

**Listening**

**A Listen to some people talking on a radio programme about sports and hobbies, and match the speakers to the statements. There is one extra statement.**

**A** The speaker wants to turn his/her hobby into a career.

**B** The speaker's mum is worried about his/her health.

**C** The speaker takes a break from his/her routine at weekends.

**D** The speaker's mum thinks his/her activities are dangerous.

**E** The speaker's parents want him/her to take up a new hobby.

**F** The speaker is very competitive.

Speaker 1 .....

Speaker 2 .....

Speaker 3 .....

Speaker 4 .....

Speaker 5 .....

**Grammar and Vocabulary**

**B Choose the correct item.**

**6** Don't be late. The film ..... at 8:00 pm.

**A** is starting    **B** will start    **C** starts

**7** The plane took off ten minutes after the last passenger had ..... it.

**A** caught    **B** booked    **C** boarded

**8** Amy ..... home yesterday, when she slipped on a banana peel and fell down.

**A** walked    **B** was walking    **C** had walked

**9** This picture ..... at the beginning of the century.

**A** painted    **B** had painted    **C** was painted

**10** Jill is very honest. I ..... she cheated in the test.

**A** not believe    **B** don't believe    **C** am not believing

**11** The cat went ..... the mouse, but was unable to catch it.

**A** off    **B** through    **C** after

**12** Helen isn't good ..... physics, but she gets very high marks in maths.

**A** with    **B** to    **C** at

**13** Look at Martha's expression. She ..... screaming any minute now!

**A** is starting    **B** is going to start    **C** will start

**14** It's unlikely that Steve will change his mind. He's too ..... .

**A** flexible    **B** stubborn    **C** reliable

**15** Be patient and don't give ..... . I know you can do it!

**A** up    **B** away    **C** out

**16** Lisa ..... have cooked this delicious meal. She doesn't even know how to boil an egg!

**A** mustn't    **B** shouldn't    **C** can't

**17** Alexander Graham Bell ..... the first telephone.

**A** invented    **B** was invented    **C** has invented

**18** This may be an old car, but it's still ..... very good condition.

**A** on    **B** at    **C** in

**19** Alan said that he ..... help us move house next week.

**A** will    **B** is going to    **C** would

**20** Ben tells the ..... jokes I've ever heard.

**A** funnier    **B** funniest    **C** most funny

**21** Helen didn't have enough money on her, so she paid for the books ..... credit card.

**A** with    **B** by    **C** in

- 22 Anne asked her new classmate where ..... from.  
 A did he come    B he came    C does he come
- 23 Bob wants to earn more ..... so that he can buy his own house someday.  
 A money    B salary    C wage
- 24 If Frank ..... us, we wouldn't have finished the project on time.  
 A wouldn't help    B didn't help    C hadn't helped
- 25 Luckily, there are ..... student volunteers at the non-profit organisation.  
 A a lot of    B plenty    C a little

## Reading

**C Read the texts and answer the following questions.**

**A** Born October 14, 1952 in Vladimir, Nikolai Andrianov first signed up for gymnastics classes at the age of 11. Having difficulty balancing gymnastics and all that homework his teachers gave him, he almost quit, but Tolkachov, his trainer, encouraged and helped him to go on trying. Between 1971 and 1980, he was at the top of many international gymnastics competitions, including the World Championships. He participated in the 1972, 1976 and the 1980 Olympic Games in which he won 15 medals, the most a man has won in Olympic competition. In 2001 he was introduced into the *International Gymnastics Hall of Fame*.

**B** Oksana Baiul was born in Ukraine on February 26, 1977. She began skating at the age of four and although orphaned at thirteen, she was cared for by her coach. When he left the country, she lived with her new coach, Galina Zmievskaya. At fifteen, Oksana won the World Figure Skating Championship and a couple of years later, participated in the 1994 Winter Olympics. She almost missed one of the competitions due to a warm-up accident. However, she was not severely injured and went on to win an Olympic gold medal.

**C** Michael Gross was known as the best swimmer between 1981 and 1988. Born in Frankfurt on June 17, 1964, people referred to him as "The Albatross" because of his extremely long arms. At age 19, Gross set his first world record, then set 4 world records in four different events over the next three years. He also won two world titles and four European titles. He competed in the Summer Olympics of 1984 and 1988 in which he won six medals. During the 1984 Olympics, his freestyle relay team was defeated by the Americans, earning the American team the title of 'Grossbusters'.

**D** Carl Lewis was born on July 1, 1961 in Birmingham, Alabama. Introduced to track and field by his athletic parents, Lewis first broke the long jump record while in high school. In 1984, he returned home with four gold medals after his first Olympics. Later, participating in the Summer Olympics of 1988, 1992 and 1996, he won another 5 gold medals and a silver one. He was also named 'athlete of the year' 3 years in a row by *Track and Field* magazine and 'sportsman of the century' by the International Olympic Committee.

**Which of the athletes (A, B, C or D) ...**

e.g. has a nickname? *D*

- 26 was pushed by their coach to continue their effort?.....
- 27 and their team lost to a US team?.....
- 28 got first place in an Olympic event even after being hurt? .....
- 29 was honoured by a publication and an athletic organisation? .....
- 30 has won the most medals in Olympic history? .....
- 31 had a problem managing their schedule? .....