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**Narrator: Listening Test**

**Protest**

### *Section 1*

*You will hear a news reporter for the radio reporting from the site of a controversial new factory.*

*The recording will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all the questions the second time.*

*You have 30 seconds to look at your questions.*

*[30 sec music]*

*Listen and answer the questions.*

(fade in and out: the sound effects of crowds chanting and protesting with some background noises e.g. sirens and car horns)

{Reporter: Well, here I am at the controversial site of a new factory which is due to begin operating tomorrow. While some people expect the factory to be good for the economy, it has been worrying some people due to its potential environmental impact. Protesters have been demonstrating outside the factory for days now – holding up signs, singing songs and chanting, and some have been trying to block roads and stop people entering the factory to do their jobs.

So, what is the problem? We have two protesters and the factory owner here with us now. Let's hear what they have to say.

Woman: Well, the major problem is that the factory will cause pollution, in particular air pollution. This can cause health problems for people who live here, for example asthma, which causes problems with breathing.

Reporter: Thank you, madam. I'm sure that you have every reason to worry about the possible negative impacts brought by the factory.

Now let's hear what the other side has to say. We have the factory owner, Mr Orwin, with us. So, Mr Orwin, what do you think the factory can bring to the neighbourhood apart from the problems mentioned by the protester?

Factory owner: The building of our factory can have a positive effect on the local economy by creating more jobs and providing better living standards to people in this area. Look at China today.

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Industrialization brings economic growth to Chinese people. I believe the same can happen here.

Reporter: Thank you, Mr Orwin. I'm now standing next to another protester who would like to share his concerns about the factory with us.

Man: *[derisive]* I think Mr Orwin may think too much about the growth his factory might bring to the community. It is important but it's not the only thing and far from the most important. *[angry]* He ignores the fact that the factory will also bring a lot of negative effects to the community.

Reporter: Can you give us some examples?

Man: *[less angry]* The factory can cause noise pollution, air pollution, water pollution, traffic jams and the reduction in visibility, which has been getting worse in some parts of the world for some time, just to name a few.

Reporter: Thank you. I'm now standing right in front of the protester's camps. Some of them are very angry and have even... }

***Narrator: Now listen to the recording again.***

*[repeat recording {}]*

***You have 30 seconds to check your answers.***

*[30 sec music]*

***This is the end of Section 1.***