

How do you think families will change in the future?

I think families will be even farther apart in the future. Kids growing up today don't know their extended family very well because they live apart from them. By the time they are adults, they might not know their cousins and aunts and uncles at all. They won't have family members that they can ask for support. People will depend even more on the nuclear family, on their spouses and children, because that will be all the family they have.

ACADEMIC MODEL TEST 2

Listening

Example. (B) Choice (B) is correct because the man is "conducting a survey of shoppers at this mall." He also wants to learn about "people's habits when they shop at the mall." Choice (A) is incorrect because the man is not shopping at the mall; he is conducting a survey. Choice (C) is incorrect because he is not looking for a shop.

1. (B) The man wants to learn about "people's habits when they shop at the mall." The other choices—(A) and (C)—are not mentioned during their conversation.
2. (A) Choice (A) is correct because the man is "interviewing married women, that is women with husbands and children who shop for their families." Choice (B) is incorrect because the man won't talk to "any shopper." Choice (C) is incorrect because the man does not want to speak to children.
3. (B) Choice (B)—26–35—is correct because she says, "I'm 34", which fits into that range. Choices (A) and (C) give numeric ranges that do not match her age.
4. (C) Choice (C) is correct because she says, "I'm here at least twice a week." This statement is the equivalent of choice (C)—two or more times a week. Choice (A)—less than once a month—is incorrect because it is a time period that the man mentions, but the woman does not select that time period. Choice (B)—once a week—is incorrect. It is never mentioned during their conversation.
5. (C) Choice (C) is correct because she says, "The reason I come here so often is for food. I told you I have a large family. I buy all our food at the supermarket here." Choice (A) is incorrect because the woman says, "The clothing stores are quite nice," but she doesn't say that she usually shops for clothes. Choice (B) is incorrect because she says, "I like the bookstore," but she doesn't say that she usually shops for books.
6. (B) Choice (B) is correct because she spends "about an hour and a half or so." Choice (A)—one hour or less—is incorrect because she doesn't say that she ever spends that amount of time at the mall. Choice (C)—more than two hours—is incorrect because she says, "I'm hardly ever here for more than two hours." So, she is not usually at the mall for that amount of time . . . and the question asks for her usual length of time.
7. (A) Choice (A) is correct because the woman says, "I always drive." Choice (B)—bus—is provided by the man as an option, which she doesn't select. Choice (C)—subway—is incorrect. It is never mentioned.
8. Multiple possible answers:
 - (a) Employees are polite
 - (b) Give good service
 - (c) Very good service
 - (d) Polite employees

The woman likes the shoe store because, "the employees there are so polite. They give very good service."