

Listening Comprehension

In the Listening Comprehension section of the test, you will have an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to understand spoken English. There are 3 parts to this section with special directions for each part. Answer all the questions on the basis of what is stated or implied by the speakers in this test.

In Part A, you will hear short conversations between 2 people. After each conversation, you will hear a question about the conversation. The conversations and questions will not be repeated.

After you hear a question, read the 4 possible answers on the screen and select the best answer by clicking on it.

Here is an example.

On the recording, you hear:

On the screen, you read:

- A. He does not like the painting either.
- B. He does not know how to paint.
- C. He does not have any paintings.
- D. He does not know what to do.

You learn from the conversation that neither the man nor the woman likes the painting. The best answer to the question "What does the man mean?" is A, "He does not like the painting either." Therefore, the correct choice is A.

Practice Questions

PART A

1. The answer to question 1 is:

- A. Lock the computer lab later
- B. Leave with the man
- C. Buy a new lock for the computer lab
- D. Show the man where the lab is

2. The answer to question 2 is:

- A. The man should watch the program too.
- B. The man should leave the television on.
- C. The program will be over soon.
- D. She will watch television later.

3. The answer to question 3 is:

- A. He is not sure what course to take.
- B. He may not meet the graduation requirements.
- C. The math course is too short.
- D. The graduation date has been changed.

PART B

Directions

In Part B, you will hear longer conversations. After each conversation, you will hear several questions. The conversations and questions will not be repeated.

Practice Questions

4. The answer to question 4 is:

- A. Work opportunities for students
- B. The professor's work at the museum
- C. The man's qualifications for a job
- D. Possible careers for the man after he graduates

5. The answer to question 5 is:

- A. He has to quit his job at the library.
- B. The professor will not allow him to take her class.
- C. The university recently closed its museum.
- D. The internship he wants is unavailable.

6. The answer to question 6 is:

- A. Rare books
- B. Paintings
- C. Photographs
- D. Historical reports

7. The answer to question 7 is:

- A. She will select the library's volunteers.
- B. She studied art with the student's professor.
- C. She used to work at the art museum.
- D. She joined the library staff recently.

PART B

Directions

In Part C of the test, you will hear several talks. After each talk, you will hear some questions. The talks and questions will not be repeated.

After you hear a question, read the 4 possible answers on the screen and select the best answer by clicking on it.

Here is an example.

On the recording, you hear:

Now listen to a sample question.

On the screen, you read:

- A. To demonstrate the latest use of computer graphics
- B. To discuss the possibility of an economic depression
- C. To explain the workings of the brain
- D. To dramatize a famous mystery story

The best answer to the question "What is the main purpose of the program?" is C, "To explain the workings of the brain." Therefore, the correct choice is answer C. Now listen to another sample question.

On the screen, you read:

- A. It is required of all science majors.
- B. It will feature the professor's research.
- C. It can help viewers improve their memory skills.
- D. It will help with course work.

The best answer to the question "Why does the speaker recommend watching the program?" is D, "It will help with course work." Therefore, the correct answer is D.

Practice Questions

8. The answer to question 8 is:

- A. Animals yawn for a number of reasons.
- B. Yawning results only from fatigue or boredom.
- C. Human yawns are the same as those of other animals.
- D. Only social animals yawn.

9. The answer to question 9 is:

- A. When they are swimming
- B. When they are quarreling
- C. When they are socializing
- D. When they are eating

10. The answer to question 10 is:

- A. To exercise the jaw muscles
- B. To eliminate fatigue
- C. To get greater strength for attacking
- D. To gain more oxygen