**Test 6 Listening Section**

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**Explanatory Answer**

To ask about the professor’s requirements

"I was just wondering how you want me to report them to you."

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**Explanatory Answer**

More minority authors are represented.

"The first part of the list has the usual North American writers and, of course, a good representation of women writers, as you would expect, but the second part of the list includes a number of African-American authors, several Hispanic-American writers, and a few Asian-Americans."

3. B

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**Explanatory Answer**

His tone expresses interest and excitement.

"I think I've heard some references to Cybermodernism, if you want to investigate some of the work that's being created in, as you call it, mixed media literature."

"Cybermodernism? Wow."

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**Explanatory Answer**

Prepare to talk with the professor.

"I was thinking more along the lines of a conversation."

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**Explanatory Answer**

She is willing to help her students.

"Oh, and Terry, if you run into any problems, don't wait until you're halfway through your reading list. Just stop by during my office hours. Maybe I can give you some references or at least a sounding board."

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**Explanatory Answer**

The nature of the universe.

"The earliest Greek philosophers, also known as the pre-Socratic philosophers, they were very interested in determining the nature of the universe."

7. D

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**Explanatory Answer**

He is comparing evolution to Anaximander’s theory.

"Then, he speculated that as the oceans had begun to evaporate, the first sea plants and animals had formed, and from them their descendants, the birds and land animals evolved, until finally, mankind was created."

"That sounds a lot like evolutionary theory."

"Yes, it does."

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**Explanatory Answer**

She is going to expand on the comment. To “take a step further” means to “elaborate” or “provide details.”

"Do you mean that they were all materialists? Because they were trying to explain the universe in terms of perceivable elements like water and air?"

9. B

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**Explanatory Answer**

They introduced a scientific approach to explaining nature.

"Good observation. Let's take that a step further. They all attempted to explain the unknown in terms of the familiar instead of looking to the current mythologies or to a divine presence. And that's what is truly extraordinary about these pre-Socratic philosophers. A naturalistic account of the cosmos was profoundly different from the myths and legends of gods and goddesses that had been the basis for explaining the origin of the universe."

10. A

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**Explanatory Answer**

They were exploring the physical sciences.

"So the pre-Socratic philosophers were trying to discover a scientific basis for the universe long before the scientific method and the technologies were available to support their investigations. But, really, many scholars argue that these philosophers did initiate the process at least, and the process eventually resulted...years later...as the beginning of the physical sciences."

11. B

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**Explanatory Answer**

She is introducing doubt. “On the surface” implies that there is more to know.

"Okay, all of this appears on the surface to be very positive, right? But at the time, many philosophers as well as ordinary citizens were feeling much less comfortable with the very sparse tenants of emerging science than they had been with the rich and complicated stories that had explained the universe for them."

12. C

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**Explanatory Answer**

She has some questions about the report she is writing.

"Good. I've got all the data, but the report is turning out to be fairly short. It took such a long time to do the research, I thought I'd have a lot more to write about."

13. A

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**Explanatory Answer**

Have some friends read the research.

"In fact, why don't you ask a few friends to read it before you turn it in? If your friends get it, that's a good indication that you've explained it well, but if they have a lot of questions, then maybe you need to do some rewriting."

14. A

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**Explanatory Answer**

Read a draft of the report before she submits it.

"In fact, why don't you write up a draft of that report, and I'll look it over for you before you hand in the final copy."

15. A

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**Explanatory Answer**

His tone expresses reluctance because he realizes that she won’t have time to revise the report.

"I could bring it in on Monday since that's when you have your usual office hours. Would that be okay?"

"Yes, but that would only give you one day before the report is due."

"Oh right."

16. B

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**Explanatory Answer**

He is very impressed with her attitude.

"You've got a lot going for you. I'm glad to help."

17. D

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**Explanatory Answer**

The three major types of bacteria.

"So that's what I want to talk about today—the main types of bacteria."

18. B

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**Explanatory Answer**

A place where the music was played.

"It's referred to as the cocci group, and it tends to grown in clusters or chains, like this example."

19. A,C

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**Explanatory Answer**

**A** They have one cell.

**D** They reproduce quickly.

"In fact, they're unicellular, which means that they're made up of a single cell....Okay, they grow in colonies and can reproduce, quite rapidly, in fact, by a process called *fission.* "

20. C

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**Explanatory Answer**

Bacteria are similar to other life forms.

"In fact, bacteria are very helpful to researchers because bacterial cells resemble the cells of other life forms in many ways, and may be studied to give us insights."

21. C

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**Explanatory Answer**

He uses the first letter to represent the shape.

"Just try to visualize the first letter in the name of each of the different types. Cocci starts with C like the shape of half a sphere. Bacilli starts with a straight line on the B, and a rod is straight. Spirilla starts with an S, and that's a spiral shape."

22. D

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**Explanatory Answer**

To “get the picture” means “to understand.” He thinks that the information is very clear.

"Because, you see, bacteria can join in chains, clusters, pairs. And sometimes, more than one type of bacteria may be found together in a specimen. I think you get the picture."

23.B

**Explanatory Answer**

A narrative of the fourth voyage of Gulliver.

"Today we're continuing our discussion of Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift."

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24. A

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**Explanatory Answer**

He is like the Yahoos in many ways.

"He starts to understand that the only difference between himself and the Yahoos is his clothing."

25. A

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**Explanatory Answer**

Answers are marked with green arrows as shown above.

"Well, I think the author used the word depraved several times. They eat dog and donkey meat and even garbage, and they drink um, they drink...too much. And he says they're filthy, and they stink....When he goes back to England, he's actually afraid of other humans...I mean...Yahoos."

They eat flowers.

* No

They have a foul odor.

* Yes

They engage in an immoral lifestyle.

* Yes

They are satirical caricatures of humans.

* Yes

They live in trees.

* No

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**Explanatory Answer**

The sketch was a historical account of an important event.

“Probably the most often cited example of a sketch that preserved an historical record would be the small drawing of Marie Antoinette as she was taken to the guillotine in a cart through the streets of Paris.”

27. CB

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**Explanatory Answer**

A satire about mankind.

"And when we consider the time period for the book, the early 1700s, we must appreciate the exceptional departure from the literature of the era, which was mostly written to flatter or entertain."

28. D

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**Explanatory Answer**

The tone was not very serious. It was meant to entertain.

"Swift used satire to provide the reader with a perspective that's very different from that of other writers in an age of science and reason."