

Energy Policy and Infrastructure: Multiple choice

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

1. What is Mateo's primary fear regarding a quick switch to solar and wind power?
 - A) The negative impact on local tourism
 - B) The total failure of rural education
 - C) The weakness of energy infrastructure
 - D) The lack of available government data

2. Valeria argues that the cost of renewable systems is actually lower than the cost of:
 - A) Building new traditional coal plants
 - B) Dealing with environmental disasters
 - C) Paying for private energy companies
 - D) Training workers in the fossil fuels

3. According to Mateo, a sudden increase in energy prices would most likely affect:
 - A) The most vulnerable of communities
 - B) The owners of large-scale factories
 - C) The city council members in charge
 - D) The researchers in the tech industry

4. What does Valeria suggest is the actual cause of low efficiency in current energy use?
 - A) The lack of interest from the public
 - B) The high cost of solar panel repair
 - C) The outdated and weak power systems
 - D) The scarcity of wind in rural regions

5. Which specific solution does Valeria propose to address the issue of energy affordability?

- A) Higher taxes for those using gas
- B) Reduced wages for all power staff
- C) Private loans for all gym centers
- D) Government subsidies for residents

6. Mateo supports a "bridge" period during the transition because he wants to ensure:

- A) Reliability in the power supplies
- B) More time for building new houses
- C) Higher profits for the coal plants
- D) Faster internet for the population

7. Valeria believes that delaying the transition is dangerous because it results in:

- A) A total lack of economic stability
- B) Continued contribution to pollution
- C) Fewer jobs for the next generation
- D) Higher prices for local vegetables

8. What does Mateo identify as a benefit of focusing on grid efficiency before switching?

- A) A faster way to travel between cities
- B) A higher tax rate for big business
- C) A decrease in the number of tracks
- D) A reduction in misuse of resources

9. Both speakers eventually find consensus on the idea that the transition must be:

- A) Only focused on the urban centers
- B) Reliable and affordable for people
- C) Completely finished within a month
- D) Dependent on foreign energy imports

10. At the end of the discussion, Mateo states that the only way forward is to focus on:

- A) Private interest and fast results
- B) Both innovation and social equity
- C) Old methods and low-cost models
- D) Heavy cardio and yoga practices