An Interview with Martin Halstead

You are going to hear an interview with Martin Halstead, who decided to start a passenger airline between Oxford and Cambridge, the two most famous university cities in England.

- First read the tasks below. You have 90 seconds to do this.
- Then listen to the dialogue and tick the correct box.
- After that, you will hear the dialogue again.
- Remember you can mark your answers while you are listening.
- Now read the sentences below.

Part 1

Now listen to the first part of the interview and tick the correct answer.

1. After school, Martin wanted to …
   a) □ be a pilot.
   b) □ go to university.
   c) □ start his own business.

2. He developed a computer software because …
   a) □ he loved computer games.
   b) □ he needed some money to pay for his dream job.
   c) □ he was good at science.

3. At first, his job was hard because …
   a) □ he still had to work for school.
   b) □ people did not take him seriously.
   c) □ there were so many new projects.

4. Not so long ago Martin …
   a) □ could stay in bed till midday.
   b) □ had no time for his friends.
   c) □ had to get up early for flight training.

5. Now Martin …
   a) □ has no time for interviews.
   b) □ has problems with the airport management.
   c) □ has to get up very early.
6. In his free time Martin …
   a) ☐ goes out to see some friends.
   b) ☐ likes to go to bed at 7 p.m.
   c) ☐ watches TV and reads all evening.

7. Life as a business man …
   a) ☐ is as hard as Martin imagined.
   b) ☐ makes Martin ill.
   c) ☐ means a lot of pressure.

Part 2

Now listen to the second part of the interview and tick the correct answer.

8. Martin …
   a) ☐ has just moved into a new apartment.
   b) ☐ has never left his mum.
   c) ☐ is staying with his family at the moment.

9. As a successful businessman, Martin …
   a) ☐ behaves like a grown-up.
   b) ☐ never tells stupid jokes.
   c) ☐ still likes doing silly things.

10. Martin likes his way of life because …
    a) ☐ he has always wanted to fly.
    b) ☐ he makes a lot of money.
    c) ☐ it is full of adventures.

Now listen to both parts of the interview again and check your answers.

Seletivs Verstehen

2 Announcements, messages, introductions

You are going to hear five short texts.

- First read the statements below. You have 60 seconds to do this.
- Then listen to the texts and decide whether the statements are true or false.
- You will hear each text twice.
- Remember you can mark your answers while you are listening.
- Now read the sentences below.

Now listen to the five texts and tick the correct answer.

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| 1. You bought a new iPod yesterday. When you opened the box, you found that the iPod was damaged. You go back to the shop to get your money back. This is what the shop assistant tells you: (…)
   You will get your money back in ten days. | true | false |   |
| 2. You are travelling by train to Albany. While the train is standing at a station, you hear the following announcement: (…)
   You must change trains. | true | false |   |
| 3. You are booked on the 18:55 flight to Orlando from Heathrow Airport this evening. You hear the following report on the radio: (…)
   You need to arrive at the airport earlier than normal. | true | false |   |
| 4. You want to listen to a programme about hip hop in London. You hear the following announcement on the radio: (…)
   You will be able to hear the programme you are interested in. | true | false |   |
| 5. You have turned on the radio to listen to the latest news from Britain: (…)
   You will be able to hear the news in a few moments. | true | false |   |

Now check your answers.

You are going to hear five people talk about mobile phones.

- First read the statements below. You have 30 seconds to do this.
- Then listen to each person and choose the correct statement for each person.
- There is one more statement than there are people.
- Write the correct letter in the space while you are listening.
- After that, you will hear the five texts again.
- Now read the statements below.

**Statements**

A It is very helpful to have a mobile phone in a big city.
B Mobile phone addiction is a big social problem.
C Mobile phones can be very expensive.
D There are some disadvantages, but life feels better with a mobile phone.
E Using mobiles for text messaging can lead to language problems at school.
F You are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week wherever you are.

Now check your answers.