

Listening

Task 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 1

You hear part of an interview with a biologist who has just returned from Chile.

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| <p>1. What aspect of the desert did the biologist find surprising?</p> <p>A the diverse landscape</p> <p>B the unvarying temperature</p> <p>C the range of plants</p> | <p>2. Why does the biologist say he would like to return?</p> <p>A to continue his research</p> <p>B to explore new areas</p> <p>C to investigate a problem</p> |
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Extract 2

You hear two people talking about a problem with a bank.

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| <p>3. Why did the man decide to close his bank account?</p> <p>A The service at the bank was inefficient.</p> <p>B The location of the bank was inconvenient.</p> <p>C The rates offered by the bank were inadequate.</p> | <p>4. How does the woman feel about his decision?</p> <p>A angry</p> <p>B worried</p> <p>C confused</p> |
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Extract 3

You hear part of an interview with a champion tennis player called Mark Bevan.

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| <p>5. How did Mark get involved in professional tennis?</p> <p>A by attending a special training academy</p> <p>B by entering competitions from a young age</p> <p>C by receiving sponsorship from a university</p> | <p>6. What is Mark's view of children playing tennis?</p> <p>A They should receive better supervision.</p> <p>B They should continue studying for longer.</p> <p>C They should be protected by stricter regulations</p> |
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Task 2. You will hear a photojournalist called Angus MacDonald talking about a trip he made recently. For questions 7-14, complete the sentences.

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Angus had his trip paid for by a (7.) at a charitable organisation.

The purpose of Angus's trip was to produce a (8.) to encourage grant applications.

His trip involved recording information on several (9.) over a period of eight weeks.

On the journey, Angus travelled with (10.) who could explain the work that was being done.

As well as looking at art treasures he saw a performance by specialist (11.) in the open air.

Angus particularly enjoyed photographing the collection of (12.) in Kyrgyzstan. He was also shown hidden murals that had been ruined by (13.) Money invested in the project will allow precious objects to be displayed in special (14.) which will help preserve them.

Task 3. You will hear part of a radio interview in which John Tulsa, a lecturer in business studies, is talking about motivation. For questions 15-20, choose the answer (A, B or C or D) which fits best according to what you hear.

15. According to John, what can being distracted result in?
- A an inability to solve problems
 - B a lack of control over tasks
 - C a focus on unimportant tasks
 - D a failure to work hard
16. John says that hard work may involve
- A ignoring other aspects of your life.
 - B forcing yourself to do unpleasant tasks.
 - C doing one task without a break. -
 - D achieving very little initially.
17. What is John's criticism of some business experts?
- A They fail to mention how hard they work.
 - B They are paid too much for what they do.
 - C They claim that achieving success is easy.
 - D They focus on the rewards they receive.
18. Why does John say it is important to be relaxed?
- A You will be able to see solutions more clearly.
 - B It will allow you to become more productive.
 - C It will enable you to be more creative.
 - D You will be more effective at guiding others.
19. According to John, how can you change your self-image?
- A by doing one project at a time
 - B by asking others what they think
 - C by working harder than anyone else
 - D by measuring your successes
20. Why does John say you need less motivation as you become more successful?
- A because you will find it easier to concentrate
 - B because you will be able to delegate work
 - C because you will be familiar with the work
 - D because you will want to avoid failure