

Listening

Part 1

02.01 Listen and choose the correct answer.

- 1 A fashion designer is talking about fashion and the environment.
She is helping to protect the environment by ...
 - A providing clearer information about her products.
 - B switching to more ethically produced fabrics.
 - C starting to produce clothes which will last longer.

- 2 A social media expert is being interviewed on the radio.
She claims that concerns about time spent using social media ...
 - A only apply to a relatively small minority of people.
 - B are just the latest in a long line of similar issues.
 - C can easily be addressed through minor lifestyle changes.

- 3 A professor is talking about some archaeological research.
Why does the professor consider the research to be particularly significant?
 - A It highlights the important role of technology.
 - B It challenges our perception of a species.
 - C It has renewed interest in a discovery.

- 4 Two journalists are discussing gender stereotypes in the media.
In which area does the man feel there has been progress?
 - A the way men and women are portrayed in advertising
 - B the roles played by girls and boys in children's TV
 - C the proportion of male and female participants in debates

- 5 A psychologist is talking about listening.
Which aspect of listening does she think is particularly challenging?
 - A resisting the urge to make suggestions
 - B recognizing the underlying message behind the words
 - C signalling genuine interest in what someone is saying

Part 2

02.02 Listen to a lecture about a seed bank called the Svalbard Global Seed Vault. Complete the gaps in the notes with a word or two-word phrase from the audio. Remember to check your spelling.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.

The Svalbard Global Seed Vault

History

The new seed bank replaced one that was housed in an old [1] on Svalbard.

The facility

The current facility was built in rock to avoid the [2] sometimes found in soil.

There is an impressive [3] outside the seed bank.

Between 2016 and 2019, the building's [4] had to be replaced.

The seeds

Seeds can only be removed from the bank by the original owner.

Seeds are stored at -18°C in specially designed [5] made from metal.

Conclusion

Seeds that can withstand severe conditions may help with the consequences of [6]

Part 3

02.03 Listen to two fashion journalists discussing clothing made from recycled plastic. Match the people (the woman, the man, or both) to the opinions below.

You now have 30 seconds to look at the task.



Woman



Man



Both



1 Some brands of clothing made from recycled plastic have become extremely popular.



2 The range of sources of plastic for recycling into clothing is very wide.



3 There are some environmental drawbacks to recycling plastic into clothing.



4 Recycled-plastic clothing should come with information on how it was made.



5 Clothing made from recycled plastic is as comfortable as other synthetic clothing.



6 There should be no tax on clothing made from recycled plastic.

Part 4

2.04 Listen and choose the correct answer.

- 1** A student is telling a friend about a computer club.
Why is she dissatisfied with the club?

 - A Other members tend to be uncommunicative.
 - B The resources that it provides are inadequate.
 - C There are few opportunities to learn from others.

- 2** A professor is giving a lecture about robots.
What does he consider to be of particular significance?

 - A the rapid advance of robotic technology
 - B the relationship between humans and robots
 - C the influence of film on our perception of robots

- 3** A woman has recently taken up running.
How does she feel about it?

 - A frustrated with her progress
 - B disappointed by the lack of support
 - C doubtful about keeping it up

- 4** A history lecturer is talking about research into smells.
The most significant objective of the research into smells is ...

 - A to establish findings about them that have a commercial application.
 - B to explore changes in attitudes towards them.
 - C to find written sources that reveal past impressions of them.

- 5** A man is talking about deciding to become a teacher.
He suggests he decided to enter the teaching profession after ...

 - A meeting someone unexpectedly.
 - B recognizing he had the right skill set.
 - C realizing it might be a sensible option.