Online Listening Comprehension Test – Advanced (Certificate Courses)  
“America 101”

This online listening comprehension test is for you to evaluate your listening skills and to help you decide what level of English you have. It is meant as a guide only and is not binding. Students are still required to sit a placement test in the first session of each course. Final admission to a particular course depends on your score on the in-class placement test and NOT on this online version. If you need further assistance in determining which courses to sign up for, please contact John Nixon.

Read the questions first and make sure you understand them. Also, look at the score for each answer. Then play the text. Write notes while listening. Take a two-minute break to look at the questions again and your notes. Listen to the text once more. (You should not listen to the audio-text more than twice.)

Please note:  
Your score will NOT be automatically calculated. You will need to correct your test yourself by looking at the answers and adding up the points you scored for each question.

Questions:

1. Why does the University of California at Berkeley organize a special course for foreign students? (1 point)
2. What are the questions that perturb foreign students? (2 points)
3. What does “cultural shock” mean? (2 points)
4. What is the intention of the ‘America 101’ course? (2 points)
5. What is, in the opinion of an electrical engineer from Egypt, typically American? Why? (2 points)
6. What are the main topics of America 101? (3 points)
7. How would a Japanese student behave while being interviewed for a job? Why? (2 points)
8. How might a Brazilian student open an interview? What would he mean by saying this? (2 points)
9. What is the most significant dilemma for foreign students? (2 points)
10. What is the source of confusion for foreign students about Americans? (2 points)