

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 part of an interview with a sportsman. What does he say about playing for the national team?  
 A He doesn't think it will happen soon.  
 B It isn't his main concern at the moment.  1  
 C The possibility of it happening has put him under pressure.
- 2 You hear the introduction to a radio programme. What is the speaker doing?  
 A contrasting weather forecasting in the past and the present  
 B explaining why weather forecasting has become more accurate  2  
 C joking about how people used to forecast the weather
- 3 You hear a man talking about reading aloud to children. What opinion does he express?  
 A Short stories are better than longer books.  
 B The choice of book may not be important.  3  
 C It's hard to know what will make children laugh.
- 4 You hear someone talking about work. What is his situation?  
 A He has just left a job.  
 B He is thinking of leaving his job.  4  
 C He has just started a new job.
- 5 You hear someone talking about his childhood. What does he mention?  
 A a habit he regards as strange  
 B regret about some of his behaviour  5  
 C how much he has changed
- 6 You hear someone talking about something that happened at a party. How did the speaker feel?  
 A upset  
 B amused  6  
 C frightened
- 7 You hear part of a talk about blues music. What is the speaker talking about?  
 A why it originated in a certain area  
 B how popular it was in the past compared with today  7  
 C its importance in the history of popular music
- 8 You hear someone on the radio talking about a website for consumers. What is the speaker's purpose?  
 A to encourage consumers to make complaints  
 B to inform consumers about a source of information  8  
 C to describe common problems for consumers

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LISTENING

PART 2

You will hear a radio interview about indoor skydiving. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences.

INDOOR SKYDIVING

- The fans in the tunnel are normally used for putting air into  9.
- It has been said that the machine looks like a huge  10.
- The walls in the tunnel are made of  11.
- The only parts of the body that can get hurt in the tunnel are the  and  12.
- You have to be  13 years old to use the tunnel.
- You have to wear  14 when you use the tunnel.
- Beginners have two  15 lessons in the tunnel with an instructor.
- During lessons, you get into a position as if you have a  16 in your hands.
- The person who created the wind tunnel refers to it as a  17.
- Indoor skydiving has become a sport called  18.

PART 3

You will hear five different people talking about the reasons why they became very successful. For questions 19–23, choose from the list (A–F) the reason each person gives for their success. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

- A natural ability Speaker 1  19
- B encouragement from others Speaker 2  20
- C careful planning Speaker 3  21
- D constant good luck Speaker 4  22
- E determination to improve Speaker 5  23
- F lack of competition

PART 4

You will hear someone giving a talk about taking up running as an activity. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 24 The speaker says that when she was younger,  
 A she envied people who did a lot of physical activity.  
 B she knew that she ought to take up some kind of physical activity.  24  
 C she hated the idea of doing any kind of physical activity.
- 25 The speaker says that if people take up running,  
 A she can guarantee that there will be certain benefits.  
 B they will wonder why they didn't do it before.  25  
 C it will become a long-term interest for them.
- 26 The speaker says that, in comparison with other activities and sports, running is  
 A more enjoyable.  
 B more convenient.  26  
 C more beneficial.
- 27 What does the speaker say about people who feel that they can't take up running?  
 A They should talk to people who do run.  
 B They may be right.  27  
 C They know that their attitude is wrong.
- 28 The speaker warns people who take up running not to  
 A be competitive.  
 B give up as soon as there is a problem.  28  
 C ignore pain.
- 29 What advice does the speaker give about running technique?  
 A Change the position of your arms from time to time.  
 B Think of your arms as if they were parts of an engine.  29  
 C Pay more attention to your arms than any other part of your body.
- 30 What does the speaker say about breathing while running?  
 A Some bad advice is sometimes given about it.  
 B It takes some time to develop the best technique for it.  30  
 C There isn't a correct or incorrect way of doing it.