

ISE I

Sample Independent listening task 2 – Bhutan

Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a short talk about a place in Asia. You will hear the talk twice. The first time, just listen. Then, I'll ask you to tell me in a few words what the speaker is talking about. Are you ready?

The task will play once.

Now tell me in a few words what the talk is about.

Give the candidate some blank notepaper.

Now listen to the talk again. Write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me six pieces of information about Bhutan. Are you ready?

The task will play once.

Now tell me six pieces of information about Bhutan.

When the candidate has finished, select four follow-up questions from the list below. Choose four questions which correspond to facts not already reported by the candidate.

Audio script

Today we are going to learn about a country called Bhutan. Only about 800,000 people live in Bhutan. But amazingly those people speak 24 different languages!

What about the environment? About 72 per cent of the country is forest. The government has made a lot of laws to protect animals. The people in Bhutan are not allowed to use plastic bags. Many of the cars in the country are electric. There's an unusual thing about the capital of Bhutan. It doesn't have any traffic lights! Instead, policemen show drivers when to stop. These policemen have to wear special white gloves to do this. What about the people? If you go to Bhutan, you can see people wearing traditional dress.

And here's another interesting thing. Every year the government asks the people about their happiness. This is because they think happiness is more important than money. So, do you want to visit Bhutan?

Questions and answers

If the candidate asks, the examiner may repeat the questions once.

What the talk is about: Bhutan.

	Fact from recording	Follow-up question
1	Only (about) 800,000 people live in Bhutan	How many people live in Bhutan?
2	The people of Bhutan speak 24 different languages	How many languages do the people of Bhutan speak?
3	About 72% of Bhutan is forest	How much of Bhutan is forest?
4	The government has made (a lot of) laws to protect animals	What has the government done to protect animals?
5	The people in Bhutan are not allowed to use plastic bags	What kind of bags are not allowed in Bhutan?
6	Many of the cars in Bhutan/they are electric	What is special about the cars in Bhutan?
7	The capital of Bhutan doesn't have (any) traffic lights	What is unusual about the capital of Bhutan?
8	Policemen show drivers when to stop	Who shows drivers when to stop?
9	The policemen wear (special) white gloves	What do the policemen wear?
10	You can see people wearing traditional dress	What can you see people wearing in Bhutan?
11	Every year, the government asks people about their happiness	What does the government ask its people about every year?
12	This is because they think happiness is more important than money	Why does the government want to find out how happy people are?