

UNIT 5: CONSUMERISM

D. LISTENING

Exercise 1. In this unit, you will learn about Section 1 of the IELTS Listening test and practise the skills you need to answer five-option multiple-choice questions. The topic of this unit is libraries. Read the information. Then read the sentences from different conversations and decide who is speaking. Choose the correct answers.

In IELTS Listening test, section 1 the conversation is always with two speaker, and five – option multiple choice questions may test your ability to understand specific details (e.g. the health benefits of doing yoga or times when you can visit a local gym) or the main ideas or opinions you hear (e.g. I think yoga is a better form of exercise than lifting weights).

When you listen to the conversation, it is useful to understand the roles of each speaker (e.g. teacher and student or shop assistant and customer).

- A an architect
- B a library assistant
- C a member of the library
- D a computer specialist
- E a local journalist I'm writing an article about the library for the local newspaper.

1. I've got my library card with me. I'm interested in science fiction, mainly. _____
2. What I like best is ordering new books and recommending them to people. _____
3. I designed the new library. _____
4. I'm working on a new piece of software for the library. _____

Exercise 2. Read the information. Then listen to the recording and answer the question. Choose two letters, A–E. (🔊 Track 5.1)

In an IELTS five- options multiple choice question:

- There will be five options (A – E) to choose from
- You will always be asked to choose TWO of these five options
- The options will not be in the same order that they appear in the conversation (i.e. if the first option in a list of buildings is A library , the speaker may not mention a library until the middle or the end of their conversation).

Which **TWO** people are taking part in the conversation about the new library?

- ☐ A an architect
- ☐ B a member of the library
- ☐ C a library assistant
- ☐ D a computer specialist
- ☐ E a local journalist

Exercise 3. Listen to the recording and answer the question. Choose the correct letters, A–E (🔊 Track 5.2)

Which **TWO** services does the library currently offer?

- ☐ A a language-learning class for adults
- ☐ B an after-school club for teenagers
- ☐ C an evening art class
- ☐ D a morning book-discussion group
- ☐ E a story-reading session for young children

Exercise 4. Listen to the recording. Choose TWO correct answers (🔊 Track 5.3)

*Which **TWO** things can library users do on the library website?*

- ☐ **A** pay fines for books which are returned late
- ☐ **B** apply to renew a library membership card if one gets lost
- ☐ **C** do searches for books which have become bestsellers
- ☐ **D** comment on books and authors they've read
- ☐ **E** update details of their home address if they want to

Exercise 5. Listen to the conversation and choose TWO letters A-E for each question (1-4). (🔊 Track 5.4)

1. Which TWO reasons does Irina give for visiting the exhibition?

- A** to meet a friend
- B** to improve her knowledge
- C** to buy something
- D** to check prices
- E** to entertain her child

2. Which TWO devices has Irina bought recently?

- A** a calculator
- B** a computer
- C** a camera
- D** a phone
- E** a digital recorder

3. What TWO things does Irina like about the building?

- A** the electric lights
- B** the space
- C** the activity
- D** the ceiling
- E** the entrance

4. Which TWO problems did Irina have coming to the exhibition?

- A** driving in heavy traffic
- B** finding the car park
- C** parking the car
- D** waiting to enter the exhibition
- E** standing outside in the rain

Exercise 6. Listen to the conversation and answer questions 1-6. Choose TWO letters, A-E. (🔊 Track 5.5)

Questions 1-2

*Which **TWO** criteria will the students use to choose a successful person?*

- A.** age
- B.** gender
- C.** individual talent
- D.** fame
- E.** global importance

Questions 3-4

*Which **TWO** things do the students agree to do before they meet again?*

- A.** write a biography
- B.** conduct more research
- C.** find photographs
- D.** write a talk
- E.** plan a seminar

Questions 5-6

*Which **TWO** things do the students agree are linked to success?*

- A.** wealth
- B.** experience
- C.** talent
- D.** effort
- E.** location