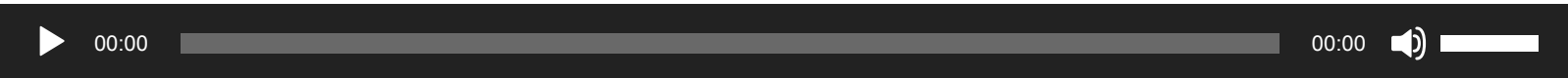


IELTS LISTENING-Postgraduate Study Discussion S67T3



IELTS listening Postgraduate Study Discussion listening practice test has 10 questions belongs to the Career Guidance & Academic Counselling subject..

You will hear a counsellor talking to a student about postgraduate degree courses. Well done for completing your degree, Peter. Were you pleased with your results?
I was a little disappointed I didn't get the highest grade overall, but I did well in my favourite subjects. I got a first class grade in those subjects and pleased with that.
What were they? That was ecology and economic botany. I wasn't very good at biostatistics or plant physiology. Plant physiology? You know the structure of plants, how they cope with different environments.



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I think it's really interesting, but I just couldn't remember all the terminology we had to learn. I think that's why I got a lower grade. As for statistics, I've never been any good at maths. So what did you do best in and why? Anything that included practical work, getting out into nature and seeing plants growing in the wild.

PART 3 Questions 21-30

Questions 21-24

What does peter say to the student counsellor about the subjects he studied for his degree?

A had difficulty remembering information.

B has always had difficulties in this area.

C is particularly interested in this subject.

D feels this has a moral dimension.

Write the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D** next to Question 21-24.

21 Ecology

22 Plant physiology

23 Economic botany

24 Biostatistics

I've been interested in them since I was a small child, though I didn't know what ecology was until my final year at school.
When I started studying it, I was hooked. You also mentioned economic botany. Yes, the opposite of ecology in a way, but I'm really worried about the future of our planet and how we're going to be able to feed all of the people, what with climate change and all.
I feel, as a botanist, I have a real mission to help some of the world's poorest people. That's great. And now you're thinking of doing a postgraduate degree. Yes, and I was wondering if you have any suggestions. There's a lot to choose from. You said in the questionnaire you filled out earlier that you would like to stay in the local area for personal reasons. Well, I've looked up four possible postgraduate courses that may interest you.
Ecology, Tropical Plant Ecology, Plant Cultivation and also Tropical Agriculture. Are they all offered by this university? The ecology courses are run here on campus, while the Plant Cultivation course is run on our out of town campus. The Tropical Farming course is offered by the Farming Institute across town. And they're all two semesters.

Which of the postgraduate courses has the following features?

Write the correct letter **A, B, C,** or **D** next to questions 25-30.

NB you may use any letter more than once,

Postgraduate courses

A Ecology

B Tropical Plant Ecology

C Plant Cultivation

D Tropical Agriculture

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is NOT located in town.

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is NOT offered by the student's university.

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is the longest course.

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does NOT offer a trip abroad.

29–30.

Which two courses have the same fees?

☐ A- Ecology

☐ B- Tropical Plant Ecology

☐ C- Plant Cultivation

☐ D- Tropical Agriculture

Yes, apart from the Tropical Farming course, which is one semester longer, as you undertake a longer study in a tropical location. Oh, that's good. Is there a lot of field work in all the courses?
Yes.
Apart from the long study for the Tropical Farming course, the course in Tropical Plant Ecology has a month-long field trip abroad, while the others have two one-week excursions, with the Plant Cultivation course having an optional trip to study vineyards in France, as well as shorter one or two day trips. I imagine that's reflected in the cost. Right.
The Tropical Farming course is, as you might expect, almost twice the cost of the course is based domestically, while the Tropical Ecology course is one and a half times as expensive. Hmm, thanks. I'll give all of that some thought. So, what are your plans when you have completed your post-grad? I'm not sure yet. I suppose, ultimately, I'd like to work for the United Nations. Something like the Food and Agricultural Organization. That would be my ideal, but there are so many really good charities, NGOs and research institutes out there. Sounds good. Well, good luck. Thanks. See you later.

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