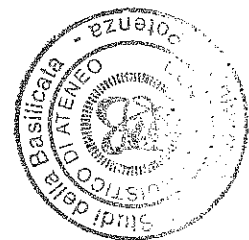


PART 1 – USE OF ENGLISH – A



1. My parents _____ in China.
A. are born B. were born C. was born
2. Anna's in the Kitchen. She _____ dinner.
A. cooks B. is cooking C. will cook
3. I _____ to eat fresh vegetables. I don't like frozen.
A. prefers b. 'm preferring C. prefer
4. Today most people _____ on junk food.
A. cuts down B. are cutting down C. is cutting down
5. It's hot in here! _____ open the window?
A. Will I B. Shall I C. Do I
6. We _____ the cinema on Saturday. Would you like to come?
A. will go to B. go to C. are going to
7. i) Is there anything on TV tonight? ii) I don't know. _____ in the paper.
A. I'll look B. I'm going to look C. I am looking
8. We're _____ about you at the moment, and we hope you'll be home soon.
A. believing B. thinking C. knowing
9. I _____ my wallet when I was on holiday last year.
A. lost B. 've been losing C. 've lost
10. He _____ a lot of money when his grandfather died.
A. 's inherited B. been inheriting C. inherited
11. I have been playing football _____ I was five years old.
A. when B. since C. for
12. You look tired. What _____?
A. you have been doing B. have you doing C. have you been doing
13. Why is he asking for money again? I _____ him \$50 two days ago.
A. 've lent B. lent C. lend
14. We've been living in this house _____ four years now.
A. from B. since C. for
15. Take a sandwich because you _____ get hungry.
A. might B. might not C. should
16. I _____ like public speaking. Now I love it.
A. don't use to B. didn't use to C. didn't used to

17. The film was directed _____ Quentin Tarantino.
 A. for B. from C. by
18. She _____ speak to you again if you do that.
 A. doesn't B. wouldn't C. won't
19. i) Is this _____? ii) no, it's Maria's.
 A. yours book. B. book yours C. your
20. She'll be really happy if we _____ her to our party.
 A. Invited B. invite C. would invite



PART 2 – USE OF ENGLISH – B

1. A lot of novels _____ (translate) into other languages.
2. When _____ (this museum/build)?
3. All of the children _____ (give) a prize for entering the competition.
4. If you _____ (have) time, will you come round for a coffee?
5. I need _____ (learn) to drive a car this summer.
6. I don't mind _____ (spend) time with my partner's family.
7. We stopped at a café _____ (have) a drink and a break.
8. _____ (talk) about everything is the best way to have a good relationship.
9. She's good at _____ (cook). She makes fantastic pasta
10. He _____ (never/wear) a hat in his life.

PART 3 – READING COMPREHENSION

Airbus crisis over

Airbus says it has turned the corner after a crisis connected to production problems and turmoil in the boardroom at its A380 super-jumbo project that has gone on for the past year. Speaking at the Paris air show, Louis Gallois, CEO of the European planemaker, said 'Airbus is back.'
 Airbus, which announced a raft of orders on the first day of the show, is competing with Boeing, its American rival, for the title of the largest planemaker in the world.

Boeing is expected to reveal the numbers of orders for its 787 Dreamliner soon. Airbus orders unveiled on Monday included Qatar Airways confirming \$12bn order for 80 A350 Airbus planes and ordering three A380 super-jumbos for about \$750 m.

Airbus also secured orders from US Airways that are worth \$10bn for 22 of its A350 jets, 60 A320s and ten of its A330-200 wide-body planes.

A few months ago, Airbus unveiled a major cost-cutting programme aiming to reduce the workforce in Europe by 10,000, as well as announcing a group restructuring. 'I can tell you with full confidence that Airbus is back and fully back, as you have started noting yesterday as demonstrated by our first day announcements,' said Mr. Galois on the second day of the air show.

However, Boeing also announced a deal with General Electric (GE) on the show's first day. GE's commercial aviation services placed an order for six 777 Boeing freighters valued at around \$1.4bn, to be delivered in the last quarter of 2008.

A Wall Street Journal website report, quoting the Delta operating chief yesterday said that Delta Air Lines were on the verge of ordering as many as 125 Boeing 787 jetliners by the end of this year. However, a spokesman for Delta later said that it had been having conversations 'with several aircraft makers' and that no final decision had been made on future fleet purchases.

1. The problems at Airbus
 - A. have been resolved completely.
 - B. are well on their way to being sorted out.
 - C. are far from resolved.

2. Airbus announced
 - A. a large number of orders on the first day of the show.
 - B. some orders on the first day of the show.
 - C. a few orders on the first day of the show.

3. Qatar Airways ordered
 - A. 83 planes on Monday.
 - B. 80 planes on Monday.
 - C. 3 planes on Monday.

4. US Airways
 - A. placed an order for the new super-jumbo.
 - B. didn't place an order for the new super-jumbo.
 - C. May have placed an order for the new super-jumbo.

5. Boeing
 - A. announced sales of the Dreamliner.
 - B. may sell some Dreamliners to General Electric.
 - C. May sell some Dreamliners to Delta Airlines.



Alternative Medicine

Alternative medicine is, by definition, an alternative to something else: modern, western medicine. But the term 'alternative' can be misleading, even off-putting for some people. Few practitioners of homeopathy, acupuncture, herbalism and the like regard their therapies as complete substitutes for modern medicine. Rather, they consider their disciplines as supplementary to orthodox medicine. The problem is that many doctors refuse even to recognize 'natural' or alternative medicine, to do so calls for a radically different view of health, illness and cure. But, whatever doctors may think, the demand for alternative forms of medical therapy is stronger than ever before, as the limitations of modern medical science become more widely understood.

Alternative therapies are often dismissed by orthodox medicine because they are sometimes administered by people with no formal medical training. But, in comparison with many traditional therapies, western medicine as we know it today is a very recent phenomenon. Until only 150 years ago, herbal medicine and simple inorganic compounds were the most effective treatments available. Despite the medical establishment's intolerant attitude, alternative therapies are being accepted by more and more doctors, and the World Health Organization has agreed to promote the integration of proven, valuable, 'alternative' knowledge and skills in western medicine.

6. The term 'alternative' is
 - A. not entirely appropriate.
 - B. rejected by Western medicine.
 - C. very recent.

7. Alternative therapy is often rejected by conventional doctors because
 - A. it is not beneficial.
 - B. it is misleading.
 - C. practitioners are often not qualified.

8. Few practitioners of alternative medicine think their therapies should
 - A. substitute modern medicine.
 - B. complement modern medicine.
 - C. be accepted by the medical establishment.

9. Western medicine
 - A. is based on many traditional therapies.
 - B. has existed for a comparatively short period of time.
 - C. is practiced by people with no formal medical training.

10. The World Health Organization
 - A. has an intolerant attitude towards alternative therapies.
 - B. will support effective knowledge and skills.
 - C. will support all alternative medicine.



PART 4 – LISTENING COMPREHENSION

LISTENING 1

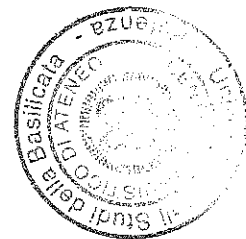
1. The writer thinks...
 - A. fashion is ridiculous.
 - B. 'Prada' sunglasses are must-haves.
 - C. designers just want to make a lot of money.

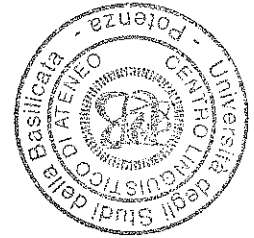
2. She thinks people who buy designer brands...
 - A. are frightened of making a mistake.
 - B. are cool.
 - C. don't have good taste.

3. She thinks...
 - A. the clothes in high street stores are better than designer clothes.
 - B. it's easy to find great, cheap clothes.
 - C. you feel good if you find good, cheap clothes.
4. According to the bank survey, rich young people...
 - A. now want to look different from each other.
 - B. don't have as much money to spend as they used to.
 - C. are now buying more designer clothes.
5. The writer...
 - A. thinks the price of designer clothes is fair.
 - B. thinks there are better things to spend her money on.
 - C. would like to have the money to buy designer clothes.

LISTENING 2

6. In 1990 Minette Walters was _____ about the chances of her first novel being published.
 - A. quite optimistic
 - B. quite pessimistic
 - C. quite worried
7. When her agent first phoned, Minette felt that she _____ celebrate the news.
 - A. shouldn't
 - B. had to
 - C. could
8. Her agent couldn't understand _____.
 - A. why she was crying
 - B. what she was saying
 - C. her reaction
9. In the end Minette's good news made her friend _____.
 - A. feel better
 - B. feel worse
 - C. leave early
10. Now that she is very successful, she _____ the publishers who rejected her.
 - A. feels positive towards
 - B. feels negative towards
 - C. understands





TAPESCRIPT

PART ONE

Designer brands aren't for me

Although I follow fashion, I hate the phrase 'must-have'. If I read that UGG boots or Prada sunglasses are the latest 'must-haves', my immediate reaction is to think 'Why must I have them?' Why should I fall for the designer's manipulative tactics, which are only intended to increase his bank balance at the expense of mine?

Designer brands, in general, are for people who are too insecure to trust their own tastes. These people decide that everything at Prada must be cool, so if you shop there, you can't go wrong. I find it much more satisfying to pop into one of the cheap chain stores on the High Street and buy a copy of the designer's clothes for a tenth of the price. OK, you have to use your skill to find the one garment in three that looks great. But it's worth it! It's like finding a piece of gold in a river. The find gives you immense satisfaction.

Which is why, according to a survey done by a British bank, young people with money are abandoning the designer shops and buying their clothes in chain stores, second-hand shops, and in markets. This is the best news I've heard all week. It means that young people have the confidence to trust their judgement. They are prepared to take risks to look individual and not mass-produced.

That has always been my shopping philosophy. The exorbitant prices in designer shops leave me open-mouthed. Even if I had the money, I would think of all the other things I could spend it on!

PART TWO

The best day of my life

One of the best days of my life was when my agent phoned to say that my first novel, *The Ice House*, had been accepted by a publisher. I'd finished the book 18 months earlier, and I didn't think it was ever going to be published. It was one morning in the autumn of 1990 when the phone call came. I was 39, and a friend of mine turned up, sat down at my kitchen table and burst into tears because she was

having problems with her marriage. I was doing my best to try to console her when the phone rang. So there I was, listening to the best news of my life, while my friend was crying over the worst news of her life. My agent said ‘Aren’t you pleased? Why aren’t you excited?’ I said ‘I am...but I’ll tell you later.’ I put the phone down and tried to be sympathetic to my friend. But at 11 o’clock I couldn’t stand it any longer so I said, ‘Stay there. I have to go out for ten minutes.’ I came back with a bottle of champagne. ‘You and I are going to drink some champagne,’ I said, and told her my good news. She was a much happier lady when she left! I can’t remember how many publishers had turned down my book, because my agent didn’t tell me. I don’t know how many copies it’s sold now – a couple of million I should think, because it’s published in 36 countries. But I have absolutely no sympathy for those publishers who rejected my book. I was deeply hurt at the time, but now I’m laughing!

