

## Listening

[Track 112] You will hear five different people talking about shopping. For questions 1–5, choose from the list (A – F) the view on shopping they express. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use. (10 points)

Speaker 1 \_\_\_\_

Speaker 3 \_\_\_\_

Speaker 5 \_\_\_\_

Speaker 2 \_\_\_\_

Speaker 4 \_\_\_\_

- A Shopping for bargains is something that makes you feel positive because you feel you are helping others you know.
- B Shopping in sales is a great way to get products that are much more expensive at other times of the year.
- C Shopping in sales is a waste of time because things online are usually cheaper.
- D Shopping in sales is mean unless you are somebody who really doesn't have enough money to buy things.
- E Shopping for bargains is enjoyable because it allows you to feel you have really achieved something.
- F Shopping for bargains is a negative thing because we are being exploited by shops.

## Reading

A

### St. Lawrence, Toronto, Canada

This farmers' market has operated since 1803, and, at first, for a brief time, it was situated inside Toronto's city hall. It was redeveloped between the 1970s and 1990s after being neglected for many years, and today the area's mix of homes and businesses is a great example of successful urban regeneration. More than 120 retailers sell everything from seafood to coffee to antiques. The market is located in Toronto's old town, and only open on Saturdays.

B

### Union Square Greenmarket, New York City, USA

Once a popular meeting place in Manhattan, by the 1970s Union Square had been allowed to become very run-down and dangerous. In 1976, in an attempt to attract people back to the square, a farmers' market was started. It was immediately popular, and helped Hudson Valley farmers, who were finding it hard to sell their produce, and ordinary New Yorkers, who were reintroduced to seasonal products. Specializing solely in fruit and veg, the market's variety in this now revitalized area is much better than in many supermarkets. Near East 17th Street and Broadway, the market is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, all year round.

C

### Castries Market, St. Lucia

Opened in 1894, and still occupying the original orange-roofed building, this market in St. Lucia's capital is the island's largest and loudest. Island spices, such as mace and cinnamon, can be found there, as well as breadfruit, bananas and other tropical fruits. You can also get good deals on beach clothing too, and it's a great place to try hot food, including rotis, and the fishermen's daily catch. Located next to Jeremie and Peynier Streets, the market is open daily, except for Sundays, but is best on Saturdays.

## D

### **Ver-o-Peso, Belém, Brazil**

Open daily, this market is noisy and chaotic, but incredibly atmospheric. Hundreds of different fishmongers can be visited here, each selling strange-looking fish. The market is located along the river front of Belém's Ver-o-Peso docks, where the boats land their catch of Amazonian fish. Next to the original neo-Gothic market building, which was imported from England in 1899, a newer marquee houses stalls where many varieties of fruit and hot food are on sale. Visit early in the morning, especially on Saturdays and Sundays, when fishermen unload their catch.

## E

### **Mercado Central, Santiago, Chile**

Under a beautiful art nouveau canopy dating from 1872, this lively fish market is known for the extraordinary number and variety of sea creatures it sells, from barnacles to giant squid, many unlabelled and unknown outside Chile. Marvel at the fishmongers' speed and skill as they prepare the fish for sale. If the thought of identifying and preparing the fish is too much, onsite restaurants offer local dishes like *paila marina*. The market is two blocks north of Santo Domingo church, and opens early each day.

## F

### **Kreta Ayer Wet Market, Singapore**

Like most things Singaporean, this Chinatown market is spotlessly clean, its floor washed regularly for hygiene, hence the term 'wet market'. In variety, however, the food is anything but sterile: offerings range from turtles, frogs, eels, strange seafood and snakes (often still alive) to medicinal dried animal parts. The upstairs food centre offers local breakfast fare, like spicy noodle soup. Many get there early, at 6 am, but there is no best time to go. The market closes around 1 pm each day.

## G

### **La Vucciria, Palermo, Italy**

In a part of Palermo that tourists often avoid, the lively atmosphere of La Vucciria is more Middle Eastern than European. Musicians bang drums and sing Arabian songs, and the smell of barbecued sausages and kebabs is everywhere. The name of the market comes from the French word *boucherie* (butchers market) but expect everything from fish to fruit. La Vucciria is off Piazza San Domenico and rarely closes. Take a local guide with you to show you around.

## H

### **Cours Saleya, Nice, France**

This pretty flower-and-food market is so crowded that you can't avoid pushing into fellow shoppers as you shop. Among the essentials of Niçois cooking are the ears and heads of animals, and these can be purchased here, alongside more internationally acceptable ingredients. Lined with cafés and seafood restaurants, the market has a different atmosphere on summer nights, when it becomes a covered eating area. Cours Saleya lies between the sea and the old town and runs Tuesday to Sunday, mornings only.

**1. You are going to read descriptions of eight markets. For questions 1–10, choose from the sections (A H). The sections may be chosen more than once. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

**0** This market was opened for the first time in the 1870s. E \_\_\_\_\_

**1** Before the market was first opened here, the area was often avoided by people. \_\_\_\_\_

**2** You can't buy fish or seafood in this market. \_\_\_\_\_

**3** This market can't be visited except at the weekend. \_\_\_\_\_

**4** This market is on two floors. \_\_\_\_\_

**5** This market sells a particular type of clothing. \_\_\_\_\_

**6** We are told the best time of day to go to this market. \_\_\_\_\_

**7** The market changes depending on season and time of day. \_\_\_\_\_

**8** You can regularly hear music at this market. \_\_\_\_\_

**9** This market hasn't always been in the same building. \_\_\_\_\_

**10** This market is compared to other markets in the same country. \_\_\_\_\_

*(10 points)*