

PANCYPRIAN EXAMINATIONS

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LISTENING SKILLS

Learning languages

I. **First Listening:** Listen to two friends talking about learning languages.

(A) Choose the best answer a, b or c according to the text:
(5 x 1 = 5 marks)

1. The woman who spoke nine languages is
a. Chinese b. Japanese c. English
2. Her husband comes from
a. England b. France c. China
3. Some people are gifted for learning
a. languages b. maths c. history
4. Mike has always wanted to learn
a. French b. Japanese c. Spanish
5. is incredibly hard to learn.
a. Japanese b. Chinese c. Spanish

(B) Are the following statements True or False?
Tick (✓) the correct answer. (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

	True	False
1. Elisabeth did Japanese for a year.		
2. Japanese is easily pronounced.		
3. Arabic is not easy to learn.		
4. Elisabeth wants to learn German.		
5. Mike and Elisabeth are going to learn Japanese.		

Second Listening: Listen to Mike and Elisabeth talking about learning languages. (10 x 1 = 10 marks)

C. Complete the passage below to summarise the text.
Use only ONE word for each blank.

Mike and Elisabeth are talking about learning languages. Elisabeth met a woman at the language 1. who can speak 2. different languages. She comes from China and is 3. to a Frenchman. However, she speaks very good English and she doesn't mix up all the different languages. She is gifted for learning languages.

Mike learned French at school for 4. years but cannot understand a word when he goes on 5. there; he still finds the language 6., though.

Elisabeth did Spanish at school, which isn't terribly difficult like Japanese. She had a go at Japanese in her last year at college, but she was 7. at it.

Mike would love to be able to speak 8. It sounds mysterious and 9. but he thinks there's very little point in even trying, whereas Elisabeth would really like to be able to speak German since she works for a German 10. Finally, Mike and Elisabeth decide to go to German classes together.