

Test Practice

Listen to part of a conversation between a student and a professor and take notes. Then answer the questions.

1. Why does the student visit the professor?
 - ☐ To ask a question about the test
 - ☐ To ask the professor about her research topic
 - ☐ To ask the professor to recommend which books to read
 - ☐ To get advice about revising her research project
2. What can be inferred about the student's visit?
 - ☐ She usually sees this professor at this time every week.
 - ☐ She confirmed the meeting earlier with the professor.
 - ☐ She did not make an appointment to see the professor.
 - ☐ It is not during the professor's office hours.
3. What can be inferred about the student?
 - ☐ She has not written many research papers.
 - ☐ She is not good at describing her research.
 - ☐ She finds the research project difficult.
 - ☐ She has not done much research about her topic.
4. What is implied about the student's project?
 - ☐ The details are not clearly organized.
 - ☐ The conclusions are too general.
 - ☐ The arguments are not related to the topic.
 - ☐ There are insufficient references.
5. What is the professor's attitude to the student's work?
 - ☐ He is doubtful whether it will pass.
 - ☐ It will need a lot of work to be acceptable.
 - ☐ It has good points but needs some improvement.
 - ☐ It needs to be completely rewritten.



TEST TIP: Listening section (office hours conversations)

Office hours are the hours when a professor is available in his or her office to see students individually. At the start of the audio, pay close attention to who the speakers are. This will be announced by the narrator and will help you predict what the conversation could be about. If the conversation is between a student and a professor, topics may include questions about grades, help with assignments, requests for extensions, or clarification of topics discussed in class. The first question is often a gist-purpose question asking about the purpose of the student's visit.