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SECTION 3

M = male student

F = female lecturer

M: Hello can I come in?

F: Oh yes, come in. How can I help you?

M: I was looking for the Economics office. I've been all over the Arts Faculty building looking for it but I could only find the School of Accounting and Economic History. Is this the right place?

Example

F: Yes this is the School of Economics.

M: Oh good. Um, I'm a new student and I was wondering if someone could give me some information.

F: Well I might be able to help. I lecture on that program. What do you need to know?

M: Quite a few things, actually. Firstly, how many lectures a week do I have to attend?

F: Ah, well, the Economics I course is a double unit so there are two lectures a week and one tutorial. The lectures are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday.

M: What time?

F: Let me see ... You know this information is all in the handout which you should have received yesterday at the orientation meeting.

Q22

M: Oh, was there a meeting yesterday? I didn't know about that ... no one mentioned ...

F: Yes, there was, but never mind. Now lectures are at four in the afternoon.

M: Four's a bit late. I've got a part time job that starts at four thirty.

F: Well, you can't be in two places at once, can you, and attendance at lectures is necessary. We expect at least 90% attendance at this university you know.

Q23

M: 90%! That's high. Do they enforce that rule?

F: Yes, we do. We're pretty strict about it actually.

M: And what times have been set down for the tutorials — do you have that information?

F: That's a very well attended course so there's a number of tutorial times.

Practice Test 1

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday, all at 9 o'clock. Yours will be allocated at the first lecture. Q24
- M: Can't I choose the time?
- F: Maybe, maybe not.. You'll have to talk to the lecturer on the course. Q25
Dr. Roberts is his name.
- M: Oh, OK.
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- F: Anything else I can help you with while you're here?
- M: Well, yes, actually. Do you know what the course requirements are? I mean, how much work is expected for this course?
- F: Well, you have to complete a tutorial paper.
- M: What does that involve?
- F: Well, it's a piece of work on a given topic based on some set reading texts. You'll have to give a small talk to your tutorial group ... Q26
- M: How long does that have to be?
- F: Oh, about 25 minutes usually.
- M: I have to talk for 25 minutes?
- F: Yes, that's right. And then you have to write up your piece of work and give it to the lecturer to be marked. Q27
- M: Right. And is that all?
- F: No. You also have to complete a 3,000 word essay on a topic.
- M: Can I choose the topic?
- F: Yes, usually you can. Q28
- M: Right. That shouldn't be too bad.
- F: And in addition to that there is an exam.
- M: An exam! What sort of exam?
- F: Well, it's an open book exam. Q29
- M: Does that mean I can have the text book with me during the exam?
- F: Yes, that's right.
- M: And can you give me any idea about the content of the first year of Economics so that I can get into some reading?
- F: Well, you'll be getting the reading list next week when lectures start. All the books are in the library.
- M: Yes, but won't everyone else take them out as soon as they get the reading list too?
- F: Well, yes, they might. But most of the important ones are held in Closed Reserve ... that's a part of the library where you can go to read books but you can't take them out of the building. Q30
- M: What did you call that section of the library?
- F: Closed Reserve. However, we do recommend that you *buy* the core books. You'll find them useful and you'll need them for the exam.
- M: Yes, I suppose I will. But what is the focus of the course?
- F: Well, the course at this university has a vocational focus, that is a focus on preparing its graduates for work, so we're orientated very much towards employment. Q31
- M: So my chances of getting a job are good?
- F: Well, provided you get good results.
- M: Well look thanks for your time. You've been really helpful.