



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

Announcer : The radio hosts, Richard and Chloe, are talking about two films about pets.

The six dialogues will be played once only. Listen to the dialogues and answer each question that follows when you hear a beep.

You have 30 seconds to read the questions below.

The radio programme will begin now.

Richard : Hello, everyone. Welcome to Pet Talk. I'm Richard Poon...

Chloe : And I'm Chloe Chan. And this week on Pet Talk we're going to do something a bit different.

Richard : That's right. Tonight, instead of our usual talk about pets, we're going to recommend two great films about pets.

Chloe : The first one is a film called *Eight Below*. <sup>①</sup> It's a film about a team of 8 sledge dogs who save 3 Americans from a horrible storm in Antarctica. They include a scientist and 2 guides. A helicopter takes the men away but the dogs are chained and left behind.

Announcer : Question number 1.

How many people are saved from the storm? \*

Chloe : The scientist promises to return after the storm to save the dogs, but the storm continues. So the dogs must survive on their own. <sup>②</sup> The film then shows how the dogs survive in Antarctica, and how Jerry, one of the guides, finds a way to leave the USA and return to Antarctica to rescue the dogs.

Announcer : Question number 2.

Which of the following sentences are true? \*

Richard : It's a great story. Very touching, and if I remember correctly, it's based on a true story of a team of Japanese scientists in Antarctica in 1957.

Chloe : That's right, Richard. <sup>③</sup> And it was first made into a film in Japan in 1983. This film, *Eight Below*, was released in 2006. It's a wonderful story that shows the deep friendship between humans and dogs. I highly recommend it.

Announcer : Question number 3.

When was this story made into a film in Japan? \*

Richard : Now the next film is *Babe*. This film is about a little pig who tries to find his identity and role on a farm. Soon after being born, he's separated from his family and is given the name Babe. <sup>④</sup> Babe is sad and finds himself on a very unusual farm of Farmer Hogget. There, he is adopted by Fly, a dog which he calls Mum. He also becomes friends with Ferdinand, a duck who thinks he's a rooster.

Announcer : Question number 4.

Who does Babe call Mum? \*

Richard : <sup>⑤</sup> On the farm, Babe learns that pigs usually end up on the dinner table. So, wanting to make himself useful, Babe decides that he will learn to herd sheep. All the other animals, except Fly and her puppies, think Babe is crazy. And at first, even Farmer Hogget is unsure if Babe can do it.

Announcer : Question number 5.

Why does Babe want to learn to herd sheep? \*

Richard : <sup>6</sup> Little by little, Babe shows his special ability as a 'sheep-pig' — he talks to the sheep politely rather than yelling at them like the dogs do. Even Farmer Hogget notices Babe's ability to control the sheep and starts to like Babe. So he decides to enter him in the sheep herding competition.

Announcer : Question number 6.

How does Babe control the sheep? \*

Chloe : I love this film. An excellent choice, Richard. It's certainly a great film for the whole family.

Announcer : You now have 30 seconds to check your answers.