

Conversations

Directions: You will hear a conversation between two or more people. Choose the best answer to each question.

1. According to Susan Cain, what distinguishes an introvert from a shy person?

- (A) Introverts dislike people, while shy people avoid responsibility.
- (B) Introverts fear being judged, while shy people dislike noise.
- (C) Shy people enjoy quiet time, while introverts are always antisocial.
- (D) Introverts seek quiet environments; shyness involves social anxiety.

2. What major cultural shift does Cain identify as influencing the rise of the "extrovert ideal"?

- (A) The shift from a character-based to a personality-based society
- (B) The industrial revolution's emphasis on physical labor
- (C) The introduction of public education and standardized testing
- (D) The emergence of the digital age and social media

3. What concern does Cain raise about modern office design?

- (A) The technology is outdated for extroverts.
- (B) Open spaces reduce collaboration.
- (C) Fewer group meetings are held.
- (D) Lack of privacy hinders introvert productivity.

4. What does Cain suggest about introverts in leadership roles?

- (A) They tend to struggle with decision-making.
- (B) They often empower proactive employees more effectively.
- (C) They are less likely to inspire their teams.
- (D) They micromanage team members unintentionally.

5. How does Cain describe the current cultural approach to group work and brainstorming?

- (A) It fosters innovation by promoting extroversion.
- (B) It minimizes conflict by limiting group input.
- (C) It equally values all voices.
- (D) It sometimes overlooks the value of solitude.

6. What was Cain's response to the idea that her book might offend extroverts?

- (A) She emphasized that the book critiques the cultural ideal, not extroverts themselves.
- (B) She explained that the book targets corporate leadership.
- (C) She agreed that extroverts are underrepresented.
- (D) She clarified that extroversion is not ideal.