



**Exams Corner — Listening** (pp.80-81)

Announcer : William, a DJ for a local radio station, is interviewing a tennis champion.

Listen to the radio programme and also use the Background Facts to complete the Fact Sheet. You have one minute to read the Background Facts and the questions on the Fact Sheet.

The radio programme will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and complete all answers the second time.

The conversation will begin now.

[William : Hello, everyone. I'm William Moyers. <sup>①</sup> Tonight on *At the Net* we have Jimmy Sanchez, a former tennis champion from Spain and now he's a sports announcer. Good evening Jimmy.

Jimmy : Hi, William. Thank you for having me back on the show.

William : You're welcome. Now, Jimmy, tonight we're talking about great tennis players. Who comes to your mind when I say great tennis players?

Jimmy : Without a doubt, I have to say Roger Federer. <sup>②</sup> He's the best player the game has ever seen.

William : He's good, but do you really think he's the best player in tennis history?

Jimmy : Look at what he's done, William. From 2004 to 2008, he was ranked number one. <sup>③</sup> That's 237 weeks in a row at number one.

William : And that's a record, right?

Jimmy : That's right. 237 weeks in a row at number one is certainly a record. <sup>④</sup> Here's another record: he's appeared

in 23 Grand Slam matches. <sup>⑩</sup> And can you believe that he's the first man to have won 16 Grand Slam finals? It's absolutely amazing!

William : OK, he's played in 23 Grand Slams and has won 16 of those. Those are a lot of numbers, but what about Federer the player? What can you say about him?

Jimmy : He's fast on the court, and creative as well as powerful. <sup>⑪</sup> He's got a powerful and lightning fast forehand stroke, which has earned him the nickname 'Federer Express'.

William : Agreed. That forehand is certainly the Federer Express. His opponents must fear it.

Jimmy : They fear it and they fear Federer. As one announcer said, 'In tennis, you're either a great player on a grass court, or a great player on a hard court or a clay court. <sup>⑫</sup> But Roger Federer is a great player on any court.' ]

Announcer : Now listen to the radio programme again.

**Repeat [ ]**

You now have one minute to check your answers.