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You will hear three different recordings. **Before you hear each recording, you will have one minute to read the questions.** You will hear each recording twice, with an interval of ten seconds between playings. After you hear the second playing of each recording you will have one minute to finish answering the questions.

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Recording 1

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in Recording 1 before the recording begins.

Questions 1–4: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) **one** box.

1. In 2014, James was: **1**

A studying sports science at university. ☐

B running popular keep fit sessions. ☐

C losing interest in the fitness industry. ☐

D considering a major change of career. ☐

2. What does James say about his wife and his social media account? **1**

A She persuaded him to start it. ☐

B She wasn't keen on the idea of it. ☐

C She helped to write the recipes for it. ☐

D She didn't think it would be successful. ☐

3. What does James say is original about his health and fitness approach? **1**

A It is designed for busy people. ☐

B It is fresh and innovative. ☐

C It is easy to understand. ☐

D It is aimed at older people. ☐

Recording 1 questions (continued)

4. James believes that gym memberships: **1**

A have no benefit. ☐

B are not essential. ☐

C should be free. ☐

D help motivate people. ☐

Questions 5–9: Complete each gap below using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS**.

5. What does James ask his dinner guests to help with? **1**

_____

6. What does James hope his book 'Social Cooking' will stop people from doing? **1**

_____

7. James finds it _____ to come up with lots of different recipes for his books. **1**

8. James needs to show a/an _____ in order to continually develop new recipes. **1**

9. You only need a/an _____ in order to make James' recipes. **1**

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Recording 2

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in Recording 2 before the recording begins.

Questions 10–13: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) **one** box.

10. Which of the following is true about the employment of schoolchildren? **1**

A The rules are flexible and depend on each situation. ☐

B 13-year-olds can work more than two hours on a Sunday. ☐

C Children can work longer in the theatre, with special permission. ☐

D Children can only earn money in school holiday periods. ☐

11. What does Sam tell us about his job? **1**

A He delivers customer orders. ☐

B He sometimes works long hours. ☐

C He is paid a below average salary. ☐

D He finds the work boring. ☐

12. What benefit has Sam gained from his job? **1**

A He gets free lifts to his workplace. ☐

B He likes to do his shopping there. ☐

C He can help support his family. ☐

D He has money to buy top brand clothing. ☐

Recording 2 questions (continued)

13. What does Julia say about the café? **1**

A It is a highly profitable business. ☐

B One of her relatives was trained there. ☐

C They teach customers how to cook. ☐

D They employ people facing challenges. ☐

Questions 14–17: Complete the sentences below. Use **NO MORE THAN FOUR WORDS** for each answer.

14. Julia loves her job because it aims to make the workers feel

_____ . **1**

15. She finds it hard to _____

_____ for work. **1**

16. Julia's friends joke about being _____

_____ while Julia is working. **1**

17. She thinks that spending time in the café is a/an _____

_____ for her friends. **1**

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Recording 3

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in Recording 3 before the recording begins.

Question 18: Choose the correct answer for the question below and tick (✓) **one** box.

18. Louise Brooks has been invited to: **1**

A share her memories about school days. ☐

B describe her early days at university. ☐

C advise pupils on how to deal with issues at university. ☐

D answer questions about applying for work. ☐

Questions 19–22: Complete the sentences below with **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS**.

Louise Brooks says that:

19. in the UK, a surprising number of undergraduates _____

_____ their degrees. **1**

20. sometimes courses do not _____

because content seems dull or lacking in meaning. **1**

21. she didn't fail because she had the chance to _____

_____ . **1**

22. she didn't take an important exam because she _____

_____ . **1**

Recording 3 questions (continued)

Question 23: Choose **TWO** correct answers for the question below and tick (✓) **two** boxes.

23. What caused problems for Louise? **2**

A Lack of guidance from tutors. ☐

B Asking for help too early. ☐

C Removing herself from everyday life. ☐

D The attitude of student union advisors. ☐

E Advice from friends and family. ☐

F The interruption of her studies. ☐

Question 24: Choose the correct answer for the question below and tick (✓) **one** box.

24. It is most important when you take time away from study to: **1**

A pay the fees for your next year of study just now. ☐

B end the lease on your accommodation. ☐

C deal with the cost of utility and other bills. ☐

D cancel your student funding. ☐

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