

Practice Test 09

Listening Comprehension and Summary:

Please listen carefully and summarize the following passage.

I had to go to the emergency room for chest pains and endless coughing while I was visiting a friend in America. I didn't have U.S. medical insurance and if I had known how much my trip to the E.R. was going to cost me, I would have waited until I came back to Korea to go to the hospital. My total medical bill came out to over \$3,000! For that much money, I received an x-ray, 2 minutes of consultation from a doctor, two shots in the butt, a prescription for some medicine, and a total of 3 hours of waiting time. In Korea, I could have gotten the same treatment for about \$30 in a shorter amount of time. Needless to say, I have learned a valuable lesson about going to a hospital in America.

Discussion Questions:

Please answer the following questions.

1. What healthy habits do you have?
2. Do you prefer taking home remedies or taking western medicine for the common cold?
3. If you were really sick at work, what would you do?

Picture Description:

Please describe the picture.



Practice Test 09 Answers

Summary

The speaker visited the ER in America because he was sick and he was shocked to see how much the bill was. He had an x-ray, talked to a doctor for a few minutes, and got a prescription but it came out to \$3000. The same treatment in Korea would have only been \$30. He learned a valuable lesson with this trip to an American hospital.

Discussion Questions

1. A healthy habit I have is that I always eat breakfast. They say that breakfast is the most important meal of the day because it increases energy levels and mental sharpness from the beginning of the day. Another healthy habit I have is that I always eat and light lunch and exercise for 30 minutes at lunchtime. This helps me digest and feel energized for the rest of the day. The last healthy habit I have is that I always go to sleep at the same time every night. This assures me that I will get a good amount of sleep and feel good when I wake up.
2. I prefer to take western medicine for the common cold because it simply works better. I feel that western medicine is used to treat symptoms that I already have, whereas home remedies such as citron tea only work to block symptoms before they occur. In my experience, western medicine works very well. I also like western medicine because they work quickly and they are readily available. I can go to any pharmacy or even the store to get some pain relievers or cough medicine.
3. If I were really sick at work, I would first assess whether I am able to continue working or not. There is a company hospital clinic at work so I would first go there and get some medicine to continue working. If not, I would ask my boss if I could go see another doctor to get a more detailed checkup. If I still feel sick after seeing the doctor and taking medicine, I would probably go back home and get some rest.

Picture Description

This is a picture of a family enjoying their time at a park. It is a very sunny day and probably a weekend because the whole family, including the father and the dog, are walking in the park. It looks like it may be summertime because they are wearing summer clothing. It seems that they are really happy.