


Exam technique: Giving answers that are the right length

- 1** Below are some possible answers to the Part 1 questions you heard in Exercise 13. For each question, decide which you think is the best. Give reasons why the other answers are less satisfactory.

Note: the English is correct in all the answers.

- 1** Do you work or are you a student?
 - a** I work.
 - b** I'm currently studying history at Moscow State University. I'm in my second year.
 - c** I work as a dentist in Budapest. It's a very rewarding job and I earn good money. We get vast numbers of foreigners coming to get dental treatment in Hungary because it's far cheaper here than in many other countries. As well as being cheap, we offer high quality dental care and our patients are always happy with our work. I had to study for many years to be a dentist but it was worth it. People generally respect you for being a dentist as it's considered to be a good job, although perhaps it isn't as prestigious as being a doctor. I could have chosen to be a doctor and in fact, this is what my father wanted me to do. However, I have some friends who are doctors and they say they work very long hours and can't spend enough time with their families. I think I made the right career choice.
- 2** Why did you choose that course or job?
 - a** I didn't choose it.
 - b** I chose it because French was always my best subject at school and I enjoy meeting new people. I thought interpreting would suit me, therefore, as you have to be a good communicator and of course skilled in foreign languages.
- 3** What is the most difficult thing about your studies or job?
 - a** I'm not sure. Er ... I would say the most difficult thing is that we have tight deadlines, so I'll be given a project and then told it's to be completed in one week, which is nowhere near enough time. That's difficult but it doesn't stop me enjoying my work.
 - b** I don't enjoy attending meetings. It's often very boring and the meetings last too long.

-  **2** Play the Part 1 questions and sample answers on Track 16 again. Then answer the questions yourself but this time, try to make sure your answers are relevant and of an appropriate length.