

DUBAI, BANKING AND RUNNING MATES

(CPE Listening Paper - Part 1)



You hear a lecturer in psychology talking about the Western World's attitude to Dubai.

1. What transformation has Dubai made?

- A. it has turned into a global centre of trade
- B. it has moved away from consumerist mentality
- C. it has become a major tourism hub

2. What does the speaker find disturbing?

- A. the way tourists embrace Dubai's capitalist culture
- B. tourists' willingness to pretend not to see the injustices going on
- C. tourists' ignorance about what is really happening



You hear two guests on a radio talk show discussing a recent banking scandal.

3. What did the report reveal?

- A. UK and US banks were laundering money
- B. widespread misconduct in the UK banking system
- C. an isolated case of improper conduct by an UK bank

4. What does the female speaker think should happen to those in charge of the banks?

- A. they should be forced to quit their jobs
- B. they should have to stand trial
- C. they should admit their guilt and move on



You hear a lecturer in politics talking to a group of students about tactics in US presidential elections.

5. What point is the speaker making about Kennedy's choice of running mate?

- A. it was a confusing one since the two men were not likeminded
- B. it is preferable to pick a running mate with contrasting political views
- C. his decision was motivated by wanting to

6. Why did John McCain fall out of favour with the public?

- A. he was a poor public speaker
- B. his running mate undermined his credibility
- C. he was associated with incompetence and corruption