

Homework (Communicative Course)

Listen to six different people talking. Match the speakers (1–6) with the statements (a–h). There are two extra statements.  53

- Speaker 1
Speaker 2
Speaker 3
Speaker 4
Speaker 5
Speaker 6
- a He wishes the classes weren't compulsory.
 - b If only she weren't so busy all the time.
 - c If only he had listened to his friend.
 - d He would rather have joined the other group.
 - e She wishes they could understand how she really feels.
 - f If only she'd been more serious about her studies.
 - g He wishes that he could have played basketball instead.
 - h She'd rather focus on less creative subjects.

Listen to part of an interview with Professor Richard Florida. What seems to be the main point of his theories?  54

- a the loss of sense of community in our cities and the resulting damage
- b the exploding populations of our cities and our inability to support this
- c the increasing concentration of creativity and innovation in our cities
- d decreasing innovation because of people and firms clustering together

Listen to some of Professor Florida's statements. Decide if they are fact (F) or opinion (O).  55

- 1 ____ 2 ____ 3 ____ 4 ____
5 ____ 6 ____ 7 ____ 8 ____

Listen to the interview again and answer the questions.  54

- 1 What does the professor say increasingly determines a person's prosperity?
 - a location
 - b economic trends
 - c education
- 2 What word is in the title of both of Professor Florida's books?
 - a economy
 - b city
 - c creative
- 3 How many world centres of innovation does the professor mention?
 - a 3
 - b 4
 - c 5
- 4 What does the professor say is the downside to all of this innovation and development?
 - a growing concentration
 - b growing inequality
 - c growing prosperity
- 5 What percentage of the population does the professor say now lives in cities?
 - a less than 20 percent
 - b more than 40 percent
 - c more than 50 percent
- 6 How many of our new innovations does the professor say come from mega-regions?
 - a less than 20 percent
 - b 2/3
 - c 90 percent
- 7 Why does the professor say that sense of community is so important?
 - a because so many people have been dislocated
 - b because so many people have anchors
 - c because so many people want to live alone
- 8 What does the professor say he is attracted to?
 - a a remade suburb
 - b a place with a soul
 - c a livable city