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Recording 1

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in Recording 1 before the recording begins.

Questions 1–4: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) one box.

1. According to Dr Farias, mindfulness: 1

- A benefits mental wellbeing.
- B is part of Buddhism.
- C has been criticized recently.
- D is more effective than psychotherapy.

2. Dr Farias believes that: 1

- A meditation may not benefit everybody.
- B we will never know what the benefits of meditation are.
- C it is better to just take some time off and relax.
- D enthusiasm for meditation has led to more research.

3. *The Buddha Pill* is: 1

- A a film Dr Farias made with a clinical psychologist.
- B a book he wrote with another author.
- C a book he wrote on his own.
- D a film he made on his own.



Recording 1 questions (continued)

4. *The Buddha Pill* makes the point that meditation: 1

- A makes us more compassionate and sympathetic.
- B could reduce violence in the world.
- C can take the place of science.
- D can be seen as a substitute for religion.

5. Complete the sentences below. Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.

(a) Many people think that mindfulness will soon _____
 _____ . 1

(b) Some Buddhists _____
 about their techniques being used. 1

(c) There has been a rise in mental health problems in _____
 _____ . 1

(d) Using mindfulness to treat these may only be treating _____
 _____ . 1

6. Choose the correct answer for this question and tick (✓) one box.

Which of these best summarises Dr Farias' thoughts about mindfulness? 1

- A It is good for general health.
- B It is seen to be a good idea.
- C It has no real benefits.
- D It has a negative effect on people.



Recording 2

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in Recording 2 before the recording begins.

7. Complete the sentences below. Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.

- (a) According to Anna, changing jobs frequently is _____ . 1
- (b) Peter's role allows him a lot of _____ . 1
- (c) As regards work, 'millennials' have _____ . 1
- (d) Peter believes that at some point young people have to _____ . 1

Questions 8–11: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) **one** box.

8. Which best describes Anna's attitude towards her work life? 1

- A She's proud she's never had a proper job.
- B She'd love to find a secure, life-long job.
- C She enjoys the thrill of new job challenges.
- D She finds all her jobs boring and restrictive.

9. According to Peter, the most important factor in deciding to change jobs is: 1

- A individual circumstances.
- B a person's career plan.
- C the size of the organization.
- D opportunities in the job market.



Recording 2 questions (continued)

10. According to Anna, a person who constantly changes jobs is:

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A a risk for employers.

B fresh and adaptable.

C unadaptable and unreliable.

D a big asset to employers.

11. The programme is mainly about:

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A why young people change jobs frequently.

B how long people stay in jobs and why.

C why older people prefer secure jobs.

D how employers view young workers.

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Recording 3

Listen to the recording and attempt the questions which follow. You will hear the recording twice. You now have one minute to read the questions in Recording 3 before the recording begins.

Questions 12–15: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) one box.

12. Which university applicants are to be given the highest priority? 1

- A Applicants who have been in care.
- B Applicants from poorer families.
- C Applicants from middle-class homes.
- D Applicants from state schools.

13. Which one of these statements is true? 1

- A 20 percent of university students come from the poorest fifth of the community.
- B Universities do not have equal proportions of disadvantaged students.
- C Middle-class parents are generally in favour of the new system.
- D Students from poorer backgrounds are more likely to finish their courses.

14. State school students at medical school: 1

- A perform better than students from private schools.
- B score higher marks than they did in the entry tests.
- C are less motivated than students from private schools.
- D don't have well-developed non-academic attributes.



Recording 3 questions (continued)

15. Which of these is true of the presenter's school?

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A It was a state school.

B He didn't enjoy this school.

C He didn't have much freedom there.

D He did his homework at home.

16. Complete the sentences below. Use **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each answer.

(a) Recruitment of new pupils at the presenter's school partly relied on

_____ .

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(b) Some of his friends _____
at university.

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Questions 17–18: Choose the correct answer for each question and tick (✓) **one** box.

17. What is the presenter's attitude to private schools?

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A He feels they are better in some ways.

B He thinks they give an unfair advantage in all areas.

C He dislikes them because of his own bad experiences.

D He thinks their pupils are better-equipped for later life.

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Recording 3 questions (continued)

18. What is the main focus of this talk?

- A Current university admissions policy.
- B Social background and success at university.
- C State schools versus private schools.
- D Unfair advantages for poorer applicants.

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