

# Listening

## Paper 4 Part 1

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

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- 1 You hear somebody talking about a recent holiday.  
What disappointed her about the villa complex she stayed in?  
A the way it was laid out  
B the type of people it attracted  
C the facilities provided for guests  1
- 2 You overhear a conversation about a missed appointment.  
How does the girl feel now?  
A embarrassed about the way she behaved  
B angry that she didn't see the dentist  
C satisfied that she made her point  2
- 3 You overhear two colleagues talking about something which happened at work.  
What do they agree about?  
A Communications within the company are poor.  
B A mistake occurred as a result of human error.  
C It's important not to miss meetings.  3
- 4 You hear an advertisement for sports clothes.  
What aspect of the clothes is being emphasised?  
A how practical they are  
B how durable they are  
C how attractive they are  4
- 5 On the radio, you hear a man talking about children and computers.  
What is he doing when he speaks?  
A disagreeing with recent research  
B giving advice on how to approach something  
C explaining how a particular problem can be overcome  5
- 6 You hear a programme in which a new book by a well-known novelist is being reviewed.  
What does the speaker think about this novel?  
A It is untypical of the writer's work.  
B It is not as well-written as she'd expected.  
C It seems to be lacking in originality.  6
- 7 You hear part of a radio phone-in programme about problems at work.  
What is the caller having difficulty with?  
A attracting new members of staff to the company  
B convincing her staff that the pay and conditions are fair  
C encouraging members of staff to stay with the company  7
- 8 You hear a conversation in a radio play.  
Where is the conversation taking place?  
A at a theatre box office  
B at a hotel reception desk  
C in a restaurant  8

## Paper 4 Part 2

You will hear part of a radio programme in which Peter Denison, a man who repairs clocks and watches, talks about his life and work. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences.

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Peter's  9 was the person who encouraged his early interest  
in mechanical things.

Peter says that for him, old clocks represent a link with  10.

In Peter's first job, he worked as an improver in a jeweller's in  11.

The building where Peter works now used to be a  12.

As well as having good eyes, a watch repairer must be patient and have  13.

As a result of his work, Peter sometimes has health problems involving his  14.

The oldest clock Peter has repaired was made in the year  15.

Peter explains that people often have  16 feelings about old clocks.

Peter says that few people realise the need to  17 old clocks regularly.

In talking about his life and work, Peter describes himself as a  18.

**Paper 4 Part 3**

You will hear five women talking about living in blocks of flats. For questions **19–23**, choose from the list **A–F** the main reason each woman gives for choosing the flat where she lives now. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

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**A** the size of the rooms

Speaker 1  19

**B** the proximity of local amenities

Speaker 2  20

**C** good transport links

Speaker 3  21

**D** the friendliness of the neighbours

Speaker 4  22

**E** a feeling of security

Speaker 5  23

**F** the level of maintenance

## Paper 4 Part 4

You will hear an interview with a man who is about to go on a trip into outer space. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

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- 24 What is Grant most looking forward to on his flight?  
A taking off from Earth  
B seeing the Earth from space  24  
C leaving the Earth's atmosphere
- 25 When asked if he is scared, Grant  
A denies this strongly.  
B insists that he's overcome his fear.  25  
C suggests that this is a normal thing to feel.
- 26 What will Grant be responsible for during the flight?  
A providing a commentary for the media  
B observing what the crew members do  26  
C operating some of the controls
- 27 What did Grant find most difficult about his training?  
A learning to deal with weightlessness  
B preparing for unexpected landings  27  
C improving his general level of fitness
- 28 Grant feels that the term 'space tourism'  
A gives people the wrong idea about what he's doing.  
B makes what he's doing sound attractive to people.  28  
C leads people to doubt whether he's really going.
- 29 Grant admits that many people wanting to do what he is doing  
A would find the training too challenging.  
B would get bored during the training.  29  
C would not have the necessary experience.
- 30 Grant thinks that in the future,  
A many people will be able to afford space flights.  
B more companies will be organising space trips.  30  
C most spaceflights will take paying passengers.