Hurricane Hunters

You are going to listen to three parts of an interview with a woman who makes her living by flying into hurricanes. There will be a pause after each part when you can answer the questions.

Answer the questions either by writing a few words or by marking the best alternative – A, B, C or D – in the boxes. You can take notes in the margin while you listen. Base your answers on the information in the programme. You will hear the interview TWICE, the second time without any pauses. At the end you will have one minute to check all your answers.

Part 1

1 When is the hurricane season?

2 A strong wind is called a hurricane when…
   A the air starts to spin
   B the pressure increases
   C it reaches a certain speed
   D it changes direction

3 The Hurricane Hunters get reports about an approaching storm from…
   A returning aircraft
   B eye-witness reports
   C radio sensors at sea
   D a forecasting service

4 What do the Hurricane Hunters notice about the sea when they are approaching the storm? Give one example.

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5 What do the Hurricane Hunters measure? Mention two things. (2pts)
   • __________________________________________________________
   • __________________________________________________________

6 The “eye wall” around the hurricane’s open centre consists of…

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Part 2

7  Getting hit by lightning in a plane…
   A  happens now and again
   B  sounds worse than it is
   C  is almost unheard of
   D  is more dangerous at sea

8  Where is a hurricane called a typhoon?

9  The crew don’t think about the risks while flying because…
   A  of the thrill flying gives them
   B  the dangers are exaggerated
   C  of the many safety measures
   D  they don’t have time to think

10 Why is it necessary to use headsets when communicating?

11 Being in the eye of a storm is compared to being somewhere else. Where?
Part 3

12 How many trips back and forth are needed to collect enough data?
   A up to four
   B ten to twelve
   C less than seven
   D no more than three

13 What does Valerie say is the practical use of the Hurricane Hunters’ work?

14 She first heard about the Hurricane Hunters …

15 What did she do after college?

16 Why wasn’t she very optimistic about getting a job as a Hurricane Hunter?
   A Maths was a problem for her
   B It’s very difficult to be accepted
   C She had little practical experience
   D They prefer non-military personnel

17 What does she encourage other people to do?