

Premium B2 - Lesson 05

Listening part 4

3 **1-7** You will hear an interview with the daughter of a Hollywood film star. For questions 1-7, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 For her 14th birthday, Hannah
 - A took some friends to see a Harrison Ford film at the cinema.
 - B went to watch the making of a film.
 - C was given whatever she wanted.
- 2 How did Hannah's mother feel when Hannah said she wanted to be an actress?
 - A She wasn't keen on her doing it.
 - B She wasn't discouraging.
 - C She didn't think she was serious about it.
- 3 What does Hannah say about the comparison with her mother?
 - A They have the same shaped eyes.
 - B They are both tall.
 - C Their noses are similar.
- 4 Hannah and her mother both think that
 - A they look identical.
 - B they look a bit alike.
 - C people are completely wrong.

5 How did Hannah feel about her mother's attitude to acting?

- A She was a bit upset.
- B She was angry.
- C She understood.

6 Why was Hannah encouraged to train to be an accountant?

- A Her mother had had a bad experience with money.
- B Hannah needed to learn the importance of saving.
- C Her mother considered it a useful profession.

7 What does Hannah say about her mother's voice?

- A She sounds very demanding.
- B She sounds slightly foreign.
- C She sounds like her daughter.

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Paper 2 part 1 - writing an essay

Compared to people in other jobs, sportspeople are paid too much for what they do.
Do you agree?

Notes

Write about:

1. which jobs are important in society
2. why some sportspeople are paid a lot of money
3. (your own idea)

Essay plan

Paragraph 1

- a general introduction

Paragraph 2

- jobs that are important

Paragraph 3

- sportspeople's salaries

Paragraph 4

- sport's importance today

Paragraph 5

- a conclusion

B

First of all, it is true that playing sport for a living is not essential to society. Nurses do an essential job but they earn very little compared to many sportspeople. Also, a football player, for example, will only be playing for a few hours a day while a nurse could work at least twelve hours a day.

C

To sum up, sportspeople are highly paid but they often deserve the money. The real issue is that people in more important jobs are paid too little.

D

The topic of sportspeople's earnings often causes a great deal of discussion, especially in the media. Many people have strong feelings on the subject, and so do I.

A

On the other hand, a sportsperson's career does not last long, so the high salary is only for a limited period of time. Furthermore, injury can cut short a career. Therefore it is reasonable that sportspeople receive substantial earnings.

E

In addition, sport has a central place in modern society, giving pleasure to many people. The fact that it is such a popular form of entertainment means that high salaries can perhaps be justified.

3 Read the model essay and answer these questions.

- 1 Is the answer about the right length, and in a suitable style?
- 2 Which paragraph contains the following?
 - a the writer's own opinion
 - b arguments against the statement
 - c a reference back to points already made
 - d a general comment on the topic
 - e arguments for the statement
- 3 Find examples of the following:

a contrast links	c conditional forms
b addition links, e.g. <i>also</i>	d comparative forms

Nowadays, everybody is talking about the need to save the planet. Despite this, the problems are getting worse all the time, so maybe we should do more than just talk about them if we really want to make a difference.

Firstly, we use more energy and create more waste than ever before. For instance, we drive to the supermarket to buy imported goods wrapped in plastic, and fly halfway round the world for our holidays. In addition, global warming is destroying rainforests, rivers and icecaps while we, in contrast, keep cool by using air conditioning.

On the other hand, we are now trying to lead a greener way of life. For example, we produce much of our energy from wind and solar power, we can take fast trains instead of planes, and people now recycle rubbish and unwanted household items.

Nevertheless, these measures alone are insufficient. I believe we should change our lifestyle completely, for instance by becoming vegetarian, buying far fewer manufactured products and travelling much less. And unless richer nations give up making constant economic growth their objective, our planet will in the long term face disaster.

1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 *Even though / Despite* it had stopped raining, the river was still rising.
- 2 These trees reach their full height quickly, *nevertheless, / whereas* those grow more slowly.
- 3 Coastal areas are becoming wetter. *In contrast, / While* the interior is getting drier every year.
- 4 *On the other hand, / Despite the fact that* it is a beautiful country, few people visit it.
- 5 *In contrast, / Despite* the strong wind, the ferry arrived on time.
- 6 On the one hand, cars are now designed to pollute less. *On the other hand, / Whereas* there are far more of them.

My notes from lesson 05