

Listening Part 3

You will hear some short conversations. You will hear each conversation twice. Choose the correct answers for each conversation.

Conversation 1

You hear a manager in a company talking to an international visitor called Geraldo.

1. Geraldo says he had problems sleeping in his hotel because
 - a) the air conditioning wasn't working.
 - b) the room was too noisy.
 - c) the bed was uncomfortable.

2. Who did Geraldo chat to in a restaurant?
 - a) some players from a sports team
 - b) some other guests from the hotel
 - c) some local businesspeople

Conversation 2

You hear a man and woman talking at work.

3. We're told that on the man's last visit to Mexico,
 - a) he and his wife stayed in a flat.
 - b) he and his wife went to the seaside.
 - c) he and his wife were delayed on their return journey.

4. What do the man and woman decide about the staff competition?
 - a) to postpone it until he's back from holiday
 - b) to try and replace him with a new player
 - c) to continue with it even without a full team

Conversation 3

You hear a senior manager talking to a manager called Linda about a training day.

5. Why has he chosen to ask Linda to lead one of the seminars?

- a) She has lots of experience as a presenter.
- b) She has relevant expertise to share.
- c) She is well informed about a variety of projects.

6. What does he tell Linda about running the seminar?

- a) It's something she can get help with.
- b) It won't be as straightforward as it appears.
- c) It shouldn't require too much preparation.

Conversation 4

You hear two work colleagues talking about statistics meetings.

7. They both say that such activities

- a) create a lot of expectation.
- b) require a highly analytical approach.
- c) are not particularly productive.

8. What do we learn about their boss, Katherine?

- a) She's always trying out experimental new methods.
- b) She believes there's a simple explanation for everything.
- c) She possesses limited interpersonal skills.

Conversation 5

You hear two managers discussing a new scheme at work.

9. They agree that the new scheme is
- a) confusing because it goes against certain other established principles.
 - b) counter-productive because it will cause stress among staff.
 - c) unappealing because previous bosses had argued against it.
10. The woman persuades the man that the new scheme
- a) is being planned with an impressive level of detail.
 - b) has one very fundamental weakness.
 - c) simply represents clever leadership.

Conversation 6

You hear two managers discussing a colleague called David.

11. What does the woman say about David?
- a) He deserves another chance to prove himself.
 - b) He's too unpredictable to be relied upon.
 - c) He's capable of upsetting some people.
12. The woman is worried because she doesn't want to be seen to be
- a) criticising those who made a certain decision.
 - b) supporting someone who's previously offended management.
 - c) withholding information she's received from the complainant.