

STAGE I NATIONAL STUDENTS OLYMPIAD IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Listening Comprehension Test for 9 Form Students

U.S. TV Host Conan O'Brien Dives Into Armenian Culture 'Headfirst'

Task 1. Choose whether the statements are True or False.

- ☐ 1. Conan O'Brien is twenty-two years old.
- ☐ 2. O'Brien is regarded as the longest-working of all current late-night talk show hosts in the United States, at 22 years
- ☐ 3. This story is about O'Brien's visit to Cuba
- ☐ 4 O'Brien got the idea to visit Armenia from his sister.
- ☐ 5. O'Brien was in Armenia to take part in the 100th Anniversary of the 1915 Genocide
- ☐ 6. The story says that O'Brien is an American politician
- ☐ 7. O'Brien did not visit the Armenian capital, Yerevan.

Task 2. Choose the best answers:

8). This story is mostly about about:

- A: Conan O'Brien's visit to Armenia
- B: Conan O'Brien's strong beliefs about the Armenian Genocide
- C: Armenian-American relations
- D: The 1915 genocide of Armenians.

9). What did O'Brien think was funny:

- A: The presence of the fast food chain, KFC in Armenia's capital and men walking with their arms interlocked.
- B: The hospitality and kindness of the Armenian people and the fast food chain KFC.
- C: Herding sheep while wearing traditional clothing and the hospitality and kindness of the Armenian people.
- D: Turkey's complicated relationship with the United States over the controversial history of the Armenian Genocide.

10). The genocide referred to in the story was:

- A: The massacre of 500,000 thousand Armenians during the reign of Sultan Abdul Hamid the II in the late 19th century.
- B: The mass slaughter and deportation of up to 1.5 million Ottoman Turks during World War I.
- C: The World War II-era mass deportation of up to 1 million Armenians.
- D: The World War I-era mass slaughter and deportation of up to 1.5 million Armenians.

11). Conan O'Brien was in Armenia:

A: visiting nearby countries.

B: visiting his fans.

C: filming an episode of his show that will air in November.

D: filming an episode of his show that will air in January of 2016.

12). When asked about the Armenian Genocide Conan O'Brien told reporters that:

A: he was not an expert on world affairs.

B: he was an expert on world affairs.

C: he had very strong feelings about the genocide.

D: he feels that Turkey should be punished for their role in the genocide.

13). When Conan O'Brien says that he was getting "immersed" in Armenian culture he most likely means:

A: he was involving himself deeply in Armenian culture.

B: he was really enjoying getting to know Armenian people.

C: he was looking forward to returning to the United States.

D: he did not understand Armenian culture.

14). Conan O'Brien has been a talk show host in the US for:

A: 22 years.

B: 35 years.

C: 5 years.

D: 17 years.

15). Conan O'Brien is _____.

A: an American comedian

B: an Armenian comedian

C: an American documentarian

D: an American politician