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ШИФР \_\_\_\_\_

LISTENING

**Task 1. You will hear Peter and Carol talking about the news. Listen to the recording. For questions 1-6, choose the best answer (A-D) according to what you hear.**

**1. What doesn't Peter like about the TV news?**

- A It exploits personal misfortune.
- B The pictures are not varied enough.
- C It makes us too emotional.
- D The items covered are limited.

**2. According to Peter, pictures**

- A can be used to distort reality.
- B are more reliable than words.
- C make news stories more interesting.
- D tend to give us conflicting views.

**3. How does Carol think people are affected by shocking news pictures?**

- A They question what's right and wrong.
- B They feel guilty about their own lives.
- C They reevaluate their view of the world.
- D. They try to do something to help

**4. Peter thinks that on the TV news, important events**

- A do not always get good visual coverage
- B are given too much broadcasting time.
- C are blown up out of all proportion.
- D are presented as minor incidents.

**5. Peter says that quality newspapers differ from TV in that**

- A they present a wider range of opinions.
- B they allow us to form our own views.
- C they are more selective in what they cover.

D they treat the news in greater depth.

**6. Carol believes that compared with film, newspapers**

A are more obviously biased

B have a much greater influence

C can be equally persuasive

D don't affect people so much

**Task 2. You will hear part of a radio talk about laughter. Listen to the talk and complete the notes.**

**Laughter**

Reasons:

- reaction to humour (less than (7).....of cases.
- part of (8).....

Differences between men and women:

**Women**

- smile more
- use laughter to establish (9).....

**Men**

- laugh more loudly
- use laughter to show (10).....

Health benefits:

- reduces blood pressure, (11)....., pain.
- increases ability to fight (12).....

Children:

- may suffer from lack of laughter due to being (13).....in spare time
- laughter helps children to form emotional ties; learn (14).....; grow more mature.

**READING**

**Task 1. You are going to read an article about the trend of drinking bottled water. For questions 1-10, choose from the sections (A-E). The sections may be chosen more than once.**

**In which section of the article are the following mentioned?**

commonly held myths about the benefits of drinking bottled water	1	
bottled water being responsible for a change in a social custom	2	
the existence of cities having been dependent on the consumption of a particular drink	3	

an explanation for why a temporary trend in bottled water sales occurred	4	
the view that the role a particular person plays is largely redundant	5	
the ability of a certain drink to provide comfort and bring people together	6	
appreciation for an insight that supported the writer's own viewpoint	7	
the desire to behave in a way that would highlight the absurdity of a situation	8	
the potential uses of a drink to enhance physical well-being and mental performance	9	
the habit of drinking bottled water being used to promote the image of its consumer	10	

### **A nice cup of tea beats bottled water every time**

*Our writer tries to understand the appeal of fashionable plastic*

**A.** I am occasionally engaged to speak in public, and the preliminary formalities are handled by a functionary who telephones to ask whether I will be needing a power point, and whether I have “any special dietary requirements”. Sooner or later I'm going to answer both in the affirmative: “Being a novelist, I will naturally be illustrating my talk with a series of graphs - and, as for the dinner, I will get my doctor to forward you the list of my allergies” Immediately before the talk, the pointless man will stand up and say, “A few housekeeping notes”, before pointing out the exits, which, since they are usually the same as the entrances by which we came in, we already know. He then wastes further effort by marshalling before me some bottles of water. Again, I am tempted to call his bluff. I ought to spend the first five minutes of my speaking time tipping the contents of these bottles down my throat. But, in practice, I never touch them. It just so happens that I have never been gagging with thirst while being introduced as a speaker. Don't get me wrong, when I am thirsty, I have a drink: ideally, apple juice, because I prefer something with a taste. Above all, I drink tea - no fewer than half a dozen cups a day.

**B.** I find the bottled water fad to be a distressing instance of mass hypnotism, so when the remarks of an Australian scientist were reported last week, they represented to me a series of nails being hit firmly on the head. Dr Spero Tsindos 30 resoundingly pronounced that bottled water has become 'a fashion accessory and a token of instant gratification'. Unfortunately, the British public is not so sensible. Sales of bottled water have ascended continually since the 1980s apart from 35 a brief dip from 2006-2010. This was probably accounted for by a backlash against bottled water - at the glibness of the whole phenomenon, whose only tangible result is a mountain of landfill. Restaurants that refused to serve tap water were 40 condemned and often shamed out of the practice. But notwithstanding the fact that it doesn't flush toxins out of the body, improve the skin, or taste better than tap water, people now consume more bottled water than ever before.

**C.** I suspect that the appeal of a small bottle of water is that it is not a glass of wine. 'Look; the water carrier proclaims, 'I am not drinking alcohol!' (at least, not right now). The water bottle is a priggish symbol of purity and piety, and insofar as this is radiated externally, it is a reproof to the person daring to drink wine in the presence of the water-drinker. Insofar as it is not radiated, then the water-drinker is claiming moral points for being conscious of their own well-being. The other reason I can't stand bottled water is that it seems unpatriotic. Since the 1980s, our traditional four cups of tea a day have apparently dropped to three. But let's quickly eliminate one suspect in the case of the lost cup. At first glance, it might appear to be coffee when we notice the proliferation of high street coffee shops. But sales show that the culprit is actually bottled water, and to a lesser extent, fruit juice.

**D.** Why should we be celebrating tea? Being 99 per cent water, it has all the hydrating virtues of bottled water but with a bonus, namely the tea itself, which provides a moderate dose of cerebrally-stimulating caffeine (the best thing you can do before an exam is drink a cup of tea). It is also rich in flavonoid antioxidants, which aid cardiovascular fitness and tea leaves applied externally can act as an antiseptic, as monkeys in the jungle know very well. And unlike bottled water, tea requires the boiling of water, and it is said that tea consumption enabled the concentrations of population necessary for urban living in the 18th century, when metropolitan water supplies were not clean.

**E.** As a child, I was involved in a serious car crash, and I could not speak from shock until a woman - a complete stranger, and angelic in my memory - came up with a cup of sweet, milky tea. I doubt that a bottle of water would have done the trick. Tea is associated with an enjoyable and very social ritual, but imagine the sheer crassness of a host who inquired, 'More bottled water, anyone?' Tea is our national common denominator, and it would be helpful in these uncertain times if it could be allied to our other such symbol, namely a certain Elizabeth. But I fear that Her Majesty is invariably accompanied on her travels by bottles of mineral water.

## **Task 2.**

**Read the article and choose the correct answer, 1, 2, 3 or 4**

### *Space could solve water problems*

Have you ever tasted saltwater? I guess you have and if so, you will agree with me that it's not very refreshing. In fact, drinking more than a few cups worth can kill you.

According to the United States Geological Survey, whose mission is to collect and disseminate reliable, impartial, and timely information that is needed to understand the nation's water resources, about ninety-seven percent of the water on our planet is saltwater; the rest is stored in lakes, rivers, glaciers and aquifers underground. Moreover, only about one-third of the world's potential fresh water can be used for human needs. As pollution increases, the amount of usable water decreases.

Water is the most precious and taken-for-granted resource we have on Earth. It is also one of the most threatened resources. Increased population and possible climate change will put more and more strain on supplies of this vital resource as time goes on. What could we do in this situation? Though it may seem like science fiction, the solution could lie in outer space.

I'm not saying we're going to be teleporting to a spring on the other side of the galaxy or colonizing another planet just to have longer showers – it's much more mundane than that. What we could achieve realistically in this century is the successful use of the solar system's rare metals and water, barring the invention of the matrix.

You may be surprised to learn that the metal in your keys, coins, cell phone, computer, car and everywhere else, originally came to this planet from space. When Earth formed, the heavy metals sank to the center and formed a solid core. The lighter elements formed the mantle and the crust we live on. Asteroids and comets that struck the Earth brought water and metals to the surface.

There are thousands of asteroids orbiting near Earth. Most asteroids are made of rock, but some are composed of metal, mostly nickel and iron. Probes could be sent out to these to identify useful ones. Then larger probes could push them towards the Earth where they can be handled in orbit.

In order to fuel ships and probes, we simply need to find a source of water, such as a comet or the surface of the moon. We collect the water and pass an electric current through it from a solar panel. The water separates into oxygen and hydrogen, which in liquid form is a powerful rocket fuel.

Is this really possible? We may soon find out. Private company SpaceX has already started delivering equipment to the International Space Station (ISS). The ISS is proof that countries once at each other's throats, like America and Russia, can work together and pull off multi-billion dollar projects.

Recently, a company called Planetary Resources Inc. made the news for getting big names like Google and Microsoft to invest in exploring asteroids for material gain. Although it will take many decades, it is wise to put the gears in motion now.

We've already landed probes on the surface of asteroids and taken samples from them. We can put something as large as the ISS, which weighs just short of 500 tons, according to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), in orbit.

We can make a half-million-mile round-trip to get rocks from the moon. We can do all of these things already. They just need to be applied and developed in a smart way.

**11). What problem is raised in the article?**

- 1) Cooperation in space
- 2) Threats of climate change
- 3) Danger of drinking salt water
- 4) Lack of water supplies on Earth

**12).According to the author, the information published in the US Geological Survey is meant to**

- 1) help to monitor the state of the country's water resources.
- 2) She didn't work in her childhood.
- 3) She didn't have any writing experience.
- 4) demonstrate the quality of water the nation uses.

**13).The author thinks that outer space**

- 1) is dangerous because of asteroids.
- 2) is not studied properly.
- 3) should be colonized.
- 4) is a source of important supplies.

**14). According to the author, the space water sources may be used for**

- 1) the production of electricity.
- 2) fuel production.
- 3) moon exploration.
- 4) water supplies for spaceships.

**15). The Google and Microsoft (paragraph 9) are mentioned to**

- 1) show that space research is important for computer science.
- 2) prove that asteroids can be commercially attractive.
- 3) explain how Planetary Resources Inc. became famous.
- 4) prove that asteroids can interfere withthe Internet.

**16). The expression “put the gears in motion” in “it is wise to put the gears in motion now” (paragraph 9) means**

- 1) to move.
- 2) to explore.
- 3) to begin.
- 4) to invest.

**17). What idea is stressed in the last two paragraphs?**

- 1) Asteroids are unique objects for scientific research.
- 2) International Space Station is the heaviest object in space.

- 3) There is room for further achievements in space exploration.
- 4) Only smart administration can manage space programs.

### ENGLISH IN USE

**Task 1. For questions 1-8, read the text below. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in the gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS.**

#### EATING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

Food researchers have discovered that the (0) .....**APPRECIATION**... (APPRECIATE) of a meal lies not so much in what you eat as where you eat it. They served up exactly the same chicken dish in ten different places and found that the better the (1) .....(SET), the better people said the food tasted. A meal of chicken a'la king, which got low marks from (2) .....(DINE) in a (3).....(RESIDE) home for the elderly and a boarding school, was given top marks when it was served up at a four-star restaurant, although it had been made from the same ingredients, cooked in the same kitchen, and accompanied by the same rice. These (4) .....(REVEAL) will come as (5).....(WELCOME) news to food snobs and celebrity chefs. According to the researchers, the (6) .....;(FIND) demonstrate that food is (7).....(RATE) and is often a great deal less important than the environment in which it is eaten. The meal, which was assessed on its (8) .....(APPEAR), taste and texture, received the worst overall marks when it was served at an army training camp.

**Task 2. For items 1-5, match the two columns to make English proverbs. In the right column, there are three extra phrases you don't need. There is an example at the beginning.**

**Example:**

<b>0 - B</b>
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0	It never rains	A	is without some sweat
1	Still waters	B	but it pours
2	No sweet	C	think alike
3	Great minds	D	caught with chaff
4	Old birds are not to be	E	see
5	As you brew, so must you	F	run deep
6	None is so blind as they who will not	G	drink

## VOCABULARY

**Task 1. Decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

0. Don't judge a book by its cover - appearances can often be very \_\_\_\_C\_\_\_\_ .

**A** mistaking **B** fraudulent **C** deceptive **D** tricky

1 He went for a walk to work \_\_\_\_\_ an appetite for breakfast.

**A** up **B** out **C** on **D** off

2 She had lost her appetite and could only \_\_\_\_\_ her meal, forcing down a mouthful or two.

**A** gulp down **B** bite off **C** eat up **D** pick at

3 How could I have allowed myself to be \_\_\_\_\_ by his lies?

**A** fallen for **B** taken in **C** tricked into **D** seen through

4 They eventually took the bronze medal, finishing a \_\_\_\_\_ third behind Poland.

**A** tight **B** final **C** close **D** late

5 I can't believe you \_\_\_\_\_ for a simple trick like that!

**A** swindled **B** trusted **C** fell **D** played

6 In \_\_\_\_\_ to my husband, I prefer to spend very little time preparing a meal.

**A** opposition **B** contrast **C** difference **D** disparity

7 I ordered a \_\_\_\_\_ salad to have with my spaghetti dish.

**A** side **B** spare **C** supplementary **D** part

8 She sat back in a \_\_\_\_\_ relaxed pose, her hands trembling slightly in her lap.

**A** trickily **B** fraudulently **C** deceptively **D** deceitfully

9 She went under \_\_\_\_\_ as a waitress to write an article on tipping.

**A** mask **B** act **C** pose **D** cover

10 \_\_\_\_\_ your child's hunger for knowledge with this downloadable version of our encyclopaedia.

**A** Satisfy **B** Quench **C** Fulfil **D** Meet

**Task 2. Complete each of the gaps with one of the words from the box. Use each word only once.**

<i>soft drinks</i>	<i>rat</i>	<i>flames</i>	<i>salt</i>	<i>furniture</i>
<i>youths</i>	<i>biscuits</i>	<i>homework</i>	<i>water</i>	<i>granted</i>

11. Add just a pinch of \_\_\_\_\_ to the mixture.



12. The tap had been dripping and there was a pool of \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor.
- 13 The plane crashed in a ball of \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. We've been given masses of \_\_\_\_\_ to do tonight.
15. We bought a crate of \_\_\_\_\_ for the party, but most of the children drank water.
16. Police are hunting a gang of \_\_\_\_\_ in connection with the crimes.
17. No, Johnny, the sea bed is not a piece of \_\_\_\_\_ .
18. Don't eat them while you're speaking; you can't talk with a mouthful of \_\_\_\_\_ .
19. The children are unusually quiet today. I smell a \_\_\_\_\_ !
20. I'm happy to help her out but I don't want to be taken for \_\_\_\_\_ .

### CROSS-CULTURAL TASK

*Choose the right variant*

**1. The original name of that city was New Amsterdam. Today the city is called...**

**A** Philadelphia **B** New York **C** Gettysburg **D** Pittsburgh

**2. The Mayflower was the ship on which British settlers arrived in North America in 1620. They were .....**

**A** the Puritans **B** the Pilgrims **C** the settlers of the Virginia Company **D** Russians

**3. The Golden Gate Bridge is a symbol of.....**

**A.** San Fransisco **B.** Seatle **C.** Vancouver **D.** New York

**4. What is Piccadilly Circus?**

**A.** circus **B** square **C** street **D** house

**5. He was called the "Architect of London". His best known creation is St. Paul's Cathedral.**

**A** Christopher Wren **B** Alexander Bell **C** Alexander Fleming **D** Henry IV

**6. I n Scotland there is a tradition of a first-footer. It is a dark-haired man who enters a household on New Year's Day and brings three things. What is odd one?**

**A** a piece of coal **B** a piece of bread **C** a silver coin **D** a bone

**7. Whose things are these: a top hat, a magnifying glass, a violin?**

**A** Robin Hood **B** Alfred the Great **C** Sherlock Holmes **D** Winston Churchill

**8. To make it you need about six meters of tartan**

**A** kilt      **B** bagpipe      **C** haggis      **D** whisky

**9. What is the highest point in England?**

**A.** Hadrian Wall   **B** Snowdon   **C** Scafell Pike   **D** Ben Nevis

**10. Who won the first ever FA Cup?**

**A** Manchester United   **B** Arsenal   **C** The Wanderers   **D** Liverpool

### **WRITING**

**Choose one task and write your story. Give a title to your story.**

**Write 180—240 words.**

**Task 1.** Write a life story of the flower (you may choose any flower that grows in your or any other country). Describe the flower in two different seasons. Describe its life when it was young. Describe two-three events that the flower witnessed.

**Task 2.** Write about the worst experience in your life so far. Think about a time when you were most upset or angry and describe it.

Give a title to your story.

**Remember the rules of writing.**