

Situation One

You will hear a lady talking about school holidays.

What is her opinion about the long school holidays in this country?

- A. She doesn't like it but her son loves the long school holidays.
- B. She believes the authorities should increase the school term immediately.
- C. She believes it leads to the poor performance of pupils.

Situation Three

Now you will hear someone called Teresa talking about her ideal holiday.

How does Teresa prefer to pass her time when on holidays?

- A. She likes to go horse riding and to take photographs.
- B. She likes to keep busy by picking up new skills.
- C. She likes to relax and sunbathe.

Situation Five

Now you will hear a short interview with Vivienne about her participation in the London marathon.

Why did Vivienne want to run in the London Marathon?

- A. Because it was a dream she kept postponing.
- B. Because she wanted a healthier lifestyle.
- C. Because she put a lot of hours into training.

Situation Seven

Now you will hear a speaker talk about the well-known Tidy Towns initiative in Ireland.

Why is competition in the Tidy Towns initiative so important?

- A. It makes winning the main purpose of the initiative.
- B. It gets people involved in their community..
- C. It's healthy, as it leads to enhancements across important areas.

Situation Two

Now you will hear an excerpt, read from a book by Eric Newby about travelling in Ireland.

Why did they go back to Ireland?

- A. Because they had been working hard on their garden in England.
- B. Because they needed to get away and enjoy life.
- C. Because they had happy memories and it was long overdue.

Situation Four

Now you will hear Norris talking about his favourite place in Dublin.

What makes the square so special for Norris?

- A. It is always peaceful and quiet.
- B. It is a visible reminder of a time past.
- C. Its park is a special place to sit and from which to view the handsome town houses.

Situation Six

Now you will hear Barry talk about a man's best friend.

How can you make a dog become that perfect pet?

- A. By being patient and giving it the right instruction and attention.
- B. By being strict and giving it lots of exercise and healthy food.
- C. By being affectionate and giving it lots of attention.

Situation Eight

Now you will hear Mark talking about his favourite painting by the Irish artist Paul Henry.

How does Mark feel about the painting?

- A. It makes him feel good because change isn't always inevitable.
- B. It makes him feel sadness for the past.
- C. The remoteness of the scenery depicted makes him feel happy.

Answer Key: 1=C, 2=C, 3=B, 4=B, 5=A, 6=A, 7=C, 8=A