

# Check your ALCE Listening Skills: Part 1: Activity 1

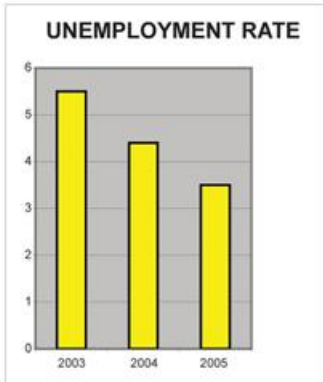
## Key and item analysis

### Question 1

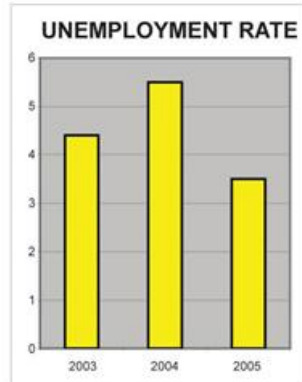
The following conversation takes place at a journalist's office.

Which graph shows the country's unemployment rate?

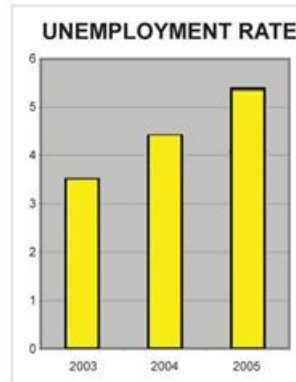
A.



B.



C.



### ANSWER KEY

A.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Less challenging

### ITEM INFORMATION

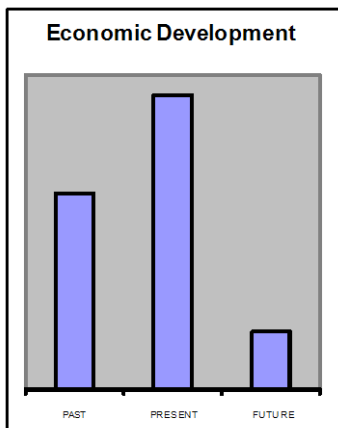
The text states that the unemployment rate peaked at 5.5% in 2003, fell to 4.2% in 2004, and it is currently (2005) at 3.5%, so A is the correct answer choice.

### Question 2

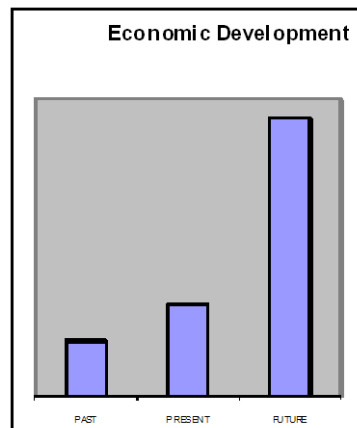
The following conversation takes place between a tutor and a student studying Economics.

Which graph depicts the region's economic development?

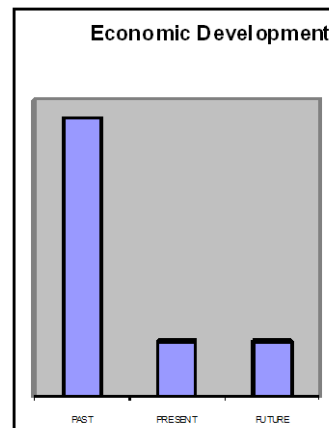
A.



B.



C.



**ANSWER KEY**

B.

**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Less challenging

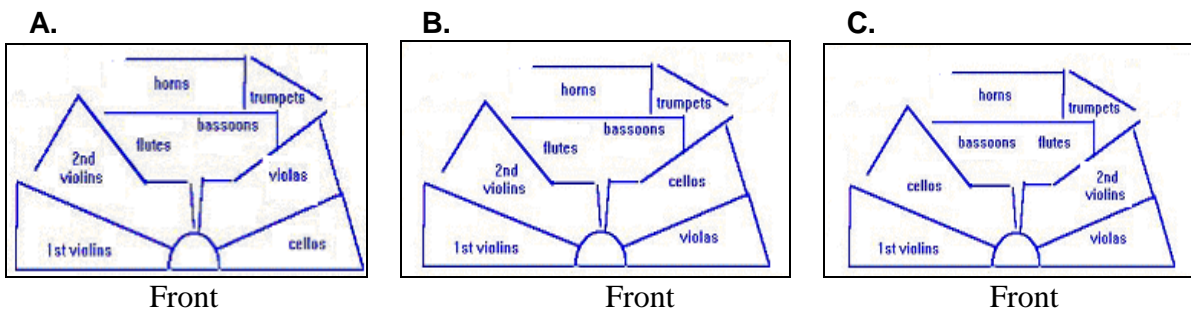
**ITEM INFORMATION**

The text states that some countries are already seeing benefits from being part of the Central American Free Trade Agreement, so this implies that the present is an improvement on the past. The text also states that other countries will join, providing a huge economic boost, so this implies that development will continue to improve in the future. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice.

**Question 3**

The following conversation takes place between two sound technicians at a concert hall.

**Which orchestra plan are they looking at?**



**ANSWER KEY**

C.

**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Medium

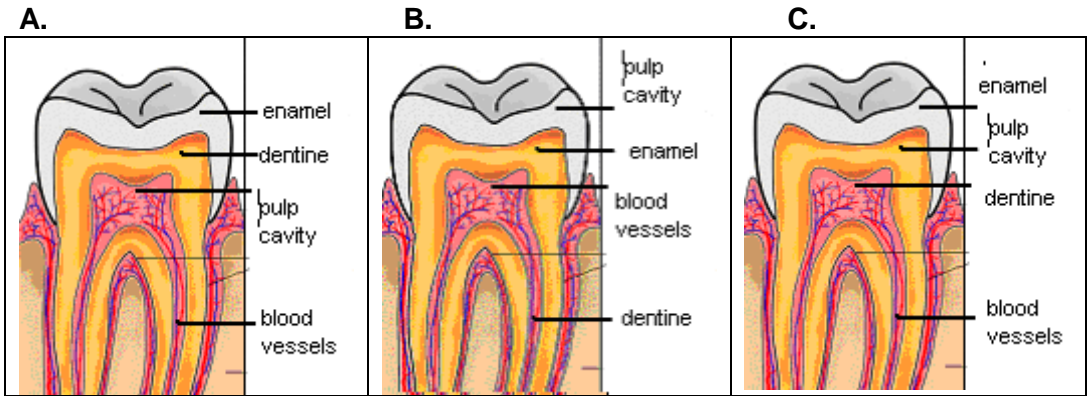
**ITEM INFORMATION**

The text states that the second violins will be moved to the right with the violas in front, so C is the correct answer choice.

### Question 4

The following conversation takes place in a tutorial for student dentists.

Which x-ray shows the dentine?



#### ANSWER KEY

A.

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

#### ITEM INFORMATION

The text states that the pulp cavity is under the dentine and that the enamel is above the dentine, so A is the correct answer choice.

### Question 5

The following conversation takes place at a management training seminar.

Which slide are they currently looking at?

A.	B.	C.
<p><b>The skills involved in developing staff</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning</li> <li>2. Communication</li> <li>3. Problem solving</li> </ol>	<p><b>The skills involved in developing staff</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning</li> <li>2. Organizing</li> <li>3. Motivating</li> </ol>	<p><b>The skills involved in developing staff</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Organizing</li> <li>2. Planning</li> <li>3. Problem solving</li> </ol>

**ANSWER KEY**

B.

**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

More challenging

**ITEM INFORMATION**

The text does not state the three stages in the same words as the slide, which contains the information in summary form. The text states that preparing schemes for achieving targets is first, so planning is the first step. It then states that allocating and arranging resources is next, so the second step is organizing. The text then states that encouraging people to give their best is last, so the final step is motivating. For these reasons, B is the correct answer choice.