

IELTS LISTENING – AFRICAN TRADITIONS AND MODERN LIFE S55T3



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PROFESSOR: Hello Sally and Mike.

SALLY AND MIKE: Hello professor.

PROFESSOR: Welcome to the third meeting of our after school club where we discuss topics from the syllabus in order to help you to understand your class work better. Now I hope that you’ve read the notes I gave you last week on the ancient African traditions. As this will be the focus of our discussion today, who can tell me how they were able to recognize different stars?



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SALLY: Did they measure the distance between them?

PROFESSOR: No Sally I’m afraid that’s incorrect. Mike, do you know the answer?

Questions 21-26

Choose the correct letter **A, B or C**.

21. How could ancient Africans recognize different stars?

A. ☐ by the location of the stars

B. ☐ by the way stars affect each other

C. ☐ by the distance between two stars

22. In which way do the Weyaka people like to deal with their money?

A. ☐ open bank accounts

B. ☐ assist others

C. ☐ lend money to others

23. What do the Africans obtain from their suffering?

A. ☐ ways of protecting their environment

B. ☐ approaches to improving their international status

C. ☐ reasons of conquering drought

24 What are the local people concerned with?

A. ☐ having enough food

B. ☐ getting rid of disease

C. ☐ going back to their former environment

MIKE: Historians used to think that the ancient Africans recognized stars by observing the manner in which they affected each other, but further research showed that they used the **Q21 location of the stars** in order to distinguish one from the other.

PROFESSOR: Well done Mike, very good. Can either of you tell me anything about the Wayaka people?

SALLY: They have a lot of money but do not trust banks to keep it safe. They believe that it’s in their best interest to help themselves not assist others instead the tribe looks after their own finances and generate income from **Q22 lending money to others** in low-interest loans.

PROFESSOR: What problems do the Africans suffer from?

MIKE: They used to suffer greatly from drought however they have now developed clever ways of overcoming it by moving to higher land. There are however far more predators in these mountainous areas, so it is vital that the Africans learn how to **Q23 protect themselves in this new environment**.

SALLY: Yes, that’s right, also compared to more developed countries the Africans are less concerned with their international status, which I find interesting.

PROFESSOR: Very good. What else are the local people concerned with?

MIKE: Unlike other poorer tribes, they have plenty of nourishing food. And they are able to afford vaccines that prevent them from catching diseases.

SALLY: They historically lived in the west of Africa, although later they were chased off their land by other tribes competing for food and water. It is their hope that they will eventually be able to **Q24 return to their original homeland**.

PROFESSOR: Why has the financial condition of the African people deteriorated?

MIKE: Despite their modern transportation system, they find it very difficult to trade because their tools are not sophisticated enough to mine minerals from the land. They have permission to engage in these commercial activities. So once they have the right tools they will be able to develop a very large income from trade.

SALLY: Do you think that this new income will stop Africans suffering from starvation in the near future?

25. What is the reason for the declining financial condition of the African people?

A. ☐ They find it hard to trade because of the undeveloped transportation system.

B. ☐ They have difficulty in mining minerals.

C. ☐ They refuse to develop a range of commercial activities.

26. When can the African people expect to stop suffering from starvation?

A. ☐ next year

B. ☐ in the long-term future

C. ☐ in the near future

Question 27 - 30

Complete the sentences below.

Write **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** for each answer.

27. A valuable quality of the Africans is

Type correct answers here

to make up for the difficulties of food transportation.

28. The government intends to pay greater attention to their

Type correct answers here

plan.

29. Nowadays, the Africans are encouraged to

Type correct answers here

in an area consistently.

30. For the Weyaka people, it is impolite to visit someone’s home without

Type correct answers here

MIKE: Unfortunately, I don’t think so, they should be able to start trading next year but they will only have enough income to start growing sufficient food and crops to support the local people **Q26 in the long term future**.

PROFESSOR: Yes, that’s correct.

SALLY: There are many charities from developed countries that are helping to ship food to African countries in order to feed the starving, unfortunately, it is difficult to transport a lot of food to the right places, but Africans are very good at **Q27 sharing** and making sure that everyone gets something to eat.

MIKE: African governments are also starting to pay more attention to the needs of their people. They have been directing a lot of money to help build schools in the more impoverished villages, as a part of their new **Q28 education** plan which is fantastic. This means that hopefully, all African children will be able to attend school daily without having to walk long distances.

PROFESSOR: Yes absolutely. Do you remember any other information from your class notes?

SALLY: Historically the tribes in Africa often used to migrate across the country in search of food and water. They would live in tents that were easy to dismantle and transport to other locations.

MIKE: That’s true. But now they are being encouraged to **Q29 settle down** in one area, so they can establish colonies and build facilities for themselves such as houses and schools. Some villages have even developed specific customs, for example, the Wayaka people consider it impolite if you do not bring **Q30 gifts** when visiting someone.

PROFESSOR: Bravo you’ve both contributed fantastic points to our conversation. That concludes our session for today I’ll see you next week.

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