Online Listening Comprehension Test—Upper Intermediate
“Cultural Dimensions”

ANSWERS

1. Professor Lois Watt is Europe's leading interculturalist. (1 point)
2. Her bestseller from last year is titled: “Understanding the English”. (1 point)
3. The title of her next book is: “All about the Scots”. (1 point)
4. International research can only show trends in a particular country. It means that not all the people from a country will behave in one particular way. (2 points)
5. Universalists feel that rules are made for everybody, and should be followed exactly as they are written. (2 points)
6. Making exceptions is felt to be dangerous and can lead to corruption. (2 points)
7. Particularists see laws as useful guidelines to help you in decision making, but not as being written in stone. (2 points)
8. Both the US and Australia like ‘individualism’, and see the rights of the individual as generally more important than the community. (2 points)
9. Japan and Korea. (2 points)
10. People in ‘collectivist’ countries are prepared to give up individual freedoms in order to better serve the community as a whole. (2 points)
11. People with a ‘monochronic’ view of time like to organize their time into a series of consecutive events. (2 points)
12. Brazil is an example of a polychronic culture. People with such a view of time are often very good at multitasking. (2 points)
13. “Inner-directed” people are self-driven. They don’t believe in luck, they make their own luck. (2 points)
14. “Outer-directed” people believe that our lives are controlled by outside forces that we don’t always understand. (2 points)

Total: 26 points
Scoring:

26 points = 1,0
25 points = 1,3
24 points = 1,7
23 points = 2,0
22 points = 2,3
21-20 points = 2,7
19-18 points = 3,0
17-16 points = 3,3
15-14 points = 3,7
13 points = 4,0
12 and below = failed

If you wish to enroll in an Upper-Intermediate course your score should be 18 points or more.