

SIMPLY LANGUAGECERT

Level

B2

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SELF-STUDY GUIDE

**8 Exam Preparation Units
& 4 Practice Tests**



SIMPLY LANGUAGECERT - Level B2 (new edition)

UNIT 1 - Places

Part A

- A. 1. overpopulated / industrial / ugly
2. isolated/boring / relaxing
3. popular / inconvenient

Speak

- **Where do you live?** (mention place and address)
I live in a big city/town/small village/Athens /Korinthos, etc. My house/flat is at 17 St James Street, in Richmond/Croydon, etc.
- **Describe the city/countryside/suburb or the outskirts you live in using the adjectives above.**
Give reasons why you feel that way.
(Open)

- B. 1. area 2. atmosphere 3. building
4. pollution

Speak!

- **Use the adjectives above to describe your neighbourhood** (refer to the atmosphere, buildings, traffic, pollution)
- **You want to learn about the place your Facebook friend lives in. What questions would you ask him?**
Where do you live? What's your address? What's your area like? What's your city/town like? Are you happy with the area you live in?
- C. 1. the balance of biodiversity 2. packed and polluted areas 3. toxic waste
4. by becoming filthier and uglier
5. with heavy fines 6. They use less petrol /They are environmentally friendly
7. recycle and plant more trees
- D. 1. detached house 2. mansion 3. cottage
4. semi-detached houses 5. flat
6. terraced houses

Speak!

- What's your house/flat like?
- You want to rent a house/flat and you see an advertisement. What questions would you ask the owner on the phone? Ask about: its type, location, style, size, facilities and cost.
- What's the type of your home?
- Where's it? - Where is it located?
- What's its style? - What size is it?
- What facilities does it have? / What facilities does it offer?
- How much do you rent it for? What's its rent? How much do I have to pay for the rent?

- E. **City - Advantages:** good job opportunities, entertainment facilities
- Disadvantages: hectic/stressful lifestyle, overpopulated, high cost of living
- Country - Advantages:** picturesque, closer to nature
- Disadvantages: less privacy
- F. **House in a suburb**
- Advantages: 1. more greenery 1.c
- Flat in the city centre**
- Advantages: 2. more secure 2.d

- G. 1. so as 2. But 3. such as 4. Finally
Answer the questions:
a. semi-formal b. in a magazine

Part B - Listening Pre-listening Activity

- **What sights do you visit when you go abroad?** (Open)

- **Why is it important to visit museums?**

It is very important to visit museums because you can learn about the civilization, history and culture of your own country or the foreign country you are visiting. Museums are the places where history is revived. It's as if you travel back through time in a time machine and relive the different stages of man's course through the ages.

- **Have you ever visited a museum?**

What was it like?

I visited the archaeological museum where I admired impressive statues and archaeological finds which had been unearthed, taken care of and exposed. Many of the findings were preserved in well-lit, glass display cases for people to see. It was a visit I will always remember because I learned a lot about the history and civilisation of my country. The exhibits were really amazing.

Listening - Part 3 Transcript

Thank you for phoning *The Natural History Museum*. We are open all year round. Opening times daily: 10.00a.m. - 17.30p.m. Our museum is closed from 24-26 December. Don't miss the Orange zone on the ground floor with the two important exhibitions. The first exhibition is that of Wildlife Photographer of the Year from 31 October to 26 April. You can admire stunning animal portraits and amazing images of wild places. The cost of the ticket is 7 pounds and there are special rates for children and families. The second exhibition is the Darwin exhibition from November 14 to April 19. Here you can discover the man and the revolutionary theory that changed our understanding of the world and our place within it. You can see the giant squid and the vital work of our museum scientists. Tickets cost 9 pounds and special rates for children and families apply.

Admission to the museum is free for everyone. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Our Visit Planners can always help you plan your perfect day and get the most of your museum visit. Find them in the Central Hall. On the ground floor you can also visit the Green zone and the Blue zone. In the Green zone, and in particular in the Ecology section, you can discover our planet's ever-changing ecology and find out why we need to connect with nature in order to survive. In the Blue zone you can learn about the evolution of the animals on Earth since the beginning of our world and the dinosaur age. As for the Red zone, on the first and second floors, The Power Within section is worth visiting since you can discover what causes earthquakes and volcanoes and how scientists work to predict them.

In the museum there are eating and drinking

facilities - a self-service family restaurant, a cafe, a snack bar and a sandwich bar. Our fantastic shops - Museum Shop, Dino Store and Earth Store, offer you the chance to take a little bit of us back home when you leave.

Please support our Annual Fund and help our expedition of natural discovery. New knowledge is crucial to help protect ecosystems and save vulnerable species from extinction. By donating 3 pounds you can help pay for vital equipment.

KEY

1. 24-26 December 2. 9 pounds 3. free
4. Visit Planners 5. Orange, Green, Blue
6. Red 7. 3 pounds

Improve your speaking skills

- A. 1. Where do you live?, in: at 2. in: on, on: in
3. do you get, with: by 4. furnitures: furniture, need: needs 5. make: do, fence: hedge
6. always you keep: you always keep, no: not, hour: time

B. Situations (Possible Answers)

1. ...live in a suburb/on the outskirts/in the city centre than here
2. ... of living in a most quiet area. I can't stand the heavy traffic and this nerve racking noise any longer.
3. ... on going to the country. I'm sure I'll get bored.
4. ... to buy a computer rather than a bookcase.
5. ... is that it is not densely populated and therefore there isn't heavy traffic.
... I often feel isolated because buses don't run very often.

Speaking Exam Practice

Part 1

1. open 2. open 3. **No**, I wouldn't. First I wouldn't ever like to live in a skyscraper because I have a fear of heights. For this reason, not being able to use the balcony of my flat I'd feel confined in a tall building. Moreover, in case of a power failure I'll have to go up many flights of stairs on foot till I get to my flat. **Yes**. Looking down from high up, I feel a sense of freedom. It's great to see the world from above without any tall, concrete buildings blocking my view. After all the levels of pollution are lower up there.
4. Open

Part 2

A. Possible answers

I: - Do you like the area you live in?

- Oh yes. It's a quiet area with no heavy traffic, overcrowded streets or traffic jams. In other words, there's less noise and air pollution.

- That's great but what about public transport? Is it convenient?

- Well, that's a big problem. Buses run every half-hour and there are often long delays because of the traffic or whatever. I mean, there's no regular bus service.

- I see. That's a really big problem because things might be worse in winter.

I: - Do you spend a lot of time at home?

- Well, yes. In fact I spend lots of hours at home when I have to study, watch a programme I like on TV, or when I feel like playing a computer game, surfing on the Net or listening to music.
- Good! Don't you often go out with friends?
- Of course I do. I go out with them at weekends. But I can't do this on weekdays because I have loads of school work to do.

I: - Hi! How do you feel about your new home?

- I'm not that happy with it. I mean, I don't like it at all.
- Why? What's the problem? Is there something you can do to feel much better? Like changing its decoration or whatever?
- No, it's the area I don't like, not my home. I feel completely isolated. You know, I now live on the outskirts and this place is off the beaten track. I'd prefer to live somewhere closer to the city centre.
- I see. But don't worry! I think that you'll soon get used to it.

I: - Do you prefer your new home to your old one?

- Yes, very much. It's a semi-detached house with a small garden in a quiet area with lots of greenery. I can say it's a spacious, modern and comfortable house. It's what I always dreamed of.
- That's fine! Do you have your own room or do you share it with your brother or sister?
- Well, guess what! I have my own room at last! That's really great because I have more privacy - no one can disturb me any more!

B. (Role Play)

We're friends. You want to learn about my room. You start.

C: What's your room like?
I: Oh, it's lovely! Spacious and cosy. It's nicely decorated and I really enjoy spending some of my free time in there.
C: Did you decorate it yourself or not?
I: Well, I decorated it myself. You should really come over and see it. Posters of my favourite pop group, CDs everywhere and my computer on my desk - the super device! I'm very proud of my room!

We're new neighbours. You want to ask me about the local buses. You start.

C: Hello! I'm your new neighbour.
I: Oh! Nice to meet you. Is everything OK?
C: Yeah, it is! I'm just trying to get used to my new home! Anyway, I have something to ask you. How often do the local buses run?
I: You won't have any problem with the public transport here. They run every fifteen minutes. Quite often, I suppose. Besides, some extra buses also run during the rush hour.

We're friends. You want to learn about how you can get to my home. You start.

C: Hi! I'll pop over and see you this evening. Is that OK?
I: Sure! That's great. Let me tell you what to do. Take the underground first from Piccadilly Circus and get off at Waterloo Station.
C: But I know that your home's quite far from

the underground station. So what bus can I catch from there?

I: Don't worry! I'll pick you up. Just call me when you get to the station and I'll be there in a minute.

You are a stranger. You want to learn about the pros and cons of my area where you are planning to rent the house next to mine. You start.

C: Well, I'm planning to rent the house next to yours. Can you please tell me a few things about this area? I wonder if you could help me with this.
I: Absolutely. Let me start with its good points then. As you see, it's not very crowded, although it's just twenty minutes by bus from the city centre. It's a rather quiet area and you can even walk your dog without being disturbed by the cars.
C: I see. That's very interesting, because I do have a dog to walk. And how about its cons?
I: Mmm! There's one main disadvantage you should know about. It gets a bit polluted during summer time because this area is not very far from the city centre. But generally, it's a convenient place especially for those people who work in the city centre.

Part 4

A. Life in big cities

No doubt that big cities can offer us whatever we like. First, there are many job vacancies and therefore a variety of jobs to choose according to our qualifications and expectations. There's a big range of good schools, colleges and universities where we can have the education we wish. We can also visit museums and art galleries or watch cultural and artistic events which provide a spiritual uplift and help us broaden our horizons. There are also good doctors and well-equipped hospitals where we are offered the medical care we need. And finally, we can enjoy night life and have all kinds of recreational facilities which suit all tastes.

On the other hand, one of the main disadvantages of big cities is the heavy traffic at rush hours and the crowded streets they have. As a result, we get stuck in long traffic jams while the car fume emissions and the smoke from factories create a polluted and stuffy atmosphere. This is the reason why lots of people suffer from lung and heart diseases. Last but not least, the crime rate in big cities is increasing at an alarming rate and forces us to take strict safety measures to protect ourselves from being robbed or even killed.

B. The benefits of environmentally friendly homes

Environmentally friendly homes definitely offer lots of benefits to our world. First because they are well designed and efficiently insulated to save energy and keep us warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Most importantly, they pollute the environment much less than other homes since they have all the state-of-the-art energy-saving facilities and appliances. For example, effective central heating, solar heaters and many other computer-controlled electrical appliances which save energy and protect our environment from being polluted. In other words, they have lots of facilities and are equipped with

appliances which can make the world a better place for us to live in.

C. The advantages and disadvantages of settling down in a foreign country

When settling down in a foreign country you definitely have benefits, but problems, too. Of course, it depends on the reason why you have left your country to go abroad.

Advantages/Benefits

- if you are a student, for example, you just settle in a foreign country, often temporarily, to receive the type of education you like. But apart from this, you acquire extra knowledge, broaden your horizons and learn about the culture and lifestyle of that country. You also have the chance to meet new people and form lifelong friendships. Generally speaking, you improve your attitude towards people and adopt a more critical outlook on life. You get an all-round education.
- if you are an immigrant, you just settle in a foreign country because you always seek out better living conditions for yourself and your family. You think this country can offer you a wider choice of job opportunities. So you are likely to find the job you're looking for. For example, a job with better career and promotion prospects or even just a job to earn your living, because you were unemployed in your country. All in all, as an immigrant you settle down in a foreign country to live a better life.

Disadvantages

There's not doubt that you may find difficulties in the beginning.
- First, in terms of getting used to living in a foreign country with a quite different culture and lifestyle to that of your own. This country also has a different language which you have to learn in order to communicate with its people.
- Moreover, you have to adapt yourself to the new climatic conditions of the foreign country.
- Last but not least, in some cases you're also likely to do with inhospitable locals, and even worse, you may face racism problems despite the recent trend of globalisation. So you should have to be emotionally strong and patient enough to resist it till you are finally able to achieve your goals.

Writing

- A. 1. for instance 2. Moreover 3. in particular 4. as well as 5. both 6. More than anything
- C. 1. b 2. youngsters 3. Yes, an interesting title to catch readers' attention.
- 4. To write about a city which you feel is a place to remember. (history, sites/sights to visit).
- 5. 4 paragraphs or more 6. a
- 7. Some details about its history and about its interesting places you can visit.
- G. (Open answer)

UNIT 2 - Transport

Part A

- A. 1. 1. board 2. cabin 3. cruise 4. class 5. storm 6. life boat 7. anchor 8. port
- 2. 1. wait 2. miss 3. buy/have/get 4. buy 5. have 6. get

Justifications of the Answers (Tests 1-4)

Test 1 Listening

Part 1 Questions 1 - 7

- 1. (C)** This is the answer because the man obviously feels bad that he forgot the bread, as he says "Oh no!", so it makes sense that he would agree to go and get it straight away.
- 2. (A)** This is the answer because it explains why the woman is in a rush - she wants to get there early.
- 3. (C)** This is the answer because the man is clearly outside (as the woman invites him in) and since they are discussing how heavy the rain is, you can assume that he is cold and wet. It follows that he would be very grateful to be invited into the warm, prompting the response "Oh, thank you!".
- 4. (C)** This is the answer because it makes sense that after a day at work the man would be grateful to have his dinner cooked for him, hence the response "Great, what are we having?".
- 5. (C)** This is the answer because it agrees with the woman's previous statement "We've never had the same taste in music". (A) and (B) are both irrelevant.
- 6. (B)** This is the answer because the man thinks the woman is silly for not having a chocolate, so he is teasing her by saying "you don't know what you are missing!".
- 7. (C)** This is the answer because the man says "I was confident from the start", showing that he believed the woman could pass. Having confidence in someone is a way of being supportive, so it follows that (C) is the answer.

Part 2 Questions 1 - 6

Conversation 1

- 1 (A)** This is the answer; they cannot be spouses, because their talking manner suggests they are friends, also the woman mentions a colleague of hers that the man might be able to move in with; and there is no suggestion that they have ever lived together so it cannot be (C).
- 2 (A)** This is the answer because the man complains "Landlords have seen the opportunity to increase their rent and cash-in on the country's economy problems.". His only other complaint is his current flat, which is not one of the options.

Conversation 2

- 3 (B)** This is the answer because the woman says "I don't really like either. The colours are horrible and they look a little too old".
- 4 (C)** This is the answer because the man says "newer cars are more economical and of course better for the environment".

Conversation 3

- 5 (A)** This is the answer because the whole conversation is a man asking about his tax, and at one point the woman says "...so here at Inland Revenue we can find your tax code...", which suggests that this is the tax office.
- 6 (B)** This is the answer because the man admits that he didn't leave his previous job on good terms, so he doesn't think he will be able to ask them for a P45 form.

Part 3 Questions 1 - 7

Example. Golden Screen. This is the answer because the announcer says "Welcome to...your local cinema, Golden Screen".

- 1. Screen 2.** This is the answer because the announcer says "Just a quick reminder, this Monday we are closed due to repairs on Screen 2".
- 2. (over) 18.** This is the answer because the an-

nouncer says "Prepare to be scared with our over eighteens thriller 'Who's been watching you' "

3. 2 for 1 (half price). This is the answer because the announcer says "This Wednesday, like every Wednesday, from 7 to 12pm it's 2 for 1 on all films".

4. Friday. This is the answer because the announcer says "Friday sees the Premiere of the new James Bond movie".

5. Saturday. This is the answer because the announcer says "And finally Saturday. It's couples night here at Golden Screen".

6. Online with credit/debit card. This is the answer because the announcer says "We also have a new system when you can also book online with your credit or debit card".

7. (at the) allocated machines. This is the answer because the announcer says "When you come to the cinema, put your reservation code in the allocated machines and print your tickets".

Part 4 Questions 1 - 6

Example. (A) This is the answer because the Interviewer says "It is an amazing contest...giving millions of young hopefuls the opportunity to win a record deal [also known as a contract] with mogul Simon Cowell".

1. (C) This is the answer because Alex says "I am just over the moon", which is an expression meaning 'overjoyed' or 'extremely happy'.

2. (C) This is the answer because when Alex was asked how it felt to win, she replied "I was so shocked". Although she says she "cried and cried" this was not out of sadness, it was the shock and they were tears of happiness. (B) is therefore wrong.

3. (C) This is the answer because Alex says "I was whooshed off to Simon Cowell's office where I signed my contract". Although the Interviewer suggests that Alex has been signing autographs, Alex does not confirm this, so the answer cannot be (B).

4. (C) This is the answer because the Interviewer says "So your new single ... which I love by the way...".

5. (B) This is the answer because Alex tells everyone to buy her single and the interview says "Wow...already plugging [another word for promoting] your music".

6. (A) This is the answer because the Interviewer says "I'm sure Christmas is going to be an important time for you", and Christmas takes place during December (25th).

Test 1 Reading

Part 1 Questions 1 - 6

Example. (C) Top of paragraph 1 - "The night was cold, much colder than a usual October evening." - correlates to the answer (C) because October is autumn. The answer cannot be (B) as it also states in paragraph 1 that "the sun had just gone down". It cannot be (A) as there is no mention of how dark it is.

1. (B) Paragraph 1 - "PC Mary and Inspector Joe" - tells you that they are both police detectives, which makes them colleagues.

2. (C) End of paragraph 1 - "Joe looked at Mary with a worried look." - tells you that Joe is worried. The answer might be mistaken for (B) but this is wrong - they are shocked by Old George's story (the last paragraph) not the cab ride.

3. (A) Paragraph 3 - George's brother "worked out all the cubic space of [Mrs Townsend's] house and made measurements everywhere so that not even

one inch was uncounted" but "there were 4 feet he could not find". This tells you that the missing space must be where the treasure is hidden. There is no mention of the outside of Mrs Townsend's house or the garden shed and so the answer cannot be (B) or (C).

4. (C) End of paragraph 3 - "although its height was 74 feet when he measured and added up all the space in the rooms and also the space in-between each room, the walls, he was unable to bring the total to more than 70 feet" - which tells you that the measurements didn't add up. (A) might be mistaken for the answer, but it is not how many feet there are inside that is strange, it is the difference between how many feet it should be and how many he could count. There is no mention of how small the house is so it cannot be (B).

5. (A) Paragraph 4 - George tells Mary and Joe that his brother found a small room at the top of the house with the treasure chest inside. You can assume (guess) that this means it has been found, but it is not known for certain because Mary and Joe have not seen for themselves yet. There is no suggestion that George is guilty so it cannot be (C). Paragraph 5 only says that "Mary and Joe were on their way to pay justice and put the case to rest", which does not suggest that they will be making an arrest and so it cannot be (B).

6. (C) The story is about "missing treasure" (paragraph 1) which tells you that it is a mystery. You also know that it is a mystery because George's brother has to work out where the treasure is using clues (paragraphs 3 and 4). There is no suggestion of comedy, so it cannot be (B). It could be mistaken for an adventure story, (A), but this is wrong because Mary and Joe are trying to solve a case and work out where the treasure is - if it was an adventure they would be chasing after the treasure.

Part 2 Questions 1 - 6

1. (D) This is the answer because the previous sentence starts "Despite what is said graffiti is not the lowest form of art" and (D) goes on to state that graffiti is "actually one of the most honest art forms available".

2. (G) This is the answer because the previous sentence mentions people not liking graffiti because they believe "nothing has the right to exist unless it is making profit", and so it logically follows on that some people would disregard this money-orientated opinion and see it as "worthless".

3. (F) This is the answer because the previous sentence talks about "companies that advertise with giant slogans" and (F) is about people buying products, which is the aim of advertising.

4. (E) This is the answer because "the news" is what the following sentence is referring to when it states "they say cleaning up...".

5. (A) This is the answer because the following sentence talks about how quickly the graffiti artists work, which suggests that they don't get caught.

6. (B) This is the answer because the previous sentence is about what "some people" want and (B) states what "others want". This tells you that sentence (B) is offering you the alternative.

Part 3 Questions 1 - 7

Example: (C) This text tells you that "A CD-ROM drive is required" to install the camera's software onto your computer.

1. (D) This is a review because the writer is telling you what he thought about the product - both the pros and cons.

2. (A) This is the answer because it describes the

camera as "great if you are an amateur photographer" (start of paragraph 3), and amateur means beginner or inexperienced.

3. (C) This is the only text which gives details of the camera's features, requirements and the contents which come with the camera. All of the other texts mention some of the features but text (C) is the only complete list.

4. (B) This is the only text which mentions the original price, as it says "usually, it's £510" (end of paragraph 1).

5. (A) Paragraph 1 says "the offer will be running all month but for one month only". Text (B) also mentions the offer but does not say how long it will be valid for.

6. (D) Paragraph 4 (last sentence) the writer describes the camera as "a five star buy". None of the other texts give the camera a rating.

7. (A) This is the only text which suggests where you can buy the camera, and the offer implies that this is the best place to buy it, as the text tells you "when you buy it here on Amazon, you also get two interchangeable lenses AND the new Canon carrier case...all this for a mega price of £469!!!!" (end of paragraph 2 and end of paragraph 3). None of the other texts mention a retailer.

Part 4 Questions 1 - 7

Example: Poet and explorer. Paragraph 1, in the second sentence, this is how Walter Raleigh is described.

1. Jean Nicot. Paragraph 2, halfway through, it is claimed that Jean Nicot "introduced tobacco to France in 1560".

2. Smoking tobacco. Near the end of paragraph 2, Raleigh is described as a "keen smoker".

3. Drinking smoke. Paragraph 2, last sentence, until the late 17th century smoking was referred to as "drinking smoke".

4. Nightshade. Paragraph 3, sentence 2, tells you that the potato is "a member of the 'nightshade' family".

5. Cure diseases. Paragraph 3, last sentence, tells you that "doctor William Salmon was claiming the main thing [potatoes] could do was cure many diseases". Answer could be mistaken for "help with your love life", but this is not the main thing that the doctor suggested potatoes could do.

6. With his imaginative elaboration (*on the story*). Paragraph 4, halfway through, claims the story was begun by Thomas Fuller after Raleigh's death, and his "imaginative elaboration on historical fact" helped to make the story famous.

7. A velvet bag. Paragraph 4, last sentence, states that Raleigh's wife "carried [his head] with her at all times in a velvet bag until she died".

Test 2 Listening

Part 1 Questions 1 - 7

1. (C) This is the answer because the woman has just said that her grandmother is in hospital, so it follows that the man would ask if she is OK.

2. (A) This is the answer because in the previous sentence the man says "I have a feeling it'll be easier than we think", which is a very positive/optimistic attitude.

3. (B) The answer cannot be (C) because the police are already on their way; it is unlikely to be (A) as it would be a very strange response and does not make much sense (what is unacceptable, the robbery or the late delivery?); so it follows that the answer must be (B), which is a very shocked and concerned response.

4. (C) This is the answer because they are both talking about how much they enjoyed the play, so it follows that the man would suggest they should go to the theatre more often. It cannot be (B) because

it was a play, not a concert and the man compliments the acting and says the play was "beautifully done" so he is not disappointed (A).

5. (A) The answer cannot be (C) because it is clear the woman already knows and likes 'her', as she says "Told you you'd like her" and it is unlikely to be (B) because the woman has just said that she did tell the man that he would like 'her'. It therefore must be (A) because he has admitted that he had "the best night in years" and so clearly does like 'her', so the woman was right.

6. (A) This is the answer because the woman asks for Mr Adder, and she wants him to pick her children up from school. It is logical to assume that they are both the parents of the children, from which you can assume that they are married and she is Mrs Adder.

7. (B) This is the answer because the man wants to finish drying his hair, so it follows that he would say "I'm almost finished". (A) and (C) sound like something the woman would say as she is the one hurrying him along and getting frustrated with his lateness.

Part 2 Questions 1 - 6

Conversation 1

1 (C) This is the answer because the man says "Aren't we supposed to be getting something to eat off", which implies that they are trying to buy a table. The woman then suggests "What about that mahogany table?" which confirms that they want a new table. The answer is not (B) because although we know that the table is going in the living room (as the man claims that the mahogany is "too big to fit in our living room and it wouldn't go with the decor"), there is no suggestion that they are decorating the whole room - they are just shopping for one piece of furniture.

2 (C) This is the answer because the woman says "please...the mahogany" and the man replies "But...oh have it your way..." at the end of the conversation. This means he is agreeing to buy the expensive mahogany table that she wants.

Conversation 2

3 (C) This is the answer because the man tells us that "there are five trees down in the front yard" and the woman says "the winds died down considerably before it reached us", so we know that there have been very strong winds, which could have been even stronger. Although the man was concerned that there would be a fire, there wasn't, so it cannot be (A). And tree felling would mean deliberately cutting down the trees, but it is clear that they have fallen down because of the wind, so it cannot be (B).

4 (A) This is the answer because the man says "Thank goodness. Imagine how bad it could have been", which suggests that he is relieved that the hurricane was not worse, as more damage could have been done.

Conversation 3

5 (C) This is the answer because the man says "I'm looking for something for my girlfriend" [so we know that he is buying his girlfriend a present, ruling out (A) and (B)] and when the woman asks if it is a special occasion, the man tells her "It's the anniversary of the day we met, six years ago tomorrow" [fits answer (C)].

6 (C) This is the answer because the man asks "What's all this eau de toilette and eau de parfum stuff about" and these are types of perfume. The woman recommends Jade Girl, and tells him that they come "with complimentary [free] facial cleanser and soap". The man says "I guess I'll take it". Although he gets soap and facial cleanser, the

answer is not (A) because they come free with the bottle of perfume which he purchases.

Part 3 Questions 1 - 7

Example. Second. This is the answer because the announcer says "It will begin in the second semester of term".

1. 35. This is the answer because the announcer says "There are 35 places on the programme in all".

2. 31st November. This is the answer because the announcer says "the closing date for receipt of applications is the 31st of November".

3. Tutor Feedback. This is the answer because the announcer says "we will vet [applications] on the following criteria: 1) Average grade, 2) Tutor feedback".

4. Tour of campus/Be shown around campus. This is the answer because the announcer says "The arrival day is scheduled as follows: Students will be met by a university representative who will take them to the university dorms to drop off their luggage and show them around campus".

5. Return flights. This is the answer because the announcer says "Students will be expected to cover the cost of the visa application, return flights and living expenses".

6. Living expenses. This is the answer because the announcer says "Students will be expected to cover the cost of the visa application, return flights and living expenses".

7. 2000-2500 pounds. This is the answer because the announcer says "We estimate you will have to spend between two thousand and two thousand five hundred pounds in total".

Part 4 Questions 1 - 6

Example: (B) Although the woman says "Just fantastic!" when asked how her day at work was, the answer is not (A). (B) is the answer because she goes on to say "Remember that project I've been working on day and night for the last two months, the boss just informed me it's being scrapped due to cutbacks...all that effort for nothing". Clearly this would make it a bad day at work.

1. (C) This is the answer because she says "Remember that project I've been working on day and night for the last two months, the boss just informed me it's being scrapped due to cutbacks".

2. (A) This is the answer because the woman says "I got a phone call from John's principal today. He asked me where John's been all week...It seems our pride and joy, our bundle of happiness [John], doesn't much like school anymore, so he's decided to skip it for a few days".

3. (B) This is the answer because the woman says "I didn't know you were an alcoholic?!...the principal was very understanding about John's behaviour you see, especially in light of the fact that you've been off the wagon [an expression meaning you are doing something which you are supposed to have quit] for six months".

4. (C) This is the answer because when the man asks "The principal actually bought that story?" the woman tells him "Hook, line and sinker [an expression meaning 'completely']". He even gave John twenty pounds last Friday out of sympathy for the poor boy".

5. (B) This is the answer because the woman suggests "Let's give him the benefit of the doubt. Have a gentle word with him" and the man claims "You're too easy on him". By 'too easy', the man means that she is forgiving him too quickly and easily.

6. (C) This is the answer because the woman suggests "maybe it's a cry for attention. Neither of us has been around much at home ...". A 'cry for attention' means acting out/misbehaving in order to get more attention.