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**PART 1 (questions 1-5)**

**1 What is said about the sharks in the news item?**

Wildlife experts are battling to save the lives of six sharks which have been taken ill after being shipped from America to be put on show in Britain. Four of the sharks have already died following the 4000-mile journey from Florida to the Sea World Aquarium in Plymouth. As the round the clock battle continues to save the remaining six sharks, the new 15 million pound aquarium has received fierce criticism from the Anti-Zoo Charity whose members claim that there is no justification at all for exposing sharks to any traumatic experience.

**2 What is the news item about?**

More than 16 million adults in Britain do not save money on a regular basis, according to a recent survey. A further 4 million put aside less than 30 pounds a month. The government wants to encourage people to save regularly by introducing individual savings accounts, but according to the survey, this would not have an immediate impact on the behaviour of people. At least three quarters of those questioned in the survey said that the individual savings accounts would make no difference to their savings. The survey by *Saving and Prosper* also revealed that people in the North-East are more likely to save money than anywhere else in Britain.

**3 What is said about young criminals in Britain in the news item?**

Courts are to be told to name and shame more of the worst young criminals: ministers want to end the culture of secrecy under which judges treat protecting defendants as the main priority. Until last year under-seventeens were guaranteed court anonymity by the 1993 Children and Young Persons Act. A home office source said last night that serious offenders know they will not suffer the embarrassment of seeing their case in the local newspaper. Now, the aim is that the interest of the community and victims will be given a greater weight.

**4 What is the news item about?**

A registered blind man drove 2 miles across a town at twice the speed limit before crashing into another car. Peter Langley, aged 40, can see a tiny amount from one eye and is able to drive in a straight line, but as the magistrate said, when it came to parking, he hit the car behind. It was also disclosed that he had no license or insurance. The magistrate considered jailing Langley after hearing that he had 3 previous drink-driving convictions, but he escaped with a 100-pound fine and 2 years' probation after his solicitor said he was terrified of what would happen to him in prison.

**5 What is said about the bus driver in this news item?**

Bus driver Darren Taylor from Yorkshire, pursued a thief after seeing him snatch a handbag from an old lady at a bus stop with passengers still on board. A passenger gave directions from the front of the single decker as Darren gave chase for about half a mile through Leeds. He said: "Some passengers jumped off and followed on foot while I remained on the bus to obstruct the thief's way." Darren got a taxi driver to radio

the police. Officers said yesterday that a 25 year old man had been charged.

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**PART 2 (questions 6-11)**  
(I: Interviewer, N: Natalie)

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I: Hope you've enjoyed the song. My guest today is a senior court reporter, Natalie Bracken ... Hello Natalie.

N: Hello, Mike. Hope everyone knows what job we're going to talk about.

I: True. Could you give our listeners a short description, then?

N: Sure. We, the court recorders, do a very specialized job.

I: That's why you're here, Natalie, because you're so special!

N: That's nice of you, Mike. Well, what I meant was that it's not a job that a commercial shorthand secretary, even with exceptional speeds, can just move straight into. Whenever a case is heard in (a) court, a court recorder takes notes of everything that's said. Being able to do this job means not missing a word of what is said and being quick enough to write all the words down.

I: Wow ... I'm wondering, Natalie, how does such a fragile lady become a court recorder?

N: Well, after leaving school I went on to law school. But I failed a couple of my exams there and began to worry that it wasn't the career for me. Still at school, I saw an advert in the Evening Standard for verbatim court recorders and thought it sounded interesting. So I left the school, started training, getting paid a salary while doing it, and then became a qualified recorder. I've now been working at the Royal Courts of Justice for five years.

I: And, what do you do when you actually sit in court?

N: When I'm in court, I sit and take notes all day, you can't miss anything. I take down what the judge says, the counsel, the witnesses, and everything has to be verbatim, that is, word for word, 90 per cent accuracy. After the court rises I go back to the office and back up all my work on the computer. ... With very difficult or complicated cases you sometimes do Live Note, which involves one person taking the notes and someone else sitting beside them editing what they've written. In other words ... I take the notes and there is a person next to me who edits my notes ... or ... revises them.

I: What skills do you need to be a good court recorder?

N: You need speed skills, definitely. Some court recorders I know do reach incredible typing speeds, but you also need 99.9% accuracy. ... And you need stamina, because sometimes a judge might be summing up from 10am to 1pm without a break, so it's very tiring. We like to be invisible in court, so we don't interrupt or ask for a break unless it's an emergency. A lot of Latin phrases are used, so you need to have a good knowledge of technical terms and good English skills – we do have dictionaries and atlases though, so if a road name is mentioned we can type it phonetically and check the correct spelling later.

I: What a job! What do you like about it?

N: The atmosphere in the Royal Courts is fantastic, and the people are brilliant. Having been here for five years, I know everyone – from the ushers and the clerks, to the policemen and security staff – we're like one big happy family. Having done law school for some time, I find I can understand most of what goes on in the court, even when it gets technical, and I really enjoy being part of the legal process. It's interesting work, and I like being in a position to help witnesses or victims.

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I: Is there a downside to your job?

N: Definitely, being tired – if you're sitting in court all day working away, it can be exhausting. Another problem is taking notes from witnesses with really strong accents. You know, it's also depressing when the witnesses get very upset or have suffered in some way. We don't just sit there impassively with evidence going over our heads.

I: Your job really deserves admiration. ... Well, stay with us, we'll be right back after the break ...

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#### **PART 3** (questions 12-15)

##### **12 What is the lady speaking about?**

Well, I was feeling really nervous when I went in, but as soon as I sat down and they started asking me questions I felt fine. By the time they started asking me about my previous employment and my reasons for wanting to change, I was feeling pretty confident.

##### **13 Which non-obligatory subject will the school stop offering next school year?**

Can we now turn to the non-obligatory subjects on the list for the next school year ...? As some of you already know, we shall continue with the social sciences. The attendance of the students was nearly 100% which shows something ... We've decided to keep history on the list as well, as there are wonderful long-term projects to be completed. We won't be able to put economics on the list again this school year, because there are not enough students to fill a class ... and ... the art lessons, which haven't been very successful, will be replaced by P.E.. Sorry, Peter!

##### **14 Who is the man on the phone talking to?**

I know, I know. But just make sure you mail the documents over to the Head office by 2 p.m., otherwise you ... and unfortunately also the whole department ... will be in big trouble. ... Yes, I know you haven't had lunch yet, but it's hardly my fault. If you hadn't messed up those files we wouldn't be in this position. Look, I'll think about letting you off early today once I know those documents have gone out.

##### **15 What is said about the train for Leeds?**

Attention ... all passengers on Platform 9. The 10:37 train for Leeds will now depart at 11.15 from Platform 5, where it will be arriving shortly. We would like to apologise for the delay, which was caused by a signal failure. Would passengers please make their way to Platform 5 for the train to Leeds. There will be a snacks buffet service on the train.

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#### **PART 4** (questions 16-20)

##### **Speaker 1**

Well, I suppose I took the job because, err, well the salary is quite good and it's a good place to work ... the office is near the underground and the stop is on the same line as my house. It takes half an hour to get to work but at least I don't have to change lines. But to be honest, what I really enjoy and what keeps me from looking for another job is the

chance to go abroad, just visiting other countries, that's ... that's the best thing.

##### **Speaker 2**

Well, what do I like about it? I suppose it's interesting. When I get to my office in the morning, I never know what's going to happen. One day, the boss sends me to 5 different meetings, the next day I work by myself the whole day, writing a report, another day there is a visitor from abroad and I have to show him round the city... No time to get bored.

##### **Speaker 3**

The thing is that when I applied for the job, I was told there'd be a lot of travelling and possibilities to improve my French and develop my PC skills. After a year or so, I haven't been to any foreign country and the computer is just a means to communicate through mails. I don't get any demanding tasks to do on the PC and I'm afraid I'll soon forget all I learnt at school concerning computer work, but I must say that there is at least one phone call in French every day and many mails to answer in French, so I really get a chance to develop my language skills, and that's what I really enjoy, but if I got a chance to find a job with a chance to travel, I'm not sure I'd stay here.

##### **Speaker 4**

Working here is OK, generally, but I have to say, it's really the money that makes it worthwhile. There's not much variety and you don't meet many people, but I earn enough to do what I want in my free time and holidays.

##### **Speaker 5**

The best thing, to be honest, is that I live very close to the office. It might not seem important, but just the feeling that I can hop home during lunch is great, which doesn't mean that I do go home for lunch every day ... and my son is overjoyed because I don't need to take the car to work anymore and so he can improve his driving skills on my car, driving to school everyday.

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