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# Listening Tests

**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 a talk about e-lancing.

1 'E-lancing' is

- A a cause of corporate downsizing.
- B a consequence of rising unemployment.
- C a new form of marketing.

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2 The speaker's conclusion is

- A pessimistic.
- B optimistic.
- C indifferent.

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**Extract Two**

You hear two friends talking about the quality of banking services.

3 The speakers agree that computers

- A have improved banking.
- B are directly to blame for bad service.
- C allow employees to avoid responsibility.

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4 At the end of the conversation the woman decides to

- A move her account to the man's bank.
- B keep her money at home.
- C continue banking with her current bank.

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## Extract Three

You hear part of a talk about e-mail.

- 5 One of the disadvantages of e-mail is that
- A a company's performance depends on it.
  - B inter-personal communications have changed.
  - C anybody can easily access e-correspondence.
- 6 Our e-mails are unlikely to be intercepted, because of
- A government surveillance.
  - B the huge amount of e-mail in cyberspace.
  - C the lack of talent and ingenuity of hackers.

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**PART 2**

You will hear a talk on behaviour in the workplace. For questions 7-15, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

The speaker says that people sometimes may appear  
when they only want to be assertive.

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The speaker says that views put forward by women are often not considered as  
8 as those of their male colleagues.

Women's lack of assurance is often revealed through how they speak and their

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Weaker animals use smiling as a way of

 10 an adversary.

For humans, when discussing a serious subject you should not smile, as this

 11 your point.

It is generally assumed that you are in agreement with somebody if you  
as they speak.

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If you want people to listen to you, you should adopt a

 13

Peppering your speech with disclaimers and diminishers only serves to make others

 and  14 to pay attention.

By changing your way of speaking and behaving you will be able to increase your

 15 at work.

**PART 3**

You will hear two people discussing the woman's new job. For questions 16-20, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which best fits according to what you hear.

16 Cath dislikes her timetable because

- A the hours are very long.
- B she has to go to work twice every day.
- C she has to do some shift work.
- D she has to work a lot of evenings.

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17 From Cath's description of the work, it seems that her job is

- A challenging.
- B confusing.
- C demanding.
- D routine.

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18 Cath's attitude towards the customers is

- A resigned.
- B understanding.
- C critical.
- D disinterested.

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19 From Cath's description, her supervisor is

- A strict.
- B impolite.
- C envious.
- D dishonest.

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20 Cath plans to

- A look for a new job immediately.
- B wait for another opportunity to turn up.
- C apply for a better position within the company.
- D try to get on friendly terms with her manager.

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**PART 4**

You will hear five short extracts in which different people talk about job interviews.

You will hear the recording twice. While you listen, you must complete both tasks.

**Task One**

For questions **21-25**, choose from the list (A-H) the mistake each speaker made when they went for their job interview.

- A** not listening carefully to an instruction
- B** assuming something would happen, which didn't
- C** forgetting to amend their CV before they sent it in
- D** failing to concentrate fully
- E** making it clear they weren't bothered about getting the job
- F** not showing enough humility
- G** failing to hide their desperation
- H** assuming they would get away with a lie they had told

Speaker 1 

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Speaker 2 

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Speaker 3 

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Speaker 4 

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Speaker 5 

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**Task Two**

For questions **26-30**, choose from the list (A-H) what each speaker says about their interview performance.

- A** nerves got the better of them
- B** they provided good answers to the questions
- C** they didn't present an accurate picture of themselves
- D** they asked too many questions unrelated to the job
- E** they were too assertive
- F** they regret not answering the questions honestly
- G** they were successful at making their interviewer like them
- H** they were confused by the interviewer's line of questioning

Speaker 1 

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Speaker 2 

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Speaker 3 

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Speaker 4 

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Speaker 5 

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