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LISTENING CLASA A X-A
VARIANTA 3

Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1) You hear a woman talking about herself. What is she going to do?
A travel around the world
B learn to become a teacher
C study to be a pilot
- 2) You hear a receptionist speaking on the telephone. Who does she work for?
A a garage
B the police
C a lawyer
- 3) You hear a short news report. What did *SS Persian Gulf* collide with?
A a rock
B a ship
C a lighthouse
- 4) You hear a student talking about the school dance. Who will they give the ticket money to?
A people who want to protect the environment
B students who are going on holiday
C young people who don't have parents
- 5) You hear a telephone message from a business representative. What is he doing?
A building a flat in the Bahamas
B selling a flat in the Bahamas
C renting a flat in the Bahamas
- 6) You hear a critic talking on a discussion programme. What is he discussing?
A a film
B a book
C a radio programme
- 7) You hear a man talking to his friend Ken. What has Ken done?
A made other plans
B been training
C done the gardening
- 8) You bought a CD player for your car but it doesn't work. You telephone the dealer and hear a message. What should you do?
A call the new number
B leave a message
C wait to speak to someone

Part 2

You will hear a radio interview with a woman called Juliet Mills, who talks about drinking and alcohol. For questions 9-18, complete the sentences.

Juliet Mills says we started drinking alcohol (9) ago.

She says alcohol helps people relax and become more sociable and (10).

Doctors say that a little alcohol can be good for your (11).

Every year, several thousand British people die from (12).

Alcohol produces a feeling of well-being because it provides a rush of (13).

The effects become noticeable as soon as alcohol in your bloodstream gets to your (14).

Converting alcohol to other substances and clearing it from the system can only be done by your (15).

Occasional drinking is unlikely to cause permanent (16).

Since alcohol affects the immune system, (17) are less protected against various infections.

Alcohol is a leading cause of (18) in Britain.

Part 3

You will hear part of a radio interview about professional athletes. For questions 19-24, choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

19) The interviewer states that being a professional athlete

- A** is an impossible dream.
- B** can lead to insomnia.
- C** has its disadvantages.
- D** is something all young people wish for.

20) What do Len and Kirk have in common?

- A** They play active roles in team sport.
- B** They participate in the same sport.
- C** They are well-paid professional athletes.
- D** They are involved in sport professionally.

21) What does Len say about newspaper stories about young athletes?

- A** They are sensationalist.
- B** They always lead to large contracts.
- C** They're very common.
- D** They concentrate on life stories.

22) What does Kirk get a further income from?

- A** appearing in advertisements
- B** training semi-professional teams
- C** talent scouting
- D** writing newspaper articles

23) What is Len's attitude towards newspapers?

- A** critical
- B** understanding
- C** sympathetic
- D** indifferent

24) Which word best describes how Kirk feels about his career?

- A** unfocused
- B** grateful
- C** pressurised
- D** insecure

Part 4

You will hear five short extracts in which various people are talking about reading.

TASK ONE

For questions 25-29, match the extracts as you hear them with the people, listed A-H.

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| A travelling salesperson | | (25) |
| B professional athlete | | (26) |
| C teacher | | (27) |
| D backpacker | | (28) |
| E housewife | | (29) |
| F lorry driver | | |
| G police officer | | |
| H teenager | | |

TASK TWO

For questions 30-34, match the extracts as you hear them with the statements about the speakers, listed A-H.

The person

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| A is a parent. | | (30) |
| B isn't particularly keen on today's youth. | | (31) |
| C reads primarily for helpful information. | | (32) |
| D prefers fiction to reality. | | (33) |
| E finds their job rather uneventful. | | (34) |
| F enjoys ridiculing others. | | |
| G feels certain school subjects are outdated. | | |
| H works with young people. | | |