

## Check your ALCE Listening Skills: Part 3

### Key and item analysis

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#### Question 1

According to the man, what is iridology used for?

- A. treating disease
- B. making a diagnosis
- C. reducing symptoms

#### ANSWER KEY

B.

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Less challenging

#### ITEM INFORMATION

The text states explicitly “iridology is not a treatment. It is a diagnostic method used in the detection and prevention of diseases”. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice.

#### Question 2

What suggestion about iridology does the man reject?

- A. that it is a real science
- B. that it is a New Age approach
- C. that it is an age-old science

#### ANSWER KEY

B.

#### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Medium

#### ITEM INFORMATION

The man says “I don’t like to categorize it as New Age, with all its associations to the less-than-scientific”. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice.

### Question 3

**What seems to be the man's opinion of modern Western medicine?**

- A. It often puts people at unnecessary risk.
- B. It has nothing to offer people anymore.
- C. It provides the best health care available.

#### **ANSWER KEY**

A.

#### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Less challenging

#### **ITEM INFORMATION**

Speaking about modern Western medicine, the man says many people “undergo harmful diagnostic procedures that are often unnecessary, unproductive and outright destructive to the body and mind”. Therefore, A is the correct answer choice.

### Question 4

**What advice does the man give about modern medicine today?**

- A. We should accept it confidently.
- B. We should consider it with caution.
- C. We should avoid it completely.

#### **ANSWER KEY**

B.

#### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Less challenging

#### **ITEM INFORMATION**

The man says “modern medicine has a lot to offer us, but one should be careful not to embrace it in its entirety without discretion or question”. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice.

## Question 5

How is illness visible in the eye?

- A. through changes in the size and shape of the iris
- B. through changes in color and shapes within the iris
- C. through changes in brain impulses to the iris

### ANSWER KEY

B.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

### ITEM INFORMATION

The man says “in the iris, there is a specific physiological reflex to body tissue changes in the form of lesions and variations in color. By lesions I mean microscopic shapes”. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice.

## Question 6

What are “tribecula”?

- A. body tissues
- B. brain impulses
- C. nerve fibers

### ANSWER KEY

C.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

### ITEM INFORMATION

The man says “the nerve fibers, called tribecula...” Therefore, C is the correct answer choice.

## Question 7

**What inhibits the detection of past surgeries by an iridologist?**

- A. variation of color intensity in the iris
- B. blocked communication from nerve endings
- C. other strengths and weaknesses in the body

### **ANSWER KEY**

B.

### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

More challenging

### **ITEM INFORMATION**

The man says “iridology cannot detect past surgeries because they are performed under anesthesia which blocks the nerve endings and destroys communication to the iris”. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice.

## Question 8

**Which cannot be detected by an iridological examination?**

- A. normal pregnancy
- B. chemical imbalance
- C. nutritional deficiency

### **ANSWER KEY**

A.

### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Less challenging

### **ITEM INFORMATION**

The man says “iridology cannot detect past surgeries...nor can it show pregnancy as it is a normal function of the female body”. Therefore, A is the correct answer choice.

## Question 9

What is the man's opinion of the studies mentioned?

- A. They are not very scientific.
- B. They are perfectly believable.
- C. They are prejudiced against iridology.

### ANSWER KEY

C.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

### ITEM INFORMATION

Speaking of studies of iridology, the man says "there have been studies that have attempted to discredit the field...I find it immediately curious that the benefit of the doubt is given to anyone but the iridologist". Therefore, C is the correct answer choice.

## Question 10

What point is emphasized by the woman's final comment?

- A. that people fear modern medicine
- B. that people trust technology most of all
- C. that people want alternative approaches

### ANSWER KEY

B.

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

More challenging

### ITEM INFORMATION

The woman final comment is "but some people think iridology is actually dangerous because a serious medical condition might go undetected", to which the man replies "you underline the point I made earlier about medicine today: that without an expensive and risky MRI, people don't believe anything. Therefore, B is the correct answer choice