

LISTENING SKILLS

Fame

(A) Choose the best answer a, b or c. (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

1. Linda works as
a. an agent
2. Famous people serious problems.
c. do have
3. Famous people must be polite and
b. friendly
4. Famous people know when they will be photographed.
b. never
5. Famous people need to have system installed at their house.
a. a security

**(B) Are the following statements True or False?
Write T for True and F for False. (5 x 1 = 5 marks)**

1. Only famous people themselves have little privacy. F
2. Even money causes problems to famous people. T
3. The press always talk in favour of famous people. F
4. Famous people need accountants. T
5. Nobody is interested in the health of famous people. F

Second Listening: Listen to the radio discussion about the problems of being famous for the last time.

(10 x 1 = 10 marks)

C. Complete the passage below to summarise the text.
Use only **ONE** word for each blank.

Linda Thomson is talking about famous people and the problems fame brings to them. Famous people have enough money to live a very **1 comfortable** life but we must consider the **2 pressure** on them to always look good and be polite and friendly. When they go jogging in the park, meet friends or just go **3 shopping** with their family, their hair, make up and **4 clothes** must always look perfect.

Moreover, they must have a security system installed to **5 prevent** fans from breaking into their house, stealing their laundry off the washing line or **6 taking** souvenirs from their rubbish bin.

In addition to this, the photographers **7 secretly** follow them around hoping to get a picture of them doing something **8 embarrassing**. Even their family and friends find they have little privacy and their children have a particularly hard time because their classmates and teachers **9 pretend** to be their friends just to get closer to them.

Money can also cause problems and the press will always criticise them. If, for example, they buy an expensive car, they will say they are showing off. If they buy a cheap car, they might say they are having **10 financial** problems. Generally, their personal life becomes everybody's business. You see, being famous can be quite complicated!