

## Infrastructure and Environment: Multiple Choice

**Instructions:** Listen to the conversation. Choose the correct option based on the information.

1. According to Leo, how will the high-speed rail network primarily benefit the nation's democracy?

- A) By creating new political parties in the city
- B) By connecting rural areas to the urban centers
- C) By reducing the cost of government elections
- D) By allowing all citizens to vote on the train

2. Sarah is hesitant to support the rail proposal because the planned route passes through:

- A) A protected forest with vital biodiversity
- B) A historic town with very old architecture
- C) A private farm owned by local politicians
- D) A busy industrial zone near the city center

3. Leo argues that the project supports sustainability goals because the trains will run on:

- A) Highly efficient and low-cost recycled coal
- B) Natural gas extracted from the local region
- C) Large amounts of subsidized foreign petroleum
- D) Renewable energy sources to power the lines

4. Sarah warns against a "false dilemma," which in this specific context means choosing between:

- A) Economic growth and the national rail budget
- B) Local council votes and the city legislation
- C) Modern transport and forest area protection
- D) Renewable energy and faster commuter speeds

5. What does Sarah suggest as an alternative to building the rail through the protected forest?

- A) Canceling the entire high-speed rail project
- B) Building the network in a different country
- C) Increasing the number of lanes for gas cars
- D) Using existing brownfield sites for the route

6. Leo admits that the ongoing dispute among the local council members likely stems from:

- A) The immediate environmental impact of the rail
- B) The total number of jobs created by the plan
- C) The ticket prices for the rural populations
- D) The color and the design of the new stations

7. To preserve the forest floor while still building the rail, Leo suggests the possibility of:

- A) Moving the entire forest to a new location
- B) Using flying trains to avoid the ground area
- C) Building a tunnel to go underneath the trees
- D) Narrowing the tracks to save a bit of space

8. From Sarah's perspective as an environmentalist, the extra cost of a tunnel is seen as:

- A) A waste of the government's annual budget
- B) A necessary investment for our shared future
- C) A reason to stop all modern infrastructure
- D) A burden on the local working-class people

9. What specific action does Leo propose to take before the rail legislation is allowed to proceed?

- A) A public vote by everyone in the rural area
- B) A formal pause for an independent land audit
- C) A complete redesign of the railway engines
- D) A meeting with the leaders of the city bank

10. At the end of the talk, Sarah and Leo agree that innovation must always be balanced with:

- A) Faster speeds for the commuting population
- B) Decreasing the total number of urban trains
- C) Higher profits for the local rail companies
- D) Active conservation efforts for the planet