

EXERCISE 7

Two of the options in an IELTS three-option multiple choice will be *distractors*. A distractor is an option that seems to match part of the recording but it does not answer the question.

Read the answers and distractors. Then read the extracts from the conversations. Match the extracts with the correct answers and the distractors.

After you complete the exercise, notice:

- how the order of the options does not follow the order of the conversation
- how each option has been paraphrased.

1. Why has the woman come to the university?

A to borrow some books O

B to start a new job O

C to have an interview P

2. According to the woman, 19th-century paintings

A developed in an interesting way. P

B were as popular as photographs. O

C became an affordable hobby for the average person. O

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1. She wants to know more about me. You know, ask me questions about the subjects I'm doing at school, about my interests, about why I want to do the course – that kind of thing. 1A/1B/1C/2A/2B/2C
 2. In that case, you should go to her office. 1A/1B/1C/2A/2B/2C
 3. The library? I think I walked past it already. 1A/1B/1C/2A/2B/2C
 4. Photography had become more popular by that time ... 1A/1B/1C/2A/2B/2C

5. In fact, by the 1860s, photography was already quicker and cheaper than painting. In fact, there were quite a few amateur photographers at that time.
1A/1B/1C/2A/2B/2C
6. ... a lot of painters decided to change the way they made their pictures – they didn't need to look like photos any more. So art became much more exciting and imaginative in those years. 1A/1B/1C/2A/2B/2C