

**I. Listen to the conversation TWICE and choose the best answer for the following questions. Now, you have 45 seconds to read the statements.**

**Paul:** Hello. I'm doing a survey about working life in the city. Can I ask you a few questions?

**Helen:** Er ... Yes, OK.

**Paul:** Can you tell me your name?

**Helen:** Yes, it's Helen Hardcastle.

**Paul:** Hardcastle?

**Helen:** Yes. H-A-R-D.

**Paul:** Right. What do you do?

**Helen:** Well, I work in sales but I'm going to change jobs in a few months. I'm doing a part-time course at Art College and I'm going to be a designer. The money is better in sales, it's very good in fact — but I think design is more interesting.

**Paul:** OK. Good for you. So, where do you work?

**Helen:** I work in an office from Monday to Thursday, but I work from home on Fridays. And I'm at college most evenings so I'm really busy.

**Paul:** Have you ever been to other countries for your job?

**Helen:** Er ... yes, I have, but not many. I went to Italy two years ago and I went to Switzerland once. I haven't been to France. But I'd like to go to a lot more countries.

**Paul:** Great. So, final question. What are you going to be doing in five years' time?

**Helen:** Oh, good question. I'm not going to be richer or famous. That's for sure! But I'd like to find a husband! And I'm going to be in a bigger house with a new job . . . At least, I hope so.

**II. Listen to the text about the inventions of Thomas Edison TWICE and answer the following questions. Now, you have 45 seconds to read the questions.**

In 1854, Thomas Edison was 7 years old. He spent a few months at school, but he couldn't follow the lessons because he couldn't hear well. So his mother taught him at home. Edison loved reading and he enjoyed doing scientific experiments.

He started work when he was only 13. His first job, in 1859, was selling newspapers. Then, from 1862, he worked as a telegraph operator. He spent a lot of time reading technical books and, in 1869, he invented a better telegraph printer. He got \$ 40,000 for this invention. He used the money to build a laboratory in 1870. He produced more inventions. In 1876, he invented a recording machine. He called it a phonograph, it could record words and music and it made him famous internationally.

His next great invention was an electric light bulb, in 1879. Scientists already knew about electricity but they couldn't make a useful light bulb for houses. In 1881 he started companies to produce lighting systems. After a few years, there was electric light all over the world and Edison was rich and very famous.

Next, he experimented with cameras and, in 1891, he produced some of the first moving pictures. He never stopped working and, by 1915, his laboratories employed 10,000 people. He died in 1931.

**III. Listen to a man making a speech TWICE and answer the following questions. Now, you have one minute to read the questions.**

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Can I have some quiet please? We are here today to celebrate the wedding of Tony and Tina, I've known Tony for many years and we've done a lot of things together. Tony has been a great friend to me since we were seven years old. We met at school and we both discovered that we were bad at maths and very good at annoying the teachers.

Tony discovered girls earlier than I did. That's because, while I was worrying about my school work, he was copying my homework and using the free time to go out and find out about life. I believe his first ever girlfriend, Paula, is here. I am sure she is feeling very happy that it's not her in the white dress today. Unfortunately, his other ex-girlfriends couldn't be here today, there was only room for 100 guests and Tony couldn't invite more than this.

I don't think I am losing a friend today. I know now I have a friend who is going to have food on the table and a clean house to stay in. Tony has always been someone I could go to when I was in trouble, and I often have problems, too. Some of you know that, last year, I nearly got married but it didn't happen — and now's not the time to talk about that because this should be a happy occasion. Just to say that Tony helped me at the time, took me out, kept me going. We had a great time and I soon forgot my problems. In fact, it was such a good time that I was hoping that Tony and Tina would break up so that I could do the same for him. Sorry, Tina. Only joking. Of course, Tina helped me as well and, since she came into Tony's life, she has been a great friend, too. I have watched them together to try to learn the secret of a perfect relationship but I am not Tony and I've never met anyone like Tina so I don't think it's a secret, just-two people who are perfect for each other.

