Unit 24, Part 1: Listening Comprehension Exercises

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Based on the recorded passages, circle the best response to each of the questions that follow. You may listen to each passage as many times as needed.

EXERCISE ONE: QUESTIONS

- 1. Which of the following statements regarding Singapore's economy is correct?
 - (A) Singapore is the second-largest financial center in Asia.
 - (B) Singapore is the fourth-largest financial center in the world.
 - (C) Singapore is the most important trading center in East Asia.
- 2. Based on this passage, what do we know about Singapore's demographics?
 - (A) The population density of Singapore is the second-highest in the world.
 - (B) Many Singaporeans are immigrants from Britain, since Singapore used to be a British colony.
 - (C) Singapore is one of the most populous countries of the world.

EXERCISE TWO: QUESTIONS

- 1. When was Sir Stamford Raffles born?
 - (A) 1781
 - (B) 1819
 - (C) 1822
- 2. Why was Sir Stamford Raffles sent to the Malay Peninsula?
 - (A) Because of his proficiency in foreign languages
 - (B) Because he had made important contributions to Singapore
 - (C) Because he had been working for the British East India Company since an early age
- 3. Why did Sir Stamford Raffles found Singapore Botanic Gardens?
 - (A) He was interested in plants.
 - (B) He wanted to make money in the rubber industry.
 - (C) He believed that the residents of Singapore needed more scientific knowledge.