

IELTS LISTENING – University Librarian
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IELTS listening University Librarian listening practice test has 10 questions belongs to the Leisure & Entertainment subject.

OK, are you all settled? Well, first of all, welcome to Cardiff University. I'm here to explain what we can offer you.

Questions 31 - 36

Choose the correct letter from A, B or C for each answer.

31 During the first week of term, students are invited to

☐ A be shown round the library by the librarian.

☐ B listen to descriptions of library resources.

☐ C do an intensive course in the computer centre.

32 The speaker warns the students that

☐ A Internet materials can be unreliable.

☐ B downloaded information must be acknowledged.

☐ C computer access may be limited at times.

33 The library is acquiring more CDs as a resource because

☐ A they are a cheap source of information.

☐ B they take up very little space.

☐ C they are more up to date than the reference books.

Now, as a new student at the university, you will probably need some sort of guidance to help you to use the library effectively to study and research. some of you have asked about a guided tour but we find this rather muddles people. So, **Q31 in this first week, we run a series of talks which focus on different aspects of the library and its resources.** You'll also find that to get the most out of the library you really do need to be computer literate and so all this term we run small classes which will bring you up to speed on how to access the computer-loaded information.

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OK, now let me give you an outline of what's available to you You'll find that the computers are increasingly used as a research tool. Many students do most of their research on the Internet and the library computers are permanently online. Having found what you need, you'll find you can readily save texts on your personal computer space to print off when you need. You might think that it is the fastest way to get information but the links can be slow. **Q32 Clearly, you can find lots on there but much of it is useless information as it is from highly debatable sources –** so be critical. **Q33 You'll also find that the library has loaded several CD-ROMs onto the computers from specialist reference sources such as MLA. It means we can expand what we offer you at very little extra cost** and saves us having to invest in more and more books. The CD-ROMs contain exactly the same information as the reference books as the two are updated together.

Now, most of you will need to refer to journal articles in your work and you'll find you can also access these online and we encourage you to do so.

34 Students are encouraged to use journals online because

☐ A the articles do not need to be returned to the shelves.

☐ B reading online is cheaper than photocopying articles.

☐ C the stock of printed articles is to be reduced.

35 Why might some students continue to use reference books?

☐ A they can be taken away from the library

☐ B they provide information unavailable elsewhere

☐ C they can be borrowed for an extended loan period

36 What is the responsibility of the Training Supervisor?

☐ A to supervise and support library staff

☐ B to provide orientation to the library facilities

☐ C to identify needs and inform section managers

Questions 37 - 40

Which section of the university will help postgraduate students with their dissertations in the following ways?

A the postgraduate's own department or tutor

B library staff

C another section of the university

Choose the correct letter from A, B or C, next to questions 37 - 40.

37 training in specialised computer programs

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38 advising on bibliography presentations

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39 checking the draft of the dissertations

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40 providing language supports

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Q34 Clearly, some of you will find the printed version more accessible as it sits on the shelves but I'm afraid the intention is to phase these out eventually. However, you will still be able to print off a version of the text rather than photocopying the journal pages. So you must get used to working online. Naturally, we do still have the full range of classic reference books, additional to the CD-ROMs, for you to use and there are several copies of each one. This is because **Q35 some of you may prefer to borrow a book rather than sit in the library.** There is a restricted loan time on these so that they are not missing from the shelves for too long. Although there is a Section Manager for each part of the library, they are very busy and so, if you do get stuck looking for things, you should ask the relevant Cataloguing Assistant. As your Training supervisor, **Q36 I just oversee your induction** and will not be around after this initial week.

Some of you may be interested to know that the library is offering specialised training sessions on writing a dissertation. Obviously, this is not relevant to those of you who are undergraduates; it is just for postgraduates. Your department will discuss the planning stage of the dissertation – i.e. what you're going to do – with you and we will focus on the structure of it. However, **Q37 the training will also include some time on the computers.**

I realise most of you know how to organise files but we can show you the different ways to run data programmes. Your tutors will tell you at the outset how to set out the chapters they require but you will need to **Q38 ask them how they would like you to organise the bibliography** because it varies depending on your subject area. **Q39 When you've got something together the trainer here will look through the draft version for you to see if it's OK.** And, one final point, for those of you who have registered from abroad, we can offer individual sessions on dissertations if you feel you need them. **Q40 If you require language lessons then they are available from the International Centre next to the Law Department.**

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