

LISTENING (approximately 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 two friends talking about a new office building.

- 1 The woman says that in the building some people are having difficulty
 - A coping with the new technology.
 - B adjusting to a new concept of work.
 - C working without clear supervision.
- 2 She thinks one effect of people moving around the building will be to
 - A promote physical as well as mental well-being.
 - B create a more productive work force.
 - C provide useful contact with other employees.

Extract Two

You hear two friends discussing business travel.

- 3 The woman believes that in future companies should
 - A fly only with airlines that have an eco-friendly policy.
 - B concentrate on the use of video conferencing.
 - C reduce overall levels of executive travel.
- 4 The man thinks that the prime consideration for transport providers should be
 - A increasing revenue.
 - B thinking long-term.
 - C creating jobs.

Extract Three

You hear two friends talking about some research.

- 5** What is the man's attitude to the research?
- A** He is doubtful about the methods used.
 - B** He is surprised by its findings.
 - C** He is dismissive of the concept behind it.
- 6** During the discussion, the woman reveals her
- A** sympathy towards the subjects of the experiments.
 - B** interest in complex human behaviour.
 - C** admiration for the originality of the research.

Part 2

You will hear a man called Steven Kane giving a presentation about research into a cargo of children's bath-toys which were lost at sea. For questions 7–14, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

BATH-TOY CARGO

Of the four kinds of bath-toy lost at sea, Steven thinks the **7** had the most surprising colour.

The subject Steven was teaching when he first read about the bath-toys was

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In Alaska, Steven heard of a lost consignment of **9**, some of which turned up alongside the bath-toys.

Steven discovered that the bath-toys are used by scientists known as

10 in their research.

Steven says that the findings obtained by researchers were immediately useful to

the **11** industry.

Steven mentions the particular case of a **12** adversely affected by plastic pollutants in the sea.

Steven regarded the factory that he traced in China as the bath-toys'

13.

Steven travelled on something called an **14** on his journey across the Arctic.

Part 3

You will hear part of an interview in which two scientists called Jessica Conway and Paul Flower are talking about exploration and discovery. For questions **15–20**, choose the answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) which fits best according to what you hear.

- 15** In response to the idea that everything has already been discovered Jessica emphasises
- A** the potential for further marine exploration.
 - B** the precision of modern satellite technology.
 - C** the inaccuracy of modern mapping techniques.
 - D** the number of recent discoveries.
- 16** Regarding new species found around underwater craters, Jessica says that
- A** they are being discovered less often these days.
 - B** they are more abundant in certain locations.
 - C** it is difficult to estimate possible numbers.
 - D** there are problems classifying them.
- 17** When asked about geographical discoveries in general, Paul and Jessica agree that scientists need to
- A** make regular reassessments of their work.
 - B** compare their respective results.
 - C** recognise their limitations.
 - D** promote their findings.
- 18** What does Paul say about walking where no one has ever walked before?
- A** It recharges his tired mind.
 - B** It makes him feel he is unique.
 - C** It gives him a sense of belonging.
 - D** It helps him forget physical discomfort.
- 19** When asked about others visiting remote areas, Paul
- A** supports the public's right to experience them.
 - B** expresses his concern at growing urbanisation.
 - C** suggests it would benefit local communities.
 - D** criticises the attitude of some tourists.
- 20** In Paul's view, future generations will
- A** only need to go online to experience the thrill of adventure.
 - B** have to reduce travel for environmental reasons.
 - C** be less interested in the concept of exploration.
 - D** still be attracted to isolated places.