

Listening Practice

Graduation Requirements



- Narrator Listen to a conversation between a student and a registrar.
- Male Student Hi, I'd like to drop off my graduation form. I understand you need this in order to process my diploma.
- Female Registrar OK, I'll take that. Uh, before you leave, lemme check our computer... Uh, looks like you're OK for graduation and...hmmmm. Actually, I'm getting a warning flag on your academic record here.
- Male Student Really?
- Female Registrar Yeah, let's see what's what. Uh, OK, are you familiar with our graduation requirements?
- Male Student Um, I think so
- Female Registrar Then you know you need forty-eight credits in your major field to graduate, and at least twenty-four credits at the intermediate level or higher. Also, after your second year, you have to meet with your department chair to outline a plan for the rest of your time here. In the past, we also issued letters before a student's final year began to let them know what they needed to take in their final year to be OK. But we don't do that anymore...
- Male Student I-I definitely met with my chairperson two years ago. Uh, he told me that I needed eight more courses at the intermediate level or higher in the last two years to be OK...so I'm not sure what the problem is. I made sure I got those credits.

- Female Registrar Unfortunately, the computer's usually pretty reliable... so I'm not sure what's going on here.
- Male Student It could be that I've taken two basic courses but coupled both of them with field experiences.
- Female Registrar What do you mean?
- Male Student Well, I could only take intro courses because there were no intermediate-level courses available for those particular topics. My chairperson told me that if I did independent field research in addition to the assigned work in each course, they would count as intermediate-level courses. My classmates, um, well, some of my classmates did this for an easy way to meet the intermediate course requirement. But I did it to get the kind of depth in those topics I was going for. As it turned out, I really enjoyed the fieldwork. It was a nice supplement to just sitting and listening to lectures.
- Female Registrar I'm sure that's true, but the computer's still showing them as basic-level courses, despite the fieldwork.
- Male Student I'm not sure what to do, then. I mean, should I cancel my graduation party?
- Female Registrar No! No reason to get worried like that. Just contact your chairperson immediately, OK? Uh, tell him to call me as soon as possible so that we can verify your fieldwork arrangement and certify those credits right away. It's not like there's an actual deadline today or anything, but if more than a few weeks go by, we might have a real problem that would be very difficult to fix in time for you to graduate. In fact, there probably would be nothing we could do.
- Male Student I'll get on that.

Now get ready to answer the questions.
You may use your notes
to help you answer.

Directions: Now answer the questions.

1. Why does the man go to see the registrar?
 - (A) To find out why he is not on the list of graduating students
 - (B) To explain why he has not fulfilled his graduation requirements
 - (C) To find out the exact requirements for graduation
 - (D) To submit a document required for graduation

2. According to the registrar, what step is currently taken to ensure that students fulfill their graduation requirements?
 - (A) Academic records are regularly checked by the registrar's office.
 - (B) Students meet with a department chairperson to plan their course work.
 - (C) Students receive letters listing the courses that they still need to take.
 - (D) Warning letters are sent to students who have fallen behind in their course work.

3. Why does the man mention his classmates?
 - (A) To explain how he obtained information about field research
 - (B) To point out that many students like to do field research
 - (C) To show that it is difficult to get intermediate-level credits
 - (D) To emphasize his motivation to do field research in two of his courses

4. Why does the registrar tell the man to contact his chairperson immediately?
 - (A) A deadline has already passed.
 - (B) The man has a limited time to resolve his problem.
 - (C) The man first needs to find out if the chairperson will help him.
 - (D) Issuing a new grade may take longer than expected.

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5. What does the registrar imply when she says this:

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- (A) She is uncertain about the reliability of the computer.
- (B) She will approve the man's form despite her doubts about it.
- (C) She needs more information about the man's credits.
- (D) She needs to call someone to help her fix computer errors.

Listening Answer Key

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1	D
2	B
3	D
4	B
5	C