Simon's parents
- A supported the idea of a gap year.
- B preferred him to continue his education.
- C wanted him to work until he retired.

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25 What was the main reason Simon wanted a gap year?
- A to become independent
- B to get away from his family
- C to forget about his schooldays

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26 What did Simon do in his last year of school?
- A prepare for a change of lifestyle
- B daydream instead of studying
- C plan his gap year trip

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27 What did Simon enjoy about working in France?
- A He learnt to pick fruit.
- B He improved his language skills.
- C He became interested in Vietnam.

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28 When Simon got to Australia he
- A got a job in a zoo.
- B had no money left.
- C bought a pet.

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29 Simon ended his gap year
- A working as a waiter.
- B travelling as a tourist.
- C in the USA and Brazil.

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30 How did his gap year affect Simon?
- A He was encouraged to diet.
- B He decided to follow a different career.
- C He wanted to go to university when he was older.

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Listening Test 3

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 a TV quiz show host introducing a contestant called Julia.
Which subject will Julia answer questions on?
A history
B sport
C geography

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2 You hear a telephone weather forecast for tomorrow.
What will you probably wear?
A a T-shirt and shorts
B a raincoat and hat
C a warm coat, gloves and scarf

2

3 You hear a news item on the radio about a painting by Titian.
What has happened to the painting?
A It has been lost.
B It has been stolen.
C It has been found.

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4 You are in an airport departure lounge, waiting for your flight to New York, when you hear an announcement. Where should you go?
A to the main exit
B to Gate 20
C to Hospitality Suite B

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5 You hear a man and a woman talking. How are they related?
A They are brother and sister.
B They are husband and wife.
C They are father and daughter.

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6 You hear a man talking on the telephone. Where does he work?
A in a theatre booking office
B in an airline booking office
C in a travel agency

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7 You hear two students called Maria and George talking about an essay.
What does she want him to do?
A to write her essay
B to read her essay
C to help her with her essay

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8 You hear a woman talking to a man about smoking. Where are they?
A on a plane
B on a bus
C on a train

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Part 4

You will hear a conversation between a woman called Mrs Adams, her son Brian and a neighbour, Mr James. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Who does Mr James want to speak to?
- A Mrs Adams
- B Brian
- C Gerry

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25 What does Mr James want to speak about?
- A a fight outside the bakery
- B an amusing event
- C an incident involving Brian

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26 How is Mr James sure it was Brian he saw?
- A He recognised Brian's jacket.
- B He recognised Brian's orange hair.
- C He saw Brian underneath a street light.

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27 Brian wants to leave his mother out of the argument because
- A his mother is too tired to discuss the matter.
- B he is ashamed of what he has done.
- C he thinks he's old enough to fight his own battles.

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28 Which problem in the area do Mr James and Mrs Adams agree on?
- A the pavements
- B the streets
- C the dogs

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29 What will the residents' association do?
- A teach the neighbours gardening
- B improve the appearance of the area
- C paint the front doors

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30 How does Mr James feel about forming the association?
- A bored
- B enthusiastic
- C interested

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Listening Test 4

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 a news item on the radio about a man who has been arrested. What is his name?
A Harold Wilson
B Ronald Milhench
C Alquan Quann

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2 You hear a woman talking on the telephone about a missing order. Who is she?
A the manager
B a customer
C a secretary

2

3 You hear a young woman reading aloud from a magazine article. What is the article about?
A dieting
B cookery
C exercising

3

4 You hear a man and a woman talking in a shop. What kind of shop is it?
A a butcher's
B a baker's
C a grocer's

4

5 You hear someone reading a short passage aloud. What is the passage from?
A a holiday brochure
B a history book
C a book of children's stories

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6 You hear a man and a woman talking about someone called Robert Croft, who is about to be interviewed. What will happen if his interview is successful?
A He will be promoted.
B He will be given a job.
C His book will be published.

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7 You hear a young couple talking about moving house. What do they think about the move?
A It would cause huge problems.
B It would be a good idea.
C It would be much too expensive.

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8 You want to order a CD from a shop. You telephone the shop and hear a recorded message. What should you do next?
A wait
B leave a message
C call another number

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Part 4

You will hear a mother talking about educating her son Tom at home. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 What did the mother initially think about teaching Tom at home?
- A She thought it was a crazy idea.
- B She was unsure about the idea.
- C She was confident it was a good idea.

24

25 What kind of person is Tom?
- A shy
- B talkative
- C sociable

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26 Which sports is Tom interested in?
- A none at all
- B football
- C swimming

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27 How was secondary school different for Tom?
- A He had fewer female friends.
- B The teachers were sympathetic.
- C The school was much bigger.

27

28 Tom's parents took him out of school because
- A the teaching wasn't satisfactory.
- B he was treated badly by other students.
- C he wasn't communicating with them.

28

29 How has teaching Tom at home affected the family?
- A They don't have any holidays.
- B They are not so well-off.
- C The parents have given up their careers.

29

30 What does Tom's mother think about his home teaching?
- A He has had a good all-round education.
- B He has learned the same as any other teenager.
- C He has missed out on some important skills.

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

1 You hear a man giving a lecture. What subject is he talking about?
A geography
B tourism
C history

2 You hear an advertisement on the radio. What is being advertised?
A a breakdown service
B a garage
C a car insurance policy

3 You hear a TV commentary on a sports event. What event is it?
A a car race
B a horse race
C a cycle race

4 You hear a woman talking on the telephone. Who does she work for?
A a building company
B a restaurant
C a hotel

5 You hear an announcement at a train station.
How can passengers get to Swansea Airport?
A travel in the front three carriages only
B take a shuttle bus from Newport station
C take a buffet car from Cardiff

6 You hear a shopkeeper talking to a customer called Mrs Figg.
What does Mrs Figg buy?
A cotton wool
B fruit
C vegetables

7 You hear a young man talking about himself. What is he like?
A skilful
B reserved
C sociable

8 You hear a young woman talking about her holiday.
What was the best thing about it?
A eating local food
B talking to local people
C travelling by plane

Part 4

You will hear a conversation between a 60-year-old father and his two children, John and Sally. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Where are they?
- A at Sally's place
- B at the father's flat
- C at a restaurant

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25 John prefers
- A simple food.
- B fish.
- C sauces.

25

26 How often does the father see his children?
- A twenty times a year
- B at least twice a month
- C once or twice a year

26

27 Why doesn't Sally visit her father at weekends?
- A She is busy.
- B She travels to the country.
- C She prefers to rest at home.

27

28 The father met his fiancée at
- A work.
- B his friend's house.
- C a special club.

28

29 John is worried
- A that Marjory is unlike his mother.
- B because Marjory is older than him.
- C about his friends' reactions.

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30 How do John and Sally react to their father's news?
- A They are both disapproving.
- B They are sorry he's being foolish.
- C They don't think he'll be happy.

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

1 You hear a woman talking about herself. What is she going to do?
A travel around the world
B learn to become a teacher
C study to be a pilot

2 You hear a receptionist speaking on the telephone. Who does she work for?
A a garage
B the police
C a lawyer

3 You hear a short news report. What did SS *Persian Gulf* collide with?
A a rock
B a ship
C a lighthouse

4 You hear a student talking about the school dance.
Who will they give the ticket money to?
A people who want to protect the environment
B students who are going on holiday
C young people who don't have parents

5 You hear a telephone message from a business representative.
What is he doing?
A building a flat in the Bahamas
B selling a flat in the Bahamas
C renting a flat in the Bahamas

6 You hear a critic talking on a discussion programme. What is he discussing?
A a film
B a book
C a radio programme

7 You hear a man talking to his friend Ken. What has Ken done?
A made other plans
B been training
C done the gardening

8 You bought a CD player for your car but it doesn't work. You telephone the dealer and hear a message. What should you do?
A call the new number
B leave a message
C wait to speak to someone

Part 4

You will hear part of a discussion on TV between a psychoanalyst called Mr Stone, his patient Ian and an interviewer. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 What does Mr Stone say about psychoanalysts?
- A They are cynical.
- B They have special skills.
- C They have medical training.

24

25 What was Ian like before his treatment?
- A hostile
- B nervous
- C sociable

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26 To treat Ian, Mr Stone had to get to know his
- A attitude to life.
- B professional ambitions.
- C friends.

26

27 What was Ian like as a boy?
- A He was not a good student.
- B He used to make fun of people.
- C He was naughty sometimes.

27

28 After treatment, Ian was more
- A confident.
- B introverted.
- C honest.

28

29 How does Ian feel about the future?
- A worried
- B optimistic
- C nervous

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30 What can someone do to solve their problems?
- A travel to another country
- B take up another profession
- C seek help from a relative

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Listening Test 7

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 a woman talking about going to London. How will she travel?
A by train
B by car
C by coach

2 You hear a woman explaining how to make tea. What does she suggest?
A use warm water
B heat the pot
C brew for a minute

3 You hear a man talking to his wife.
How does he intend to contact local companies?
A by phoning them
B by writing to them
C by visiting them

4 You hear a conversation between two people. Where does it take place?
A in a shop
B in a bank
C in a taxi

5 You hear an announcement on an aircraft.
What is it informing passengers about?
A a holdup
B the entertainment available
C the latest news

6 You hear a recorded telephone message. Who have you phoned?
A a bank
B a clothing company
C a post office

7 You hear part of a speech. Where does the speech take place?
A a birthday party
B a christening
C a wedding

8 You hear a conversation in a dress shop.
What does Brenda think about the red dress?
A It is too long.
B It doesn't suit her.
C It makes her look short.

Part 4

You will hear a discussion between a teacher and Mrs Bromley, a student's mother, about her son Billy. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Why has the teacher asked to see Mrs Bromley?
- **A** to offer Billy help preparing for his exams
- **B** to discover why Billy's personality has changed
- **C** to discuss Billy's poor standard of homework

24

25 How has Billy reacted to his brother leaving home?
- **A** He's become closer to his parents.
- **B** He spends more time alone at home.
- **C** He is studying to go to university.

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26 What is a possible consequence of children watching violent films?
- **A** They can't think about other things.
- **B** They don't sleep well.
- **C** They act out scenes from the film.

26

27 What solution to the problem does the teacher suggest?
- **A** Billy should take his friends home.
- **B** Billy should seek professional help.
- **C** Billy should stop seeing his new friends.

27

28 Mrs Bromley is upset because she feels that she
- **A** has let her son down.
- **B** can't trust her son.
- **C** needs help to be a good mother.

28

29 How does the teacher feel about finding a solution?
- **A** shocked
- **B** anxious
- **C** optimistic

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30 According to the teacher, parents
- **A** don't take their children's exam success seriously.
- **B** don't want to know if their children have problems.
- **C** aren't always aware of their children's problems.

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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 a news item. If the workers don't get what they want, what will happen?
A more warnings
B more inflation
C more strikes

2 You hear a man talking on the telephone. Who is he talking to?
A a farmer
B a lorry driver
C a policeman

3 You hear two women talking. Where do they agree to go to?
A a cinema
B a theatre
C a restaurant

4 You hear an announcement in a department store. You want to buy a pair of shoes. Where should you go?
A to the third floor
B to the ground floor
C to the second floor

5 You hear two business colleagues talking. Who is senior?
A John Jameson
B Michael Jones
C They have the same status.

6 You hear a young man talking. Why does he write poetry?
A because he's stressed
B because he's happy
C because he's angry

7 You hear a woman talking on the telephone. What does she finally agree to do?
A resell the tickets
B give back the money
C issue different tickets

8 You hear a man talking about his holiday. How did he travel?
A on foot
B by bike
C by car

Part 4

You will hear a conversation between a young woman called Sarah Edwards, her mother Mrs Allen and Mike Hughes, the organiser of an aerobics class. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Why has Sarah arrived early?
- A She has changed to an earlier class.
- B She has brought her mother to talk to Mike.
- C She wants to join the aerobics class.

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25 Mrs Allen is worried because
- A her daughter has told her how difficult the classes are.
- B she doesn't think she'll have enough time.
- C she feels she is too old to join the class.

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26 Mike Hughes reassures Mrs Allen by telling her she can choose
- A whether or not to do strenuous exercises.
- B the pace at which she does the exercises.
- C to join a special class for older people.

26

27 What does Mike Hughes suggest?
- A that she try out one of the classes before signing up
- B that she sign up for classes straight away
- C that she take her money back if she is not satisfied

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28 How does Mrs Allen react to his offer?
- A She still seems undecided.
- B She decides to start classes immediately.
- C She turns it down.

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29 What does the gym offer its clients?
- A plastic surgery
- B advice about what to eat
- C advice on medical problems

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30 Mike thinks he may appear too
- A happy.
- B committed.
- C forceful.

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Listening Test 10

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 answerphone messages.
After the messages, what is Nick supposed to do?
A visit his mother
B take his mother to Blackpool
C phone Jenny

2 You hear an advertisement for a supermarket.
What does it suggest you should buy?
A Asdaway products
B popular products
C half-price products

3 You hear a short news item. Why did a doctor stop at Alan's house?
A His car had broken down.
B He was lost.
C The house was on fire.

4 You hear a girl talking to her mother.
What does she think of her mother's suggestions?
A One dish is too fattening.
B One dish needs too much cooking.
C One dish is too complicated.

5 You hear a receptionist talking on the phone. Where does she work?
A a college
B an accountant's office
C a doctor's surgery

6 You hear someone addressing a crowd of people. Where are they?
A at a building site
B at a road accident
C outside a burning building

7 You hear two men, Alan and Jim, talking about a tree. Who will keep the tree?
A Alan
B Jim
C Steve

8 You hear a chef on a TV cookery programme.
Why doesn't she make brownies very often?
A They are hard to resist.
B They are too moist.
C They are very heavy.

Part 4

You'll hear a radio interview with Doctor Ramsdale about keeping healthy. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 According to Dr Ramsdale, how does life today differ from the past?
- A People rarely visit the doctor.
- B People have more money.
- C People are healthier.

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25 Dr Ramsdale advises people to
- A cook food without fat.
- B check their blood pressure.
- C learn about heart disease.

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26 What does Dr Ramsdale say could help fat teenagers?
- A They should eat regularly and often.
- B They should learn more about food.
- C They should count their calories.

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27 According to Dr Ramsdale, nowadays children
- A eat too many potatoes.
- B enjoy playing outside.
- C are usually inactive.

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28 What does Dr Ramsdale feel children today are like?
- A independent
- B capable
- C spoilt

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29 What should people do if they suffer from stress or depression?
- A improve the way they live
- B take pills prescribed by the doctor
- C buy fewer expensive possessions

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30 What does Dr Ramsdale believe?
- A Changing your lifestyle is worth the extra money.
- B It is not difficult to adopt a better lifestyle.
- C People should visit their doctor less often.

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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 a man telling a police officer about a robbery he saw. What was stolen?
A watches
B silver vases
C jewellery

2 You hear a doctor examining a patient. What is wrong with the patient?
A a sore throat
B a swollen eye
C a bad cut

3 You hear a man talking to a colleague. What does he want her to do for him?
A send a fax
B attend a meeting
C make some photocopies

4 You hear a husband and wife talking about their plans for a trip.
When are they going to leave?
A Wednesday
B Friday
C Saturday

5 You hear two co-workers discussing plans for something.
What are they trying to arrange?
A a meeting
B a party
C lunch

6 You hear a woman phoning to make a doctor's appointment.
When will she see the doctor?
A this Wednesday
B this Friday
C next Wednesday

7 You hear a student talking about his school books. Where did he leave them?
A in the library
B at school
C at home

8 You hear a husband and wife discussing what to call their new baby.
What name do they choose?
A Stuart
B Gregory
C Steven

Part 4

You will hear an interview on the radio with a dog trainer called Jane Fennet. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 In order for a dog to do what you want,
- **A** it must have a quiet, happy life.
- **B** it must think you are its leader.
- **C** you must give it enough dog biscuits.

24

25 Why is it bad to let your dog jump all over you when you arrive home?
- **A** because it will take the dog five minutes to calm down
- **B** because your dog should always look after you
- **C** because the dog will think that it is your leader

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26 A dog that barks and jumps at visitors
- **A** is trying to make sure you are safe.
- **B** wants to be taken for a walk.
- **C** thinks that you are the boss.

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27 If Jane throws a ball for her dog and he doesn't bring it to her, what does she do?
- **A** She goes to pick up the ball herself.
- **B** She makes the dog bring it to her.
- **C** She tests it to see who is in charge.

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28 Jane will ignore a dog
- **A** if it ignores her.
- **B** when it gets into trouble.
- **C** when she's working with it.

28

29 Jane says that intelligent dogs
- **A** need less exercise and mental stimulation.
- **B** don't like being left at home during the day.
- **C** often get angry with their owners.

29

30 According to Jane, what is the difference between a Doberman and a bulldog?
- **A** The Doberman is more intelligent than the bulldog.
- **B** The bulldog gets bored more easily than the Doberman.
- **C** The bulldog runs more slowly than the Doberman.

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Listening Test 2

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 a man talking to an optician about his glasses.
What does he need the glasses for?
A reading
B driving
C watching TV

2 You hear a tour guide talking to a group of people. Where are they?
A a library
B a historic house
C an art gallery

3 You hear a woman talking to her doctor. What does he think she might need?
A tablets to stay calm
B a heart operation
C new glasses

4 You hear a man talking about healthy eating. What does he suggest?
A eating a large breakfast
B eating a sandwich for lunch
C eating a big meal in the evening

5 You hear a girl talking about a recent holiday. Why did she come back early?
A because she didn't like the hotel
B because something of hers was stolen
C because she was disappointed with the island

6 You hear a weather forecast on the radio.
Which part(s) of England will have the heaviest rainfall?
A London and south-east
B northern
C western and central

7 You have lost some money and you telephone the lost property office.
You hear a recorded message. What does the message tell you to do?
A to call in at the office between 9am and 5pm
B to contact the police to make a statement
C to contact your bank immediately

8 You hear a man talking about a new photocopier. What is his problem with it?
A Too many people want to use it.
B It is too slow and gets too hot.
C It does not copy colour sheets correctly.

Part 4

You will hear Mr Farmer, a company manager, talking on the telephone to someone from an information technology (IT) company. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 How many employees does Mr Farmer's company have?
- **A** 50
- **B** 30
- **C** 80

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25 Why does his company need a new IT system?
- **A** because the company is doing very well
- **B** because the Internet doesn't work
- **C** because the printer is old and slow

25

26 What is Mr Farmer's main requirement for his company's new IT system?
- **A** It must not break down often.
- **B** It must not cost a lot of money.
- **C** It must store client addresses.

26

27 How does his company count the time its employees spend at work?
- **A** using an electronic diary
- **B** by writing down the hours worked
- **C** with an automated system

27

28 Why is Mr Farmer unhappy with the company which provided the computer system he has now?
- **A** The printer failed repeatedly.
- **B** The price was too high.
- **C** The after-sales service was poor.

28

29 Why has Mr Farmer called this particular IT company?
- **A** He has used this company for many years.
- **B** He found the company on the Internet.
- **C** He was told about the company by a friend.

29

30 Most companies make changes to their computer systems
- **A** every year.
- **B** every two years.
- **C** very often.

30

Listening Test 3

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 a man talking about a part of his home. What part is he describing?
A the balcony
B the living room
C the garden

2 You hear a woman talking about taking care of her home and family.
Why did she need help?
A because her husband joined the army
B because her husband went away for work
C because her husband is very busy at work

3 You overhear a man talking to a receptionist on the phone.
Where does the receptionist work?
A a doctor's surgery
B a computer company
C a health and fitness club

4 You hear a woman talking to some workers. What are they doing for her?
A moving her furniture
B painting her house
C building walls and stairs

5 You hear a woman leaving an answerphone message about a meeting.
Why can't she be at the meeting?
A Her flight was delayed.
B She is feeling unwell.
C Her car has broken down.

6 You hear a woman asking a friend to cancel something for her.
What does she want the friend to cancel?
A the milk delivery
B her dental appointment
C the daily newspaper delivery

7 You hear a woman and her husband talking about their telephone bill.
What is the problem?
A They have been sent the wrong bill.
B They have been disconnected.
C They have been overcharged.

8 You hear a woman talking to the shopkeeper in a bakery. What does she buy?
A yoghurt
B bread
C cake

Part 4

You will hear a receptionist at a college talking to a man who is interested in taking evening classes. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Some of the course tutors want
- **A** to limit the number of students in their classes.
- **B** to keep the usual number of registrations.
- **C** students to register at least a month in advance.

24

25 The botany tutor
- **A** will not accept more than 17 students.
- **B** wants at least 15 students in her class.
- **C** may agree to let the man join her class.

25

26 How many students have registered for the design class?
- **A** 12
- **B** 15
- **C** 18

26

27 What does the tutor of the design class organise for the students?
- **A** TV appearances
- **B** various activities
- **C** weekly visits to famous gardens

27

28 What does the cost of the botany class include?
- **A** only the lessons
- **B** drawing materials and trips
- **C** lessons and books

28

29 How much does the "Designing the small garden" class cost?
- **A** £70
- **B** £75
- **C** £80

29

30 What time does the design class start?
- **A** 6 o'clock
- **B** 7 o'clock
- **C** 8 o'clock

30

Listening Test 4

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 a woman talking to someone on the phone. What is the problem?
A The builders left early.
B The water pipes have burst.
C The lights aren't working.

1

2 You hear a man talking to a colleague. What is he trying to explain?
A why he failed to finish a report
B why he was late for a meeting
C why he lost a client

2

3 You hear a conversation between a man called Sam and his boss.
Why does Sam want to leave early?
A He has to go to the bank.
B He has to collect his children from school.
C He has a dental appointment.

3

4 You overhear a hotel guest complaining to the manager.
What is she complaining about?
A an uncomfortable bed
B noise in the hotel
C a lack of heating

4

5 You hear a man talking about a job he has been offered.
What is he unsure about?
A working far away from his family
B moving to a new area
C having to work very hard

5

6 You hear a man telling his wife what he bought at the supermarket.
What did he forget to buy?
A coffee
B chocolate powder
C butter

6

7 You hear a business manager talking to colleagues about a meeting.
Why won't he be there?
A The factory was struck by lightning.
B He's just come back from holiday.
C There is a problem with the workers.

7

8 You hear a local radio news report about a burglary. What was stolen?
A a painting
B a statue
C a famous jewel

8

Part 4

You will hear an interview with Dr Peter Ludwig about sugar in our diet. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Dr Ludwig is surprised that parents
- A buy the sweet food sold at Hershey Park.
- B use sugary snacks as part of their children's diet.
- C see sugary snacks as a special treat.

24

25 What is the advantage of sugar in apples over sugar added to food?
- A It digests more slowly.
- B It tastes better than boring food.
- C It contains 'empty' calories.

25

26 The number of cases of obesity and diabetes is increasing
- A by 23% a year.
- B quite slowly.
- C very quickly.

26

27 How long does it take to get better after 'sugar shock'?
- A a week
- B 24 to 48 hours
- C several days

27

28 Food companies in France and Germany
- A have reduced the amount of sugar in their products.
- B use an unnecessary amount of sugar.
- C use sugar to make their food crisp and textured.

28

29 In 19th century Britain, factory workers were given sugar
- A because their work was long and tiring.
- B as a quick, cheap form of medicine.
- C because many of them were very young children.

29

30 Dr Ludwig thinks that parents should
- A watch their children's behaviour more carefully.
- B stop giving their children extra sugar for a week or two.
- C try to find ways to make their children feel better.

30

Listening Test 5

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 someone talking about a holiday resort. Who is the resort designed for?
A elderly people
B single people
C families

1

2 You hear an answerphone message from a young man to his father.
What is he asking his father for?
A some money to pay for a part for his car
B his father's help with fixing his car
C permission to borrow his father's car

2

3 You hear an actress talking about why she left a successful TV show.
What was her reason for leaving?
A She never went to bed early enough.
B She was upset by the loss of privacy.
C Journalists were writing rubbish about her.

3

4 You hear a brother and sister discussing what to buy their father.
What do they decide to buy him?
A a waterproof jacket
B a pair of fishing boots
C a fishing rod

4

5 You hear a man on the radio giving instructions. What are the instructions about?
A how to change a flat tyre
B how to change your car's hazard lights
C what to do if your car breaks down

5

6 You hear a radio advertisement for a new product. What type of product is it?
A washing powder
B carpet cleaner
C air freshener

6

7 You hear a woman talking about taking care of an animal.
What animal is she talking about?
A a cat
B a horse
C a dog

7

8 You hear a woman talking to her friend Suzie on the telephone.
When will she meet Suzie?
A on Tuesday
B on Thursday
C on Saturday

8

Part 4

You will hear part of a conversation between a university accommodation officer and two new students, Claire and Sally, about the accommodation which has been arranged for them. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Claire thinks that the house they are supposed to live in is
- A not that bad.
- B completely unacceptable.
- C unsuitable for students.

24

25 Claire says that the house needs
- A minor repairs.
- B to be redecorated.
- C to be torn down.

25

26 The accommodation officer offers them a place in the Halls of Residence because
- A there are no other houses available for rent.
- B they can each have their own room in a new block.
- C they don't have to pay rent there.

26

27 Why doesn't Claire want to move to the Halls of Residence?
- A because the bills would be expensive
- B because the Halls are too far from the city
- C because the Halls are in the middle of the university

27

28 How does Sally feel about Claire's attitude?
- A She agrees with Claire.
- B She thinks Claire has no choice.
- C She thinks Claire is being awkward.

28

29 What is one advantage of living in the Halls of Residence?
- A There is a good social life there.
- B The Halls are close to the lecture theatres.
- C The Halls are surrounded by playing fields.

29

30 How does Claire feel at the end of the conversation?
- A She is still unhappy about the situation.
- B She will do her best to accept the new arrangement.
- C She is sure she has made a good choice.

30

Listening Test 6

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 people talking about a film they have just watched.
What sort of film was it?
A a comedy
B a horror film
C a romance

1

2 You hear a radio announcement for fitness tests at your local gym.
How much will a test cost if you book this week?
A £33
B £20
C £30

2

3 You hear two people talking about what they want to do. What do they decide?
A to watch television
B to listen to live music
C to watch a film

3

4 You hear a local news report about a man who was arrested.
What was he arrested for?
A threatening someone with a gun
B breaking into someone's car
C stealing someone's radio

4

5 You hear a woman talking to a friend about a recent holiday.
What was the weather like?
A rainy
B stormy
C sunny

5

6 You hear a man talking to a shop assistant. What does he want to buy?
A clothes
B a book
C a CD

6

7 You hear a woman giving a man directions. Where does he want to go?
A the clubhouse
B the leisure centre
C the community centre

7

8 You hear a woman ordering food over the telephone.
How many sandwiches does she order?
A three
B two
C six

8

Part 4

You will hear a young woman called Amy talking to her friend Mark about her recent backpacking holiday. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 How long was Amy away on holiday?
- **A** five weeks
- **B** five days
- **C** six weeks

24

25 Why did the holiday start badly?
- **A** She and David missed their coach.
- **B** David had forgotten his passport.
- **C** They had to rush to the station.

25

26 According to Amy, backpacking holidays
- **A** can be disappointing.
- **B** are an exciting way to travel.
- **C** have to be planned carefully.

26

27 Why was Amy's holiday such a special experience?
- **A** She saw places she'd always wanted to see.
- **B** She saw places that were both famous and beautiful.
- **C** She saw a lot of places in a single holiday.

27

28 What did Amy find difficult during her holiday?
- **A** picking which particular place to visit.
- **B** travelling between different cities by train.
- **C** talking to people in their own language.

28

29 What happened to Amy in Rome?
- **A** She lost her friend David.
- **B** Somebody knocked her down in a crowd.
- **C** Somebody tried to steal from her.

29

30 When suggesting that Mark should try backpacking, Amy says that
- **A** you have to spend your money carefully, but it's worth it.
- **B** most of the things you want to do are too expensive.
- **C** you should travel by train or coach because it's slower.

30

Listening Test 7

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 someone giving a short talk on rabies. Who is the talk for?
A people in Britain
B people leaving Britain
C people returning to Britain

1

2 You hear a hotel receptionist giving directions over the phone.
How will the person she is talking to travel?
A by car
B by train
C by bus

2

3 You hear two people talking about the event they are at. What event is it?
A a university course
B a conference
C a TV chat show

3

4 You hear a young man talking to his friend Sarah about music.
What is her favourite sort of music?
A classical
B heavy metal
C pop

4

5 You hear a mother talking to her son about his day at the zoo.
Which animals did he like most?
A the elephants
B the lions
C the giraffes

5

6 You hear a woman talking to her husband about a trip he is going on.
Where is he going?
A Siberia
B Berlin
C London

6

7 You hear a doctor's receptionist talking to a patient. What will the patient do?
A wait until the doctor is free
B come back a little later
C go out for a cup of coffee

7

8 You hear a conversation between a cashier and a customer in a supermarket.
What has the customer been given?
A the wrong change
B the wrong products
C the wrong discount

8

Part 4

You will hear a conversation between a father and his son, John, who are at a museum. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 The father thinks John will enjoy the day out because John
- **A** always likes museums.
- **B** is interested in science.
- **C** can see exciting things.

24

25 Why can't John have an ice cream?
- **A** He's not allowed to eat sweet things.
- **B** It's too soon after his last meal.
- **C** They'll be too late to see the exhibits.

25

26 Which exhibit do they visit first?
- **A** the dinosaur exhibit
- **B** the insect exhibit
- **C** the mammal exhibit

26

27 John's father says that the surprising thing about the Diplodocus is that
- **A** it was so big.
- **B** it lived so long ago.
- **C** it only ate plants.

27

28 According to John's father, what did dinosaur crocodiles eat?
- **A** plants
- **B** fish and small animals
- **C** dinosaurs.

28

29 Why don't they go to the gift shop when John asks to?
- **A** They will go later.
- **B** They are going to leave soon.
- **C** It's too far away.

29

30 John's father says that the biggest giant squid ever caught
- **A** was 9 metres long.
- **B** was found in New Zealand.
- **C** had eyes as big as footballs.

30

Listening Test 8

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 a travel agent telling a customer about flights to Brussels.
Which airline does the customer choose?
A BMI
B KLM
C British Airways

1

2 You hear a weekly weather report on the radio.
What will the weather be like on Friday?
A dry but dull
B sunny
C very wet

2

3 You hear a psychologist talking about computers.
What does she think about children and computers?
A They don't encourage children to think.
B They stop children doing their schoolwork.
C They don't help children develop their social skills.

3

4 You hear a news report about a dog and its owner, Mr Pearse. What did the dog do?
A made Mr Pearse angry
B disappeared for several days
C did what Mr Pearse told it to do

4

5 You hear a woman athlete talking about an injury. What did she injure?
A her knee
B her back
C her hand

5

6 You hear a husband and wife talking about going to a party.
What time do they plan to arrive at the party?
A 7:30
B 9:30
C 10:00

6

7 You hear an announcement at a train station.
What should people travelling to Heathrow airport do?
A catch a train from platform four
B go immediately to the booking hall
C go to Oxford and then change train

7

8 You hear a famous chef being interviewed. What does he think about British food?
A It's bland and boring.
B It's not as good as other food.
C Some of it is very good.

8

Part 4

You will hear someone called Mary Steen talking on a travel programme on the radio. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Mary says that the flight and hotel for a Mediterranean holiday will cost
- **A** £450.
- **B** £300-£400.
- **C** £800.

24

25 What does Mary think that listeners really want when they go on holiday?
- **A** beaches and the company of lots of other people
- **B** to go somewhere very different and far away
- **C** a holiday that's more expensive than they can afford

25

26 How expensive is a holiday in Thailand compared to a holiday in the Mediterranean?
- **A** more expensive
- **B** less expensive
- **C** the same price

26

27 Mary says that one problem with charter flights is that
- **A** they only fly between January and June.
- **B** they cost at least £400.
- **C** they leave at inconvenient times.

27

28 What does Mary say is the best way to arrange accommodation in Thailand?
- **A** book a hotel from home
- **B** look for hotels near the airport
- **C** take the advice of local people

28

29 What is cheap accommodation in Thailand like?
- **A** a room like those in a five-star hotel
- **B** a single room with nothing but a bed
- **C** a room with very basic facilities

29

30 According to Mary Steen, which are the best places to eat in Thailand?
- **A** roadside cafés and restaurants
- **B** McDonald's restaurants
- **C** restaurants in large hotels

30

Listening Test 9

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 people talking about their friend Brian. What is Brian?
- **A** a teacher
- **B** a student
- **C** a chemist

1

2 You hear a woman talking about reading. Why does she enjoy it?
- **A** She likes imaginative stories.
- **B** She learns a lot from books.
- **C** Reading helps her to relax.

2

3 You hear a traffic announcement on local radio.
What should people driving to Bridgend do?
- **A** avoid Coychurch Road
- **B** turn off at Junction 32
- **C** turn off at Junction 31

3

4 You hear a man being interviewed on a TV chat show. What is he?
- **A** an actor
- **B** a writer
- **C** a cameraman

4

5 You hear a woman leaving an answerphone message for her friend David.
What is David supposed to do?
- **A** pick her up at the office
- **B** meet her at nine o'clock
- **C** ring her at the office

5

6 You hear two office workers talking about a missing file.
What happened to the file?
- **A** It has probably been lost.
- **B** Someone took it home.
- **C** It was put in the wrong place.

6

7 You telephone the Putney Museum to ask when it is open, and you hear a recorded message. What should you do?
- **A** press 1
- **B** press 2
- **C** press 3

7

8 You hear the host at a party talking to his friend Nick.
Why doesn't Nick want tonic water?
- **A** He usually drinks soda water.
- **B** He no longer likes tonic water.
- **C** Tonic water always makes him ill.

8

Part 4

You will hear a conversation between a travel agent and a man who wants to travel to Newcastle. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 At first, the man plans to travel to Newcastle
- **A** on Saturday morning.
- **B** on Friday morning.
- **C** on Friday evening.

24

25 What time is the last direct train to Newcastle on Friday evening?
- **A** 6.30 pm
- **B** 7.30 pm
- **C** 8.30 pm

25

26 The train fare to Newcastle is £45 on Saturday if you
- **A** travel in the morning.
- **B** change at Coventry and York.
- **C** book in advance.

26

27 What time could the man get to the church if he takes the Saturday train?
- **A** by 6:30
- **B** by 11:30
- **C** by 12:30

27

28 The man doesn't normally travel by coach because
- **A** it makes him feel ill.
- **B** it's too expensive.
- **C** it takes too long.

28

29 The coach takes longer on a Friday evening because
- **A** you have to change coaches.
- **B** the coach makes more stops on the way.
- **C** there is a lot of traffic on Fridays.

29

30 How does the man pay for his ticket?
- **A** in cash
- **B** by cheque
- **C** by credit card

30

Listening Test 10

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 overhear a conversation in a hairdresser's.
What does the customer decide to have?
A her normal style
B a light perm
C a different style

1

2 You hear two people talking about a holiday they booked recently.
Why are they unhappy?
A They were given bad advice.
B Hotel prices have gone down.
C They should have booked online.

2

3 You hear a woman talking to her son about studying. When did he start studying?
A half an hour ago
B at seven o'clock
C at midday

3

4 You hear an announcement in a department store.
Where should you go if you want a knife for cutting meat?
A first floor
B second floor
C ground floor

4

5 You hear a woman talking about a furniture shop she visited. What did she buy?
A an armchair
B an oak wardrobe
C a sofa bed

5

6 You hear an estate agent talking to a woman about a house for sale.
What doesn't she like about it?
A It's too small.
B It's too expensive.
C It's too old.

6

7 You hear a critic talking about a film called *Treasure Harbour*. What was it first?
A a book
B a TV series
C a play

7

8 You hear two people discussing what to give their friend Mike for his birthday.
What do they decide?
A to give him money instead of a gift
B to buy him something unusual
C to ask Mike what he wants

8

Part 4

You will hear a zookeeper called James Watson giving a talk about endangered animals and the work of zoos. For questions 24-30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

24 Why are James Watson's audience at the zoo this evening?
- **A** to see endangered animals
- **B** to find out how they can help animals
- **C** to take part in some research

24

25 What reason does James Watson give for animals being endangered?
- **A** They are losing their homes in the wild.
- **B** They are being taken from their natural environment.
- **C** People do not help enough animals in need.

25

26 According to James Watson, why are zoos important?
- **A** They provide simple entertainment.
- **B** Scientists carry out important studies there.
- **C** They control elephant populations in Asia.

26

27 What help does the zoo need people to give?
- **A** help with ticket sales
- **B** donations of money
- **C** help registering it as a charity

27

28 Why does James Watson think the animal adoption scheme is good?
- **A** The adoption lasts for a whole year.
- **B** You can see how your money is used.
- **C** It is a nice gift if you can't think what to buy.

28

29 Who does James Watson think will enjoy the 'Keeper for a day' scheme?
- **A** people who don't mind hard work
- **B** people who like learning new things
- **C** people who want to work with animals

29

30 What does James Watson ask people to do?
- **A** make more generous donations
- **B** encourage others to help
- **C** arrange fundraising at work

30