

► FOLLOW-UP EXERCISE ♀ (CD 1 - Tracks 76-77)

Listen to the interview with a Japanese professor and choose the best option A, B, C, or D.

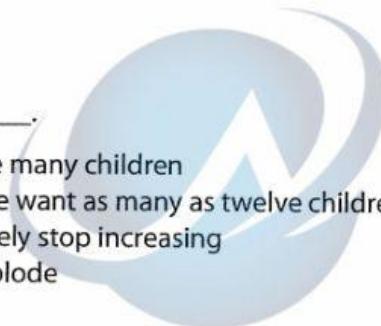
1. The interview is mostly about _____.
(A) how life has changed from 1900 up to now
(B) why people are optimistic about the future
(C) why we should be ready for future changes
(D) how life will change in the future

2. ____ is/are NOT mentioned as a present change.
(A) DNA
(B) Microchips
(C) The Internet
(D) World population

3. The professor implies that _____.
(A) poor people tend to have many children
(B) some middle-class people want as many as twelve children
(C) world population will surely stop increasing
(D) world population will explode

4. The professor mentions English as a(n) _____.
(A) language mainly used on the Internet
(B) international language
(C) tool for the telephone system
(D) language for global business

5. The professor probably thinks that humans are stupid when _____.
(A) they do not use technology to improve their intelligence
(B) they fight religious wars against other races
(C) they use technology to harm each other and nature
(D) they destroy the environment for money



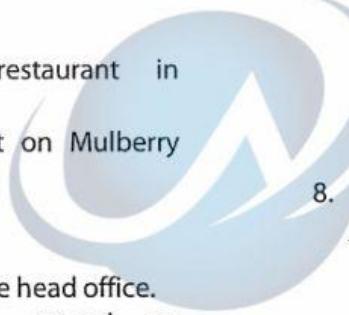
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C. LISTENING PROGRESS TEST

PART ONE ♀ (CD 2 - Tracks 2-12)

Listen to the conversations and choose the best answers.

1. (A) At 7 a.m. tomorrow.
(B) At 7 p.m. tomorrow.
(C) At noon tomorrow.
(D) Before lunchtime tomorrow.
2. (A) Going to the cinema.
(B) Meeting Jack Black.
(C) Joining a meeting.
(D) Going with Joe and Jack.
3. (A) At home.
(B) In a romantic restaurant in Melbourne.
(C) In a new restaurant on Mulberry Street.
(D) At a food stall.
4. (A) He is going to visit the head office.
(B) He is going to attend an international conference.
(C) He is holding a party at an expensive hotel.
(D) He is having an important business meeting.
5. (A) They go on vacation.
(B) They go to the beach.
(C) They gather and cook food.
(D) They go out for dinner.



PART TWO ♀ (CD2 - Tracks 13-14)

Listen to the interview and choose the best option A, B, C, or D.

6. The interview is mainly about _____.
(A) how to improve security in a neighborhood
(B) how dangerous a neighborhood is
(C) living conditions in a neighborhood
(D) how happy people are living in their neighborhood
7. The female speaker lives at _____.
(A) the house number 23
(B) the house number 25
(C) the house across from the post office
(D) her daughter's house
8. It can be inferred from the interview that _____.
(A) the female speaker has only one daughter
(B) the female speaker has more than one kid
(C) the female speaker's daughter is six months old
(D) the female speaker's daughter moved out six months ago
9. The female speaker moved to the neighborhood _____.
(A) 6 years ago
(B) 13 years ago
(C) after she left Canada
(D) after she got married
10. The female speaker will probably _____.
(A) tell one more thing that should be changed
(B) buy a new flashlight
(C) stop going out at night
(D) put more lights around her house

PART THREE (CD 2 - Tracks 15-16)

Listen to part of a lecture and choose the best options to fill in the summary.

After presenting a definition of culture, the lecturer (11) _____ a cultural research, "the global teenager hypothesis", in 2004. This hypothesis assumes that teenagers around the world are (12) _____ each other regarding values and attitudes. The research, whose subject is *materialism*, was conducted in 3 countries on a sample of (13) _____ high school students coming from middle-class families in medium-sized cities. The students were asked to say if they agree or disagree with 7 statements in a questionnaire. The 1st statement was that money could make the respondents happy. The 2nd statement related the respondents' dream in life with expensive things... The 5th statement rated the right (14) _____ as the most important. Regarding the result, Japanese students agreed most strongly that money meant happiness, the Americans were second, and the Chinese agreed least. However, American students strongly agreed that it was important to own expensive things while the Chinese still agreed the least. With the fifth statement, the Americans agreed (15) _____. These results took the lecturer to the conclusion that (16) _____.

11. (A) exemplifies
(B) clarifies
(C) explains
(D) strongly criticizes
12. (A) exactly the same as
(B) slightly different from
(C) more or less the same as
(D) highly similar to
13. (A) 550
(B) 556
(C) 560
(D) 956
14. (A) professions
(B) positions
(C) personal belongings
(D) promotions
15. (A) the least strongly of all
(B) more strongly than the Chinese
(C) more strongly than the Japanese
(D) the most strongly of all
16. (A) the researchers had made a hasty assumption
(B) there needs to be more research on this subject
(C) the data did not support the hypothesis at all
(D) the data was not reliable