## **CEFR Illustrative tasks: listening**

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You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions A1-A8, circle the best answer (1, 2 or 3). You will hear each recording twice.

- A1. You hear part of a radio program. The speaker says that in his business he has to
  - 1. be careful about revealing his real feelings.
  - 2. always worry about investing his money.
  - 3. beware of dishonest commercial offers.
- A2. Michael fails to contact his colleague, Jason, because
  - 1. he is bad at keeping his notes in order.
  - 2. his wife hasn't written down Jason's number.
  - 3. he is not on good terms with Jason's secretary.
- A3. You overhear a conversation between a husband and wife. What is the woman trying to do?
  - 1. to convince the man to give up some of his bad habits
  - 2. to make the man understand how serious his health problems are
  - 3. to persuade the man to hire a personal fitness instructor
- A4. You hear part of a radio program about culture shock. How does the speaker describe culture shock?
  - 1. as a reaction against the influence of foreign values
  - 2. as a succession of different emotions
  - 3. as a process of losing one's cultural identity

A5. You hear part of a public speech. What is the main message of the man's speech?

- 1. The film nominated for the Crystal Globe festival has become very popular in Kenya.
- 2. The success of the film can influence the economic development of the country.
- 3. The film touches upon some important issues of the Kenyan tourist business.
- A6. The speaker thinks that the feeling of success comes to a person who has
  - 1. found the right balance between money and fame.
  - 2. produced a song that pleases both himself and his audience.
  - 3. created his own special style in the musical world.
- A7. You hear part of a thank-you speech of a woman who has just been promoted to the position of Head of Department. Why do her colleagues think she is the right person for this position?
  - 1. She has a well-deserved reputation for working with customers.
  - 2. She is good at developing business strategies for the department.
  - 3. She has been a loyal employee for many years.
- A8. You hear an advertisement on the radio. What is so special about the *AdSense* program on the Internet?
  - 1. AdSense is run by one of the most popular search engines, Google.
  - 2. It gives more business opportunities than any other program of the same type.
  - 3. Using AdSense the website owners do not need to look for advertisers.

**Answer key:** A1-3, A2-1, A3-1, A4-2, A5-2, A6-2, A7-2, A8-3.