

Worksheet Listening 9

Three extracts

You will hear three different extracts. Choose the answer which fits best according to what you hear.

Extract 1

You hear two friends discussing a book about introverts.

1. How did the book make the man feel?
 - a. unsure what makes him an introvert
 - b. positive about his personality
 - c. relieved that his behaviour is normal

2. The speaker agrees that the book
 - a. contained too much detailed research.
 - b. was written in an academic style.
 - c. presented an unbalanced argument.

Extract 2

You hear two friends discussing online friendships.

3. What do the speakers agree about the way people use social networking sites?
 - a. Too much personal information is provided.
 - b. People aren't honest enough.
 - c. There is very little privacy.

4. What is the man's attitude to his online friendships?
 - a. He is irritated by online friends' lack of sensitivity.
 - b. He is concerned that he still maintains online relationships.
 - c. He is worried about losing online friendships.

Extract 3

You hear part of a discussion with two people who decided to stay offline for a month.

5. How did the woman feel after the first week offline?
 - a. content to be able to focus on other things
 - b. disturbed by the isolation
 - c. used to the lack of contact

6. Why would the man recommend the experience?
 - a. It changed his attitude to online friendships.
 - b. It made him realise that he was addicted to the internet.
 - c. It helped him to have self-discipline.

Multiple choice

You will hear an interview with Angus Johnson, who does research into longevity. For questions 1-6, choose the best answer a, b, c or d.

1. What does Dr Johnson think about people who attribute longevity to genetic factors?
 - a. They are deliberately ignoring the evidence.
 - b. They are unwilling to face reality.
 - c. It may lead them to take silly risks.
 - d. They lack confidence in this belief.
2. How does Dr Johnson respond when people say most people die young in the past?
 - a. He explains that this was due to the prevalence of untreatable illnesses.
 - b. He agrees on the basis that so many people died in their infancy.
 - c. He says that people should look at examples from the past.
 - d. He explains that people aged much more quickly in the past.
3. When, according to Dr Johnson, can a job shorten life expectancy?
 - a. When it is so disagreeable that people are really unhappy at work.
 - b. When the burden of responsibility is too great.
 - c. When there is a demand to meet unrealistic deadlines.
 - d. When workers are paid in accordance with how much they produce.
4. How does Dr Johnson explain the role of conscientiousness in longevity?
 - a. It makes people feel anxious about their health.
 - b. It forces people to change the way they live.
 - c. It makes people consider simplifying their lives.
 - d. It ensures that people take good care of themselves.
5. Dr Johnson says that marriage contributes to women's longevity
 - a. if they are content with the relationship.
 - b. if their partner is happy about their being together.
 - c. if they get married when they're young.
 - d. if their partner also lives for a long time.
6. What is Dr Johnson's attitude to the theory about the longevity of widows?
 - a. He is not fully convinced but hopes it is valid.
 - b. He believes future research will prove it to be false.
 - c. He acknowledges the possible existence of alternative theories.
 - d. He dismisses it as mere speculation that requires proper study.