

SKILL 24: ANTICIPATE THE QUESTIONS

It is very helpful to your ability to answer individual questions in Listening Part C if you can anticipate what the questions will be and listen specifically for the answers to those questions (as you did in Listening Part B).

Example

In your test book, you read:

- (A) For three weeks.
- (B) For three days.
- (C) For three months.
- (D) For three hours.

You try to anticipate the question:

How long does (something) last?

In this example, you can be quite certain that one of the questions will be about how long something lasts. Since you are sure that this is one of the questions, you can listen carefully for clues that will give you the answer. This example shows that a helpful strategy is therefore to look briefly at the answers in the test book, before you actually hear the talks on the recording, and try to determine the questions that you will be asked to answer.

EXERCISE 24: Study the following answers and try to determine what the questions will be. (You should note that perhaps you will only be able to predict part of a question, rather than the complete question.) If you cannot predict the question in a short period of time, then move on to the next group of answers. Question 1 has been answered for you.

1. Question: When does the talk probably take place?
 (A) During a biology laboratory session.
 (B) In a biology study group.
 (C) On the first day of class.
 (D) Just before the final exam.
2. Question: _____
 (A) Once a week.
 (B) Two times a week.
 (C) Three times a week.
 (D) For fifteen hours.
3. Question: _____
 (A) To do the first laboratory assignment.
 (B) To take the first exam.
 (C) To study the laboratory manual.
 (D) To read one chapter of the text.
4. Question: _____
 (A) Room assignments.
 (B) Exam topics.
 (C) Reading assignments.
 (D) The first lecture.

5. Question: _____
 (A) Exams and lab work.
 (B) Reading and writing assignments.
 (C) Class participation and grades on examinations.
 (D) Lecture and laboratory attendance.
6. Question: _____
 (A) What caused the Ring of Fire.
 (B) The volcanoes of the Ring of Fire.
 (C) Hawaiian volcanoes.
 (D) Different types of volcanoes.
7. Question: _____
 (A) The Ring of Fire.
 (B) The characteristics of volcanoes in the Ring of Fire.
 (C) The volcanoes of Hawaii.
 (D) Mauna Loa.
8. Question: _____
 (A) In Hawaii.
 (B) In the United States.
 (C) Along the Ring of Fire.
 (D) Within the Ring of Fire.
9. Question: _____
 (A) They are not so violent.
 (B) They are located along the Ring of Fire.
 (C) They contain a lot of gas.
 (D) They contain thick lava.
10. Question: _____
 (A) A volcano on the Ring of Fire.
 (B) An island in Hawaii.
 (C) A long, low volcanic mountain.
 (D) An explosive volcano.
11. Question: _____
 (A) An artist.
 (B) A tour guide.
 (C) An Indian.
 (D) Orville Wright.
12. Question: _____
 (A) Several.
 (B) Sixty thousand.
 (C) Sixteen million.
 (D) Millions and millions.
13. Question: _____
 (A) The National Air and Space Museum.
 (B) The Museum of Natural History.
 (C) The American History Museum.
 (D) The Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building.