

PAPER 4 LISTENING (approximately 40 minutes)

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 student talking about a school magazine he publishes.
What does he need at the moment?

 - A** more help
 - B** more articles
 - C** more funds

- 2** You hear a British woman talking about naming children.
What is her opinion on naming children?

 - A** She likes to avoid the most common names.
 - B** She thinks names will become more and more strange.
 - C** She is in favour of creating completely new names.

- 3** You hear a man being interviewed on the radio.
What is his current occupation?

 - A** a reporter
 - B** a critic
 - C** an author

- 4** You hear an athlete talking about some Olympic trials he took part in.
How does he feel about his performance?

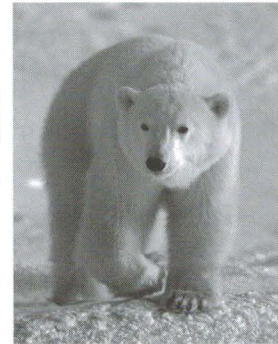
 - A** He realises that he did not concentrate enough.
 - B** He accepts that he had no chance against top athletes.
 - C** He regrets that he was not in better physical condition.

- 5 You overhear two friends talking about music.
How did the man first find out about his new CD?
- A He read about it.
 - B He heard part of it.
 - C He was told about it.
- 6 You overhear a man talking about the competitions that he and his wife enter.
What did his favourite prize allow him to do?
- A go on an interesting flight
 - B stay in a luxurious place
 - C own a prestigious car
- 7 You hear a woman talking about her job, which involves inspecting mountain paths.
What aspect of the job does she sometimes find annoying?
- A the work schedule
 - B the weather
 - C the walkers
- 8 On a radio programme, you hear a mother talking about her relationship with her daughter.
What is she surprised about?
- A her daughter's decision to leave home
 - B how her daughter has been able to help her
 - C the way that her daughter's attitude has changed

Part 2

You will hear an interview with Alan Burgess, who has just returned from the Arctic where he was filming polar bears. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences.

Filming polar bears



It took the team approximately **9** to make the film.

Of all the places Alan went to, **10** was the coldest.

Alan found that clothes made of **11** were best for keeping warm.

The team disguised their camera equipment with **12** paint.

Polar bears have a strong **13**

In the summer, polar bears may lose as much as **14** of their body weight.

Polar bears eat plants in order to obtain **15** to improve their usual diet.

Baby polar bears can be seen playing in the snow from the month of **16**

On one occasion, a polar bear almost managed to enter Alan's **17**

Alan is going to work on a number of **18** for university students.

Part 3

You will hear five different people talking about their experiences as owners of small local shops. For questions **19–23**, choose from the list (**A–F**) what each speaker says. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

A I think customers are starting to value small shops more.

Speaker 1

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B I don't mind hard work as long as I can be my own boss.

Speaker 2

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C I think small shop owners should lower their prices to compete.

Speaker 3

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D I am satisfied with my relationship with shops nearby.

Speaker 4

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E I feel competition may one day force me to close down.

Speaker 5

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F I provide a service which older people find very important.

Part 4

You will hear an interview with the television actress Donna Denton. For questions **24–30**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

- 24** As a child, Donna started going to dancing classes because
- A** her mother persuaded her to.
 - B** they were relatively inexpensive.
 - C** she wanted to be with friends.
- 25** What did Donna feel when she first went to dancing classes?
- A** disappointed by the attitude of the teacher
 - B** unconcerned about her position in the class
 - C** embarrassed because she was not a good dancer
- 26** What did Donna do to get a place at Knightswell Stage School?
- A** She took part in a musical show.
 - B** She got her parents to pay in advance.
 - C** She gave a demonstration of her skills.
- 27** At stage school, Donna initially had problems because of
- A** the behaviour of other pupils at the school.
 - B** the amount of time she spent travelling.
 - C** the need to follow a particular school rule.
- 28** Donna believes that she won the school singing competition because
- A** she had learnt to be less nervous when performing.
 - B** she had chosen to perform her favourite song.
 - C** she had been practising one particular song for years.

- 29** What does Donna say about her first parts on television?
- A** A private teacher helped her find them.
 - B** They were useful in developing her career.
 - C** It was easy enough for students to get them.
- 30** When talking about the near future, Donna says that
- A** she has agreed to record a music CD soon.
 - B** she has accepted an unexpected invitation.
 - C** she has had to make a difficult choice.