

PART ONE: LISTENING

Exercise One

Section 1: Compound Dictation

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A product recall is defined as the action taken to prevent the distribution, sales and use of a product which may pose a safety hazard to consumers. Such action may be taken if there is possibility that the use of the product would cause health (1) _____, injury or death.

Recalls are costly to a company because they often entail replacing the recalled product or paying for the damage caused in use. In addition, there is also indirect cost following damage to a brand name and reduced trust in the (2) _____. A good example is the recall of over 500,000 Toyota Tundra pickup trucks, which had a (3) _____ problem, forcing the manufacturer to attempt to right the problem.

A country's consumer protection laws usually have specific (4) _____ in regard to product recalls. Such regulations may include how much of the cost the maker will have to bear, situations in which a recall is (5) _____, or penalties for failure to recall. A company may also initiate a recall (6) _____, subject to the same regulations. Suppliers are encouraged to voluntarily recall a product as soon as a defect is found. It is in the best interest of the suppliers to make sure that these products are (7) _____ removed or prevented from reaching the market place.

Consumer organizations often examine products and warn the public of possible defects that (8) _____ a product's functional value or safety. In the meantime, individual consumers may use grass-roots tactics to bring public attention to corporate misconduct. They may (9) _____

_____.

When it becomes apparent that a product is likely to cause injury or health problems to a person, the suppliers should take the necessary steps required to recall the product and control the risk. A product can be recalled at three levels: wholesale, retail and individual consumer. After assessing the product distribution in the market place, the supplier should determine the levels of product recalls. Determination of the level of recalls (10) _____

_____. An individual consumer recall is the most serious and expensive type and involves recovery of the product from individual consumers.

Being aware of product recalls is important for the safety of anyone who comes in contact with the product. Unfortunately, recalls are not always easy to learn about, and (11)_____

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1. Women were treated as _____, _____, _____, _____ in the past.
2. The automatic gestures of politeness and consideration men used to show towards women were _____, _____, _____.
3. A whole generation of women has grown up demanding equality in _____, _____, and in _____.
4. Automatic male politeness is being replaced by _____. Men can see women _____.
5. The passage is mainly talking about _____.

Section 3: Short-Answer Questions

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Questions:

1. What are the standard workplace settings for millions of Americans?
2. What do the inhabitants think of their "cubicle farms"?
3. Why do some cubicle dwellers listen to music or white noise through headsets all day long?
4. What is the term "pink noise" derived from?
5. What do entrepreneurs in one New York office think the close proximity of workers in cubicle farms can achieve?

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1. We call interactive communications tools such as Twitter and Facebook social media. But lots of commentators have asserted that using them heavily makes people less sociable, if not downright anti-social. They say such communication is largely self-centered, and that folks get wrapped up in texting

or spilling their innermost secrets online, without ever relating to others' concerns. But a new national survey of more than 2,200 American adults shows that those who use social-networking sites have what the study calls "higher measures of social well-being."

2. President Obama says the Haitian earthquake relief effort will not be measured in days or weeks, but in months and even years. Mr. Obama stood between his two predecessors and said they have answered his call to coordinate efforts to involve more Americans in helping Haiti recover and rebuild.

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3. With more than 170,000,000 Skype users worldwide, Microsoft is betting its newest acquisition will help expand its mobile presence and appeal to corporate users of video and voice communications. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer says it's the biggest deal yet in the company's 36-year history. "This is a big day for Skype and this is a big day for Microsoft."
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4. With the loss of approximately 500,000 automotive jobs in the region during the past decade, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Executive Director Paul Tait expected the 2010 census numbers to show some decline in Detroit's population. "We expected much more around 750,000 people and it dropped down to just under 714,000 people. The magnitude of that surprised us." The population of the so-called Motor City is at its lowest in more than a century.
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5. Today I'm going to talk about business and ethics. First I'll look at what is meant by business ethics. Then I'll examine the kind of ethical considerations companies need to address, how they can go about doing business in a more ethical way, and look at some examples of ethical business practices. So what are business ethics and why are they seen as important in today's business climate? Business ethics relate to how a company conducts its business in order to make a profit.
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Exercise Two

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Martha Leathe's belief is derived from her experience with children, not so much the one she is taught but her own, the task of raising children is often a test of belief as parents come to realize that their actions provide the lessons that children (1) _____. Here is Martha Leathe with her essay for this I believe.

Several weeks ago, I got a call from a good friend whose husband had just been diagnosed with prostate cancer(前列腺癌). "Do we tell the kids?" she asked.

"Absolutely," I answered.

"Do we use the C-word?"

"Yes, I think you do," I said. "The boys deserve to know the truth, however heartbreaking it is."

Adults always insist that children be honest, but how many of us are honest with our kids, particularly about the tough stuff: death, sex, (2) _____, our own failings?

I believe in telling children the truth. I believe this is vital for their understanding of the world, their (3) _____ and the development of their morals and values.

This does not mean kids need to be unnecessarily (4) _____, or told more than they can handle. When our son was 6, he tagged along while his older sister got her nose-ring changed. In the shop, he sifted through a big bin of brightly (5) _____ condoms. "What are these?" he said.

"Condoms," I replied.

"What are they for," he asked. Briefly, I explained what condoms are, (6) _____ where you put them and how they work.

“Oh,” he said, clearly (7) _____, I think, that they weren’t candy. It wasn’t a lot of information, but it was the truth.

Many people think they are protecting children when they spare them the truth. I disagree. I believe children (8)_____ an enviable ability to cope with and make sense of what even adults find confounding.

When we are honest with children, we also validate (证实) their intuition. If we can admit that, yes, people can be mean, grandma does have a drinking problem, divorce is painful, we allow children to trust their gut. (9)_____.

Kids also have an uncanny sense of when something is up: They realize when we’re uneasy, they can tell when we’re lying.

One night, I was in the car with our two oldest daughters. (10)_____. Out of the blue, one of our kids said, “So, Mom, have you ever smoked pot (大麻) ?” I stalled a little, but the girls insisted. They had me, and they knew it. So I told them the truth, albeit (虽然) somewhat abridged (缩略) . What ensued was a frank discussion about the lures and perils of drugs. I believe my honesty was much more effective than warnings or platitudes (陈词滥调) .

These same daughters are in college now; we have two other kids still at home. (11)_____. I believe that my being truthful with our children has paid off, because I’m pretty sure that now they are honest with me.

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Mathew is an American student from Boston who is spending a year at a college in London.

Interviewer: What were the things in Britain that you found most strange when you first arrived?

Mathew:

1. One of the differences is _____, and you have to teach yourself to look the other way.

2. Differences between American English and British English

Examples (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

3. Differences between the young people in Britain and the young people in the U.S.A:

Examples (1) _____,

but you don’t see that in America that much.

(2) _____,
but in the U.S.A you see all different types of bright colors.
(3) _____ and how it's run,
but American young people just have a vague understanding of a few other countries
Reasons: _____

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Notes:

SpongeBob: SpongeBob SquarePants (often referred to simply as SpongeBob) is an American animated television series, created by marine biologist and animator Stephen Hillenburg 海绵宝宝 (动画片名)

Caillou: a Canadian children's television show based on the books 卡由 (著名儿童系列节目)

prefrontal cortex: the anterior part of the frontal lobes of the brain, lying in front of the motor and premotor areas 脑额叶前部皮层

Questions:

1. What is the "Sponge Bob effect" some people are calling?
2. What is the executive function?
3. What is the prefrontal cortex?
4. According to Lillard, why it's difficult for children to process the new stuff from a show like "SpongeBob SquarePants"?
5. What can Lillard not say about the effect of watching these kinds of program?

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1. Japan was hit worse than many other countries in the global financial crisis. Exports tumbled and joblessness rose to its highest levels in several years. _____

2. A baby born in America in 2009 could expect to live an average of 78 years, according to estimates from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. That's still true in many parts of the United States. But in

some places, life expectancy has leveled off or even dropped slightly - a rarity in a developed country and, public health officials say, a cause for alarm. A study in the Journal of Health Metrics shows

3. The slow economy has hurt city and state governments, which continued cutting jobs.

4. Consumer spending is the biggest driver of the U.S. economy, accounting for about 70 percent of total output. Despite modest increases in the last three months, revised figures show the economy grew at a tepid 2.5 percent in the third quarter. _____

5. The JaneDear Girls are Susie Brown from Utah and Texas native Danelle Leverett. Susie, who began playing violin at age four, spent her childhood years performing in her family's band. Danelle was more interested in gymnastics, but turned to songwriting and playing guitar after an injury left her unable to compete. Following their college studies, both headed to Nashville, where they planned to pursue solo careers. _____

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People leading their own alternative lives are at the crossroads between technology and imagination.

It sounds like science (1) _____ but as Lindsay Davis reports these people have taken a head first (2) _____ into virtual reality.

Last year a man named SaL9000 married the love of his life in a (3) _____ that was streamed live on line. The 27-year-old groom lives in Tokyo, and this is his bride, Nene. She lives inside Nintendo DS video game. Yes, Sal paid real money to marry a virtual woman, but he is not alone. Well, (4) _____ he is not.

All of the on-line environment is kind of a stage for people to live out (5) _____ lives and stories.

Welcome to WeeWorld. Millions offer up their credit cards to create their own avatar (人神化身) in WeeWorld or explore, (6) _____ and travel in the virtual world: Second life.

An (7) _____ 100 million people, that's more than 1% of the population of the entire world, roll up their sleeves and don their farming (8) _____ to manage virtual farms just like this one.

There is no more reality in the dollar than there is in a virtual island, than there is in the color of a car. Value is what society makes of it.

But according to the researchers at Leeds University in England, (9) _____
_____.

People with a high level of dependence from the Internet show have much higher risk of depression.

But for some, the fantasy world offers something reality doesn't.

What if you live in a small town and you're a girl and you don't have the just so body type. You get ostracized (排斥). You get marginalized (边缘化). (10) _____
_____.

Which brings us back to Sal9000, he says his avatar wife is better than any human relationship. (11)

_____.

Lindsay Davis, ABC News.

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Improve your memory

Introduction:

A memory technique called the journey method combines _____
_____.

Body:

I. How to use the method:

A. The key to the journey method is _____
_____.

B. Then you need to _____. At this stage it's a
good idea to _____
_____.

II. A simple example: You are using _____ as the journey, and you have to
remember _____.

A. The first three items on your list are _____. The first three landmarks
on your journey are _____.

B. The process: You visualise _____. You go outside and
_____, and _____.
Then _____.

Conclusion:

Once you have mastered this method, _____.

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Questions:

1. What is "the green-eyed monster"?
2. What are some of the positive effects of feeling jealous?
3. Why does the report say that obsessive jealousy can kill?
4. What is the function of the ventromedial (腹正中的) prefrontal cortex (皮层)?
5. What do researchers worry about the obsessive jealous people?

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1. Anyone who's been married knows that arguing with your spouse comes with the territory. Those

heady, romantic days of courtship have given way to arguing about doing the dishes and taking out the garbage. But, as any marriage counselor will tell you, at least some fighting is a healthy part of a relationship. According to a study done by researchers at Ohio State University, though, marital stress has its downside as well. _____

2. Some diseases are contagious—like colds, flu, and chicken pox. But what about loneliness? Loneliness may not be a disease, at least not in the same way that chicken pox is. But loneliness can be contagious. How so? The same way that many emotions can be infectious. Being around someone who's really happy can put you in a good mood. While hanging around someone who's depressed can be, well, depressing. The same goes for loneliness.

3. England still has a system which it's had, really, since the Second World War. Where theoretically every patient in England is registered with one family doctor, almost always near where they live.

4. The president's radio and Internet address follows his Thursday speech near Wall Street in New York, in which he argued for new laws to protect consumers and hold financial firms accountable. Mr. Obama says it is necessary to end taxpayer bailouts of private companies and make financial deals more transparent. "That is how we will restore trust and confidence in our markets. That is how we will help to put an end to the cycles of boom and bust that we have seen.

5. Wintry conditions killed at least nine people in Poland over the last week. Meanwhile, heavy rain and melting snow have cause flooding in parts of Croatia and Bosnia. Europeans are taking precautions to survive the cold snap. _____

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Glossary: wig 假发; pony tail 马尾辫; complimentary 附赠的

Annette Moore's long blonde hair has been her (1)_____ glory for years. Now she's decided to get the lot chopped off. But she won't be paying the salon they'll be paying her.

You're looking at anything from about 60 pounds upwards, I would have to put a top on it of about 120 pounds.

With money tight and bills to pay, a number of British women are selling their hair to make some extra cash. And Annette's natural blond locks are among the most (2)_____.

Well I need the money really, I might use it for going abroad with friends in August or just keep it aside for the bills really.

It's a multi-million dollar industry and it's growing. Bloomsbury say they receive up to 40 (3)_____ of hair a week. Those that make the grade will either be made into a wig or sold as hair (4)_____. The late British singer Amy Winehouse once replied when asked if her hair was all her own "It's mine because I bought it."

The (5)_____ of hair comes from China, India or Eastern Europe, but that's changing. Bloomsbury Wigs run by Graham Wake, is one of a small number of so-called "hair (6)_____ salons".

This is a new market for the UK, I would say that about 50 percent of our (7)_____ hair is now within the UK and I would hope to say that within about a year we'll be buying a 100 percent of our hair purely from UK.

Graham (8)_____ he'll spend 100,000 pounds on hair this year. 120 pounds of that will go to Annette, but (9)_____.

The clients love to be able to come in, look at all this unprocessed hair and (10)_____. This will probably cost from about a 1,000 pounds to about 1,300 pounds.

Annette's (11)_____. But if she wants to repeat the process, it may take up to five years until her hair fully grows back.

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A Good Night's Sleep

Topic: _____

Main points: 1. _____

2. _____

I. The causes of sleep deprivation:

A. The first cause: _____

More than 30 percent of American adults work _____.

B. The second cause: _____

1) A hundred years ago, _____

2) Now, _____

II. The effects of sleep deprivation

Most common effect: _____

Consequences of not having enough sleep:

A. _____

1) About 50 percent of Americans say _____

2) About 20 percent say _____

B. _____

1) 50 percent of Americans surveyed say that _____.

2) 17 percent report that _____.

Conclusion:

1) We need to recognize that _____.

2) We need to find out _____, and figure out a way to change our sleep habits, to _____.

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Questions:

1. What did political campaigns rely on in the past to motivate voters?
2. How many donors did Barack Obama have to his 2008 campaign?
3. What does Romney campaign's Digital Media Director think of Twitter?
4. What else can social media enable voters to do?
5. According to Internet political strategists, what's the goal with social media?

Section 4: Listening and translating

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1. Most scientists agree that the planet is warming. In the face of more frequent and more severe floods, droughts and heavy rainfall that can devastate crops, forecasts are grim. (Irrigated wheat yields:可灌溉小麦产量)_____

_____.
2. Yves Gomes is now a university student in Maryland. But he may soon have to leave the country.

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3. The worldwide Organization of the Red Cross stems from the ideal of Henri Dunant, a Swiss Banker. In 1838 at the age of ten, Dunant was taken by his father to visit a prison. There he saw prisoners chained together exercising in the yard and breaking stones along the road.

_____.
4. The Golden Gate Bridge joins the beautiful city of San Francisco with the suburbs to the north. Each day about one hundred thousand automobiles cross the bridge taking people to and from the

city. _____

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5. 7 of out 10 people loose at least half of their teeth by the time they are fifty. Many have a complete set of false teeth by that time. In any case neither toothache nor a visit to a dentist is very pleasant. _____

Exercise Five

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As quick and easy as making a cup of instant coffee, a Chinese company has developed a new machine which dispenses traditional medicine with a simple push of a button. Once a (1)_____ is provided, (2)_____ dispense the medicine and the machine does the rest.

It's a far cry from the medicinal practices of old where Ginseng, fungi, dried sea horses, and other (3)_____ ingredients are carefully sorted before being (4)_____ for hours in hot water. Now those ingredients can be prescribed and dispensed almost instantly, according to Sun Yougang of the Sichuan Neo-Green Pharmaceutical Company, the machine's developer.

The biggest (5)_____ is that our machine is able to dispense medicine (6)_____, every patient's illness is different, a doctor might prescribe different amounts of medicine to a 30-year-old patient compared to a 50-year-old patient. Also some doctors might give you three (7)_____, others might give you five.

The new machine though provides one pack, containing six (8)_____ servings, all patients need to do is open one of the sections, mix it with hot water, and drink. For Wei Ting, it makes a big difference.

(9)_____. If it's like making instant coffee, that's
(10)_____.

The Chengdu No. 1 People's Hospital is one of the dozens in China where the machine has been installed, eventually, the manufacturer wants to export them, in the hope that (11)_____
_____.

Tara Cleary, Reuters.

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Hollywood's images of smoking encourage teens to light up

Findings of past researches: kids who watch many movies_____

People's reaction to these findings:_____

Dr. James Sargent's study

Purpose: So what we wanted to do with this study was really_____

Method: Sargent and some international colleagues_____

Conclusion: They estimate that_____

Suggestion: _____

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Questions:

1. What did MIT researchers look at in their research?
2. Why did Honolulu's smaller airport surprise researcher Ruben Juanes?
3. What did Thomas Valente, professor from the University of Southern California, say about the research?
4. How are many of the infections spread?
5. What is the precaution travelers can take to prevent illness when they're on the plane or at the airport?

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1. After 2 days of talks at the Camp David Presidential Retreat outside Washington, Mr. Obama said the eight leaders acknowledged that budget cuts alone will not restore Europe's economy.

_____ (consensus: 一致; fiscal: 财政的)

2. Jet fuel prices were about 1/7 of the expenses of the typical airline just a decade ago, consuming less of the budget than pay for pilots and other workers. But International Air Transport Association Spokesman Perry Flint says that has changed drastically(猛烈地) and fuel cost now exceeds salaries.

3. A pilot project gets underway soon to test whether mobile phones can be used to help educate the poor. It's estimated three quarters of the world's poor have access to mobile phones. More and more people are downloading application software – better known as apps – to their mobile phones.

(navigate: 导航; alleviate: 减轻)

4. The Worldwatch Institute report recommends 'degrowth' in what it calls 'over developed' countries, and the establishment of green economies.

5. A new report says Norway is the best place in the world to be a mother, while Niger is the worst. The humanitarian group – Save the Children – has released its State of the World's Mothers 2012 report. Save the Children President and CEO Carolyn Miles says the report's been released prior to the annual celebration of Mother's Day.

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It's a workout with two goals, (1)_____ green students are doing their bodies and the (2)_____ a favor when they hop on these machines.

"When you talk about energy, you think about like the (3)_____ and there the water and other things producing energy, not yourself, working out."

These 36 elliptical machines have been fitted with a device that (4)_____ the kinetic energy they produced and (5)_____ it into electricity.

"That energy that they produce is usually just heat that (6)_____ into the building, it is then turned into electricity, that's used right here in the Rec (Recreational) Center, to power the lights, to power everything."

As students rev up, this monitor shows how much clean (7)_____ electricity is being produced. Stuart Birdseye works at the Rec Center and says more (8)_____ means more energy.

"(9)_____."

"And the developers claim that (10)_____
_____."

"On how much money we are saving the school basically, it's gonna need to think about that way."

"We haven't had a long enough to see the impact on cost."

UNT (University of North Texas) spent nearly 20,000 dollars to outfit these ellipticals, the cost these machines may never pay back. But the school said (11)_____
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I. Topic: International Primary Curriculum

II. Goals of the curriculum:

According to Alison Kerr: 1. the main goal of the curriculum is _____
_____;

According to Educator Martin Skelton: for kids to learn and succeed, they need a program that 2. _____
; and another goal is 3. _____.

III. How to fulfill the goals?

The curriculum focuses on 4. _____.

IV. Practice of the curriculum.

The British School in Boston hosted a fair called 5. _____, which is designed to teach the kid about 6. _____
In this program, Parents and students 7. _____, students deliver their findings 8. _____, and
teacher's role is to 9. _____.

V. The feedback so far is encouraging.

Evidence: Students and teachers say 10. _____

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Questions:

1. What are the functions of the Fight or Flight Response?
2. What are the examples of the long term effects of stress?
3. When discussing how to ease stress, what are mentioned and why?
4. What should you do if you want to end your stress response?
5. What kind of breathe can help relieve stress?

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1. After marriage money matters can be a cause of disagreements, although the poll showed arguments over household budgets, spending on the children and everyday purchases have declined since last year. _____

2. Microsoft CEO Steve Bomer on Monday unveiled the new Surface powered by the Windows 8 operating system. _____

3. But in today's world of spectacular theme parks and dazzling electronic diversions, curators(馆长) at smaller museums around the country found that busy travelers – especially those with kids –were not coming the way they used to. Looking at pictures of, or by, long-dead artists or cultural pioneers just wasn't entertaining. _____

4. The Mars' Science Laboratory, also known as Curiosity is set to land on the red planet in August. The MAVEN spacecraft that would study the Martian atmosphere could march as early as next year. There's no doubt that Humans will go to Mars, too. Coleman says:
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5. The ad war over Romney's business record and demands that he releases more of his tax returns have kept the presumptive republican nominee on the defensive. _____

