




## 2. Listening: The biggest lies about beauty

 You are going to listen to a recording about the biggest lies about beauty. First you will have 45 seconds to study the task below, then you will hear the recording twice. While listening, match the beginnings of the sentences (1–5) with the sentence endings (A–H). There are two extra sentence endings you should not use. Write your answers in the spaces provided. The first one (0) has been done for you. After the second listening you will have 45 seconds to check your answers.

### The biggest lies about beauty

<b>0</b>	The radio host starts out by ...	E
<b>Q1</b>	People around the world and their ideas on beauty are ...	
<b>Q2</b>	Young adults' images of beauty are ...	
<b>Q3</b>	The conflict between realistic views and society's requirements results in people ...	
<b>Q4</b>	In their everyday lives, people can't avoid ...	
<b>Q5</b>	For most patients, cosmetic surgery results in ...	

<b>A</b>	... becoming more aware of the situation.
<b>B</b>	... adapting to recent changes.
<b>C</b>	... becoming increasingly different.
<b>D</b>	... being even unhappier.
<b>E</b>	... giving an overview of today's topics.
<b>F</b>	... being developed.
<b>G</b>	... being insecure and disoriented.
<b>H</b>	... being adapted.







before hiring the intern. Only after making sure the requirements are met, a contract will be formed. Finally, signing non-disclosure clauses might be necessary in order to protect the company's product.

**... (Q3)**

Clearly internships have many possible benefits for young people. However, it is not always the case that such employment guarantees a job offer later on. Naturally many interns hope to be kept on by the company after a few months, but fail to realise that companies often have underlying reasons for employing interns that have nothing to do with later hiring. In addition, internships do not ensure that the worker gains experience in the area they are interested in or were aiming at. Finally, there is the question of income. The lack of payment for the work can cause major difficulties for interns.

**... (Q4)**

In the ideal case internships would simply be the perfect opportunity to first enter the job market. Once you have signed a contract for a position like that, it opens the door to making your first steps in a small or large company. Not always, however, does this decision prove to be a good one. As a matter of fact, interns work in relatively low positions, which often invite condescending behaviour of their superiors or even sexual harassment. Even if such incidents cannot be seen as normal occurrences, a raised awareness towards them might be necessary. Furthermore, the possibility of being used as a cheap worker instead of being instructed on appropriate work duties is a very real one.

**... (Q5)**

On the other hand, the assignments given to interns may be quite complex and challenging. Given that many people with internship contracts have received an excellent education, they are usually thought to be capable of performing certain high-skill duties, provided that they do not need any extra training on them. Same as normal workers, interns should do their jobs in the best way possible and be aware of the fact that they represent the company at any time. Being aware of this fact will help in succeeding during your internship.

<b>A</b>	Drawbacks of internships
<del><b>B</b></del>	The new-found importance of internships
<b>C</b>	Laws for internships
<b>D</b>	Risks of entering such types of employment
<b>E</b>	Common similarities of internships
<b>F</b>	Possible consequences of internships
<b>G</b>	Expectations on interns
<b>H</b>	Agreements between interns and companies

<b>0</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Q5</b>
<del><b>B</b></del>					

### 5. Language in use: The significance of being different

You are going to read a text about the significance of being different. In most lines of the text there is a word that should not be there. Write that word in the space provided after each line. Seven to nine lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓). There are two examples at the beginning.

#### The significance of being different

Younger generations have always aimed at being as different from the	<i>as</i>	<b>0</b>
generations before them, mostly because they commonly feel the need to	✓	<b>00</b>
establish their own style, identity, and way of life. The result is a huge gap		<b>Q1</b>
between older and younger members of society, which in the turn causes		<b>Q2</b>
major conflicts and frequent disagreements.		<b>Q3</b>
Another consequence out of this fact is the perception of younger people		<b>Q4</b>
as to being disrespectful and ungrateful towards their elders, even though		<b>Q5</b>
most young adults' efforts to be different rather originate in their desire to		<b>Q6</b>
create something new than in their wish to overthrow what others will		<b>Q7</b>
have worked for or to rebel against anything and anybody.		<b>Q8</b>
However, among of members of one generation the basic ideals and		<b>Q9</b>
expectations on life are normally quite so similar. Up until now most		<b>Q10</b>
people belonging to a specific age of group tended to display certain		<b>Q11</b>
types of hairstyle, clothes, and behaviour. Nevertheless, the members of		<b>Q12</b>
recent generations show a tendency towards the placing an increased		<b>Q13</b>
importance on being individuals who differ from each and other. This rise		<b>Q14</b>
in individualism is especially noticeable when it comes to the way people		<b>Q15</b>
behave in society, which is becoming increasingly extrovert and outspoken.		<b>Q16</b>

## 6. Language in use: Successful businessmen and -women

You are going to read a text about businesspeople. Some words are missing from the text. Fill in the word which best fits each gap (1–7). Use only one word in each gap. Write your answers in the spaces provided at the end of the text. The first one (0) has been done for you.

### Successful businessmen and -women

Most successful businessmen and -women are well aware **(0)** ... the envy they are constantly met with. It is no secret that most of us see wealth, power and influence as something to aspire to. Nevertheless, most people on top of the food **(Q1)** ... did not simply reap the benefits of their parents' lifelong work, but put endless hours into **(Q2)** ... their set goals. They know that it is hard work to stay where they are at and that one tiny mistake can be the cause of their downfall.

In **(Q3)** ... to become a successful manager, there are certain character traits you should possess. To begin with, you have to be dedicated to your profession and willing to learn every little aspect of it. The more you know about the individual aspects of your company or department, **(Q4)** ... more likely it is that you make informed and useful decisions. In addition, knowledge about marketing **(Q5)** ..., economic principles, and accounting is necessary to ensure you are doing a good job as a manager.

Naturally, there are many benefits to pursuing a successful career. Once you have made it, there are rewards far **(Q6)** ... what most other people receive for doing their jobs. Nevertheless, the risks you take are equally extreme, since businessmen and -women rank among the groups with the highest risk of burn out or depression and suffering **(Q7)** ... physical symptoms of stress, such as ulcers.

<b>0</b>	<i>of</i>
<b>Q1</b>	
<b>Q2</b>	
<b>Q3</b>	
<b>Q4</b>	
<b>Q5</b>	
<b>Q6</b>	
<b>Q7</b>	

## 7. Writing: Money matters

### Money matters

As a student you have noticed a clear increase in excursions and projects. While you understand their purpose, you also see the high costs of such activities. As a head student, you write a **formal letter** to the headmaster, Mr Sawyer, to make him aware of the problem. In your formal letter, you should:

- outline the problem you see in the increased costs for students
- describe the financial consequences on low-income families and their children
- recommend an alternative solution for this problem

Write a **formal letter** of about **250 words**.