

LISTENING approx. 40 minutes

PART 1

You will hear three different extracts.

For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Extract One

You hear the introduction to a radio programme about the arts and science in Britain.

- 1 What does the speaker say about the phrase 'The Two Cultures'?
 - A Some people consider it no longer relevant.
 - B It describes an undesirable situation.
 - C It is used mostly by scientists.
- 2 The speaker regards C P Snow as someone who
 - A attracted a certain amount of unfair criticism.
 - B had ideas that were ahead of their time.
 - C failed in his chosen fields of work.

Extract Two

You hear a travel agent talking about problems with customers.

- 3 What does she say about lost tickets?
 - A There has been an increase in the number of them.
 - B People make up reasons why they have been lost.
 - C Some explanations given are easier to believe than others.
- 4 What does she suggest about the man travelling for heart surgery?
 - A He could have been extremely angry when he returned.
 - B He did well to sort out his own problem by himself.
 - C What happened to him is unlikely to happen to anyone else.

Extract Three

You hear part of a radio programme about a British couple, Victoria and Mark, who make wildlife films in Africa.

- 5 Freddie got his nickname because
 - A he can distinguish between different kinds of snake.
 - B he appears to enjoy contact with snakes.
 - C he is always pointing out snakes to other people.
- 6 When describing their current location, Mark emphasizes
 - A how much it differs from his expectations of it.
 - B how hard it is to predict weather conditions there.
 - C how difficult their everyday life there is.

PART 2

You will hear someone called Kate Charters describing her career.
For questions 7–15, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

Kate's first job involved selling 7 by phone.

Three years later, she started working for a company called 8 .

When she joined Visnews, she first worked in the company's 9 .

The videos made by Visnews were 10 on topics of special interest.

The videos made by Visnews were sold in shops and by 11 methods.

At Castle Communications, one 'side deal' involved holding a 12 at a theme park.

She returned to Visnews and is currently in charge of its 13 .

Kate's present job involves providing companies with the services of 14 as well as with certain facilities and technology.

Throughout her career, she has been given valuable assistance by someone who is employed by a 15 .

PART 3

You will hear an interview with a British politician.

For questions 16–20, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

- 16 Susan says that she particularly dislikes politicians who
- A pretend to feel strongly about issues.
 - B disguise their real beliefs.
 - C are indecisive about issues.
 - D openly treat voters with contempt.
- 17 When she had her disagreement with Martin Jones, Susan
- A decided that personal ambition was not her main motivation.
 - B began to feel that she had failed as a politician.
 - C felt that her point of view was not correctly understood.
 - D regretted the effect it would have on her future in politics.
- 18 What was Susan's attitude to involving colleagues in the controversy?
- A She realized that they were unlikely to share her point of view.
 - B She was reluctant to do so because she was not sure she was right.
 - C She thought that involving colleagues would make things worse.
 - D She felt they should decide for themselves whether she had a point.
- 19 When asked whether her opinion of her colleagues has changed, Susan says that
- A their reaction has made her reluctant to get into the same position again.
 - B she prefers those who criticized her to those who kept their opinions private.
 - C there may come a time when she does not publicly support them on issues.
 - D politicians place too much emphasis on their personal opinions of each other.
- 20 Susan thinks she was considered mad by some other politicians because
- A her behaviour was out of character.
 - B they found her intimidating.
 - C she did not conform.
 - D her unselfishness shamed them.

PART 4

You will hear five short extracts in which people are talking about books they have read.
You will hear the recording twice.

TASK ONE

For questions 21–25, choose from the list (A–H) why each speaker read the book.

- A personal recommendation
- B desire for a change
- C favourable reviews
- D advertising
- E gift
- F keenness on the author
- G to fill time
- H interest in the subject

- Speaker 1 21
- Speaker 2 22
- Speaker 3 23
- Speaker 4 24
- Speaker 5 25

TASK TWO

For questions 26–30, choose from the list (A–H) each speaker's opinion of the book.

While you listen, you must complete both tasks.

- A It is overrated.
- B It is very entertaining.
- C It is surprisingly good
- D It requires effort.
- E More people should read it.
- F It is too long.
- G It is thought-provoking.
- H It deserves its success.

- Speaker 1 26
- Speaker 2 27
- Speaker 3 28
- Speaker 4 29
- Speaker 5 30