

LISTENING PRACTICE – HANDOUT 1

EXTRACT 1: Listen and fill in the blank

1. Immigration has become a hot political, economic and _____ issue.
2. Minorities are creating identities that combine _____ of both cultures.
3. Different cultures are coming _____ and enriching society.
4. There is no dominant _____.
5. It is becoming part of everyday _____.
6. I've learnt new languages, and to be more friendly and _____.
7. I've learnt how to interact with other cultures and _____ them.

EXTRACT 2:

Questions 31 - 40

Complete the notes below. Write ONE WORD ONLY for each answer.

Business Cultures

Power culture

Characteristics of organisation:

- small
- 31 power source
- few rules and procedures
- communications by 32

Advantage:

- can act quickly

Disadvantage:

- might not act 33

Suitable employee:

- not afraid of 34
- doesn't need job security

Role culture

Characteristics of organisation:

- large, many 35
- specialised departments
- few rules and procedures
- rules and procedure, e.g. job 36 and rules for discipline

Advantages:

- economies of scale
- successful when 37 ability is important

Disadvantages:

- slow to see when 38 is needed

slow to react

Suitable employee:

values security

doesn't want 39

Task culture

Characteristics of organisation:

project orientated

in competitive market or making product with short life

a lot of delegation

Advantage:

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Disadvantages:

no economies of scale or special expertise

Suitable employee:

likes to work in groups

EXTRACT 3

Question 1-6

Complete the notes below. Use ONE WORD OR A NUMBER only.

- TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, and (1) _____.
- Talks became available online in 2006.
- The time limit for talks is (2) _____ minutes. Some talks are only four minutes long.
- Videos of the best talks are available for free on the website TED.com.
- All of the talks have English subtitles, and many are subtitled in (3) _____ languages.
- TEDx events are similar but organized (4) _____.
- Popularity due to public demand for (5) _____ content, and their optimistic nature.
- Many talks focus on new discoveries and (6) _____ that can help make the world a better place.

Questions 7-10

Complete the notes using NO MORE THAN ONE WORD/NUMBER.

TED's Most Popular Talks

1st Ken Robinson: The most popular video has been viewed (7) _____ million times. The need to encourage creativity in schools and the need for educational (8) _____

2nd Bolte Taylor: Insights the neuroscientist gained into the brain after having a massive (9) _____.

3rd Pranav Mistry: New (10) _____ computer technologies

EXTRACT 4

Complete the notes below. Write ONE WORD AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

Globalisation of culture

Definitions

- Not everyone agrees on how to define culture.
- 1 _____ aspects: music, clothes, food, architecture

Unseen features: values, beliefs

- Need to look deeper to comprehend the 2 _____ attached to cultural phenomena

Example

Titanic's popularity in China not because of the popularity of US culture, but due to 3 _____ factors

Negative view

- Increasing globalisation of culture due to global 4 _____
- Global business does not distinguish between cultures and so does not take into account 5 _____ cultural requirements.
- 1999 survey in France: 6 _____ of people felt globalisation a danger to the French way of life

Positive view

- People seen as global 7 _____, able to choose the food, music and clothes they like
- Profound characteristics of culture, such as views on 8 _____ are not as likely to alter

Effect of the internet

- Has helped save local traditions and 9 _____

Conclusion

- Important to stress the role of 10 _____ in the debate on cultural globalization

EXTRACT 5

Questions 1-4

Complete the sentences below. Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS for each answer.

- 1 The Eastern side of the island of New Guinea, Papua New Guinea, became an _____ in 1975.
- 2 Only 18% of the inhabitants of Papua New Guinea reside in _____.

3 Papua New Guinea tribes should be seen as separate _____.

4 There are a small number of tribes who have had no _____ with neighbouring groups and the world beyond.

Questions 5-10

Complete the notes below. Write NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

Tribes of Papua New Guinea

Huli-Wigmen

- 40,000 members
- decorate their faces with 5 _____
- have belts of pigtails, apron of leaves, wigs made of own hair
- do dances which imitate local birds

Asaro mud men

- cover their bodies in mud to resemble 6 _____ in order to frighten off other tribes
- have very long fingernails
- put on 7 _____ to make themselves look fiercer

Chimbu skeleton dancers

- Men and women used to live in separate houses.
- Now families live together.
- Now perform dances for the benefit of 8 _____

Mount Hagan Sing-Sing

- Over 50 tribes take part.
- Begun by 9 _____ in 1961 to bring together tribes in peace.
- Tribespeople wear headdresses made of flowers, shells and feathers.
- Some loss of authenticity, such as the replacement of 10 _____ dyes on their wonderful costumes with artificial ones.