

LISTENING Part 3

In this part, you will hear two segments from a radio program. After each segment, you will hear six questions about it. Before each segment begins, you will have time to preview the questions.

You will hear each segment twice. Then you will hear the questions once. If you want to, you may take notes as you listen. In the actual examination, mark your answers on the separate answer sheet, not in the test booklet. You should choose A, B, or C.

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Look at the questions. Then listen to the first segment.

1 According to Dr. Lipton, what happens in the Arctic annually?

- A. A mass of compressed snow is formed.
- B. Ice separates forming icebergs.
- C. The glaciers flow into the Gulf Stream.

2 What plays a significant role in regulating the world's climate?

- A. the movement of currents with different temperatures
- B. the flow of warm Gulf Stream currents
- C. the formation of icebergs in the North Atlantic

3 What does Dr. Lipton imply about the loss of the Arctic ice sheets?

- A. The majority of areas have lost all ice.
- B. The Alaskan coastline will bear the brunt of change.
- C. The scope of loss is more than anyone predicted.

4 According to Dr. Lipton, what effect can salt concentration have on the oceans?

- A. It can reduce the frequency of devastating storms.
- B. It can lower the oceans' temperature.
- C. It can disrupt marine biomes in numerous ways.

5 What does the reporter suggest about international agreements on CO₂?

- A. They must still be able to have some positive results.
- B. They don't have a strict enough threshold.
- C. They're useless as governments didn't act fast enough.

6 What is the main purpose of this report?

- A. to explain international agreements on global warming
- B. to announce predictions from new climate models
- C. to educate listeners about melting ice in the Arctic

Look at the questions. Then listen to the second segment.

7 What does the first speaker imply about the issue of fracking?

A. It's not as straightforward as it may appear.

B. Many people don't know where it's taking place.

C. A lot of rumors are circulating about it.

8 What does Roberta Jackson say about the process of extracting gas?

A. Shale rock is turned into sand.

B. Water is extracted from rock.

C. Substances are shot into the ground.

9 What does Michael Allen suggest about chemical use in fracking?

A. Their regulation is only satisfactory.

B. Their composition is deliberately withheld.

C. Their impacts on health are still uncertain.

10 What does Roberta Jackson say about the benefits of fracking?

A. They are felt across multiple parts of society.

B. They apply mostly to international politics.

C. They offer a permanent solution to the fuel crisis.

11 Why does Michael Allen mention the cost of medical care?

A. to propose improvements to the healthcare system

B. to suggest energy is not people's biggest expense

C. to counterargue the economic benefits of fracking

12 What is the purpose of this report?

A. to describe how the process of fracking works

B. to examine the issue of fracking from different angles

C. to reveal the dangers associated with fracking