

Check your ALCE Listening Skills: Part 2: Activity 3

Key and item analysis

Question 1

The following conversation is between two colleagues.

Why are both the woman and the man upset?

- A: There is a lot of violence.
- B: There might be an increase in crime.
- C: Their privacy may be invaded.

ANSWER KEY

C

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Medium

ITEM INFORMATION

The text states that secretly listening to conversations in the home (“domestic eaves-dropping”) has been suggested. The woman is concerned about public liberties, as is the man, who asks whether the state has “the right to go into people’s lives”. Therefore, C is the correct answer choice.

Question 2

The following conversation is between two company clerks.

Why was Denis chosen for the position?

- A: He is calm.
- B: He is energetic.
- C: He is reliable.

ANSWER KEY

C.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Less challenging

ITEM INFORMATION

The text states that Denis is “solid as a rock, confident, and capable of making the right decisions”. Therefore, C is the correct answer choice.

Question 3

This conversation takes place between two university graduates.

Why is the woman hesitant about Mr. Clark's offer?

- A. She has already accepted another offer.
- B. She has had other proposals.
- C. She has concerns about the position.

ANSWER KEY

B.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Less challenging

ITEM INFORMATION

The woman states that she has "other offers on the table" regarding job offers. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice.

Question 4

This conversation is between two colleagues.

What kind of life did Kerry Packer live?

- A: A life full of human weaknesses.
- B: A life that attracted attention.
- C: A life that was full of violence.

ANSWER KEY

B.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Less challenging

ITEM INFORMATION

The text states that people "all over the world" wanted to know how Kerry Packer became so successful. He is also described as having passion and drive, and as being a man of vision. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice.

Question 5

The following exchange takes place between two college professors.

What is the man concerned about?

- A. that his achievements were overlooked
- B. that his department will lose money
- C. that he will have to do more work

ANSWER KEY

B.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

ITEM INFORMATION

The man states that he is concerned that the Dean may be “considering cutting our program funding or research grants”. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice.