



**WYŻSZA SZKOŁA  
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LISTENING	TRANSLATION	VOCABULARY	READING	"C" TEST	

**LISTENING**

**15 PKT**

- The dinner was served ...  
A/ on the lawn in front of the mansion                      C/ in the dining room  
B/ in a large room on the ground floor                      D/ in the ballroom upstairs
- How many tables were laid for dinner?  
A/ one or two                      B/ below ten                      C/ between 10 and 15                      D/ over 20
- How many sources of light were used during the blackout?  
A/ two                      B/ three                      C/ four                      D/ five
- How long was the mansion without electricity?  
A/ 15 minutes                      B/ a little more than an hour                      C/ a little less than 1.5 hours  
D/ about 2 hours
- What part of Kingston was affected by the blackout?  
A/ none                      B/ only the neighbourhood of the mansion                      C/ fairly large                      D/ most
- The electricians' arrival was brought about by...  
A/ a government official                      C/ security personnel  
B/ a hotel manager                      D/ a private person
- During the second blackout, the Queen ...  
A/ was a little upset and complained                      C/ was slightly upset but made no complaint  
B/ was slightly amused                      D/ withheld her reaction

8. When was the country's head of state elected?

- A/ never    B/ about 40 years ago    C/ before 1960    D/ we don't know

9. We may suppose Christiane's father ....

- A/ supported the Pahlavi dynasty    C/ took part in the revolution  
B/ opposed the Pahlavis    D/ was neutral towards the revolution

10. We may think Christiane in secondary school ....

- A/ saw little opportunity for herself    C/ rebelled against her parents  
B/ took some part-time jobs    D/ was not a very bright pupil

11. One of Christiane's sisters....

- A/ persuaded her to study journalism    C/ made her go to the USA  
B/ partly paid for her education    D/ chose the same career as Christiane

12. How many educational institutions that she attended are mentioned in the text?

- A/ one    B/ two    C/ three    D/ four

13. Christiane's talent was first recognized for what she did ....

- A/ in Atlanta    B/ at the BBC    C/ in Bosnia    D/ in the Middle East

14. The main strength of Christiane's reporting is that it is ...

- A/ objective    B/ lively    C/ unconventional    D/ condensed

15. Reporting from Sarajevo, Christiane ....

- A/ supported one side    C/ had a lot of luck  
B/ opposed the US intervention    D/ had politicians in mind

1. Podczas gdy górna tablica była praktycznie nietknięta, dolną paskudnie porysowano czymś ostrym (pewnie gwoździem) i brak było trzech liter.

\_\_\_\_\_ plate \_\_\_\_\_ intact, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ scratched \_\_\_\_\_ pointed \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Oczywiście doskonale da się zrobić masło robotem kuchennym, ale szczerze mówiąc, nie widzę powodu dla którego ktokolwiek miałby bardziej lubić masło domowe od kupionego w sklepie.

\_\_\_\_\_ perfectly \_\_\_\_\_  
 but frankly, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ at a foodstore.

3. Dwa lata po nakazaniu {=MANDATE} przez sąd, nie udało się zrealizować dowożenia dzieci do szkół z powodu ogólnych kosztów i, dodatkowo, problemów technicznych z autobusami.

Two years \_\_\_\_\_ the court, busing  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ because of \_\_\_\_\_  
 and, additionally, \_\_\_\_\_

4. Sam słownik jest rezultatem wielu lat badań naukowych nad dialektami pomorskimi robionymi przez dwa zespoły językoznawców, z których jeden miał dotację od sponsorowanej przez rząd fundacji w Monachium.

The \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ dialects done \_\_\_\_\_  
 a grant from \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

5. Herbatę powinno się pić z dobrej filiżanki śniadaniowej, nie w typie płaskiej i płytkiej. Filiżanka śniadaniowa mieści więcej, a przy tym drugim typie herbata jest zawsze na pół zimna, zanim jeszcze się do niej zabierzesz {=START}.

One \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast cup,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ type. \_\_\_\_\_ cup \_\_\_\_\_  
 and with \_\_\_\_\_ kind \_\_\_\_\_  
 before \_\_\_\_\_

6. Każdego, oprócz Toma, wylano by za coś, co większość dziennikarzy potępiła jako rasistowską uwagę, a co tak naprawdę było głupim dowcipem.

\_\_\_\_\_ sack for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Skoro obie dziewczyny nie pojawiły się na następnym zebraniu i nie podały powodów tego zaniedbania, musieliśmy je zawiesić. Żadna nie zamierzała {=WOULD} się od tego odwoływać.

Since \_\_\_\_\_ at the next meeting \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ their failure \_\_\_\_\_, we had to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ it.

8. Przed i krótko po zniesieniu stanu wojennego w Polsce, tysiące działaczy Solidarności zmuszono do emigracji na Zachód. Okazało się, że tylko mniejszość miała powrócić po 1989.

\_\_\_\_\_ lifting \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ activists \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ a minority \_\_\_\_\_

9. Nałożenie całego tego makijażu musi zajmować Sue dobre dwie godziny. Więc jeśli zaczyna pracę o 8-ej, to to, czego jej trzeba, to po prostu więcej snu...

It must \_\_\_\_\_ all this \_\_\_\_\_

So if she \_\_\_\_\_

10. Paradoksalnie, ANC [=Afrykański Kongres Narodowy] zwycięzca procesu wyjścia Południowej Afryki z apartheidu, tylko wtedy będzie miał zaliczony {=ACHIEVE} pełny sukces, kiedy przegra następne wybory. Albo jeszcze te, które będą po nich {=FOLLOW}.

Paradoxically, \_\_\_\_\_ transition from

the apartheid, \_\_\_\_\_ full success only \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ general election. Or \_\_\_\_\_

11. Psycholog powiedziała, że nie ma sensu udawać, że się zna wszystkie odpowiedzi. To z pewnością sprawi, że uczniowie będą próbowali cię na czymś złapać.

\_\_\_\_\_ use \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ certain to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Podczas gdy fortepian jest jej głównym instrumentem, tym na którym gotowa jest grać przez całe życie, również gra ona na flecie, traktując to jako formę relaksu.

While \_\_\_\_\_ instrument, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ her lifetime \_\_\_\_\_, she also \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ form \_\_\_\_\_

13. Musimy znaleźć kogoś, kto potrafi użyć swoich kontaktów w okolicy, aby na pewno wykonać zamierzenia. Nie zaczynamy projektu zanim nie będziemy mieli takiej osoby w zespole.

\_\_\_\_\_ someone who \_\_\_\_\_ the area  
to \_\_\_\_\_ happen. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the team.

14. Agent nieruchomości, który szacował {=EVALUATE} te domy, nie wydawał się być oszustem. Byliśmy w dużym szoku, kiedy ujawniono wiadomości o tym skandalu.

The estate agent \_\_\_\_\_ crook.  
\_\_\_\_\_ in total shock \_\_\_\_\_ revealed.

15. Gdyby nie specyficzne poczucie humoru Tiny, mielibyśmy {=RECEIVE} królewskie przyjęcie. Ale przez jej dowcipy gospodarze poczuli się nieswojo.

Had \_\_\_\_\_  
we \_\_\_\_\_. But her jokes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ uneasy.

## VOCABULARY

30 PKT

1. Almost by miracle, the boys suffered no **d** harm in the accident.
2. This was another **c** day at work with people coming and going and hardly a minute to sit down and think; I need some rest.
3. When the problem was discovered, all the aircraft were **u** for engine inspection. The flights will be resumed after the check.
4. **d** animals such as wolves or bears can attack livestock.
5. The crisis has undermined the **d** of the banking system. Depositors can no longer trust that their money is safe.
6. The company will mine the potentially rich **o** of iron and copper in the valley.
7. Some restaurants have doggy bags for **f** to be taken home.
8. Another name for euthanasia is **r** killing.
9. The little scar from the umbilical cord is called a belly-button or **h**.
10. In many Muslim countries, Christian **n** from Islam are persecuted or even murdered.
11. Stańczyk was a famous court **s**, whose jokes showed great depth.
12. After the death of both parents, the kids had to be taken to the **h**.
13. Many people were appalled at the chairman's decision, generally regarded as **i**, capricious and lacking any rational basis.
14. The miner was the only **d** in the household and his death threatened to reduce the family to poverty.
15. When politicians engage in fraud with **u**, this sets a very bad example for the public.
16. After the scandal, Dan became a social **t**; even his relatives cut all contact with him.
17. The radioactive **i** from the Chernobyl disaster is the likely cause of many cancer cases in Europe.
18. After more than 10 years of silence between them, the star wants to bury the **t** with her ex-husband and talk about a possible new song.
19. He admitted that he had resigned from public office in Chicago and went to Hollywood to **r** his career in show business.
20. I'm afraid there must be some truth in the rumours of their divorce, as they are becoming more and more **s**.
21. Most mammals are **d** as they move about on four feet.
22. Could you **h** your question? I'm afraid I don't quite understand you.
23. Greene, who had no role in it, was made the **a** on whom all the blame for the disaster was put.
24. The movement suffered a major **b** when two of the five founders withdrew.
25. In patriarchal cultures the wife is supposed to be **b** to her husband, i.e. to obey him in all matters.
26. Conwy Castle, **w** proudly over the town, is arguably the best Welsh castle of all.
27. No man is an island; from **a** to grave we are connected to others.
28. Two rows of chestnut trees that **r** the manor made it difficult to photograph it from a distance.
29. Her hair was slightly **f** by the breeze, but she still looked adorable.
30. In orbit, astronauts can float in the air due to the state of **o**.

**Choose the single best option:**

Probably the most famous "fact" about Columbus—his insistence, against overwhelming scholastic opposition, that the world was round—was the work of a fabulist, Washington Irving, who wrote the first modern biography of the explorer. (Irving concocted the "fact" to back up his thesis that Columbus's journeys expressed a bold, proto-American rationalism.) Subsequently, Columbus was taken up by Irish and Italian immigrants, who saw his story, or what passed for it, as proof that Catholicism was no bar to patriotism. The four-hundredth anniversary of his discovery of the New World, in 1892, prompted a yearlong national celebration that included, among scores of tributes, the creation of Columbus Circle in Manhattan. In 1985, Congress established the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, apparently assuming that the five-hundredth anniversary would proceed along similar lines.

Among the few quincentenary projects to reach a satisfactory conclusion is a twelve-volume series called, somewhat portentously, the *Repertorium Columbianum*. The series, produced by U.C.L.A.'s Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, features new English translations of the most important documents associated with Columbus's voyages, including his "Book of Prophecies," transcripts of his logs, and the earliest accounts of his arrival in the New World. Some forty scholars collaborated on the project, which took fourteen years to complete; this fall, a decade behind schedule, the twelfth volume will finally appear. The series goes a long way toward explaining, if inadvertently, why the quincentenary turned into a fiasco. In his writings, Columbus reveals that the flip side of his optimism was a casual greed and cruelty. He appears to have been dishonest with just about everyone he encountered and, most of all, with himself, as he forever tried to rationalize his idiosyncratic preconceptions. If we are, indeed, always refashioning history to suit our self-image, then what are we to make of the fact that the Columbus who emerges from the *Repertorium* is evidently a quack?

1. For most of the 20th century, Columbus was...
 

A/ being negatively reevaluated	C/ largely forgotten
B/ treated with reverence	D/ gradually less and less known
  
2. Washington Irving is shown as ...
 

A/ dishonest	B/ ignorant	C/ unpatriotic	D/ religious
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3. The Columbus quatercentenary...
 

A/ failed to achieve its goal	C/ promoted nationalism
B/ contributed to historical knowledge	D/ put forward Irving's ideas
  
4. The author's attitude seems to be...
  - A/ hostile towards Columbus
  - B/ patronizing towards Irving
  - C/ slightly embarrassed about the truth
  - D/ rather critical towards the *Repertorium Columbianum*
  
5. We may suppose the text was published...
 

A/ around 1988	B/ in 1992	C/ between 1992 and 1998	D/ in 2002
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The budget debate may seem inconclusive, but it's having pervasive effects. Choices are being made by default. Almost everything is being subordinated to protect retirees. Solicitude for government's largest constituency undermines the rest of government. This is an immensely important story almost totally ignored by the media. One reason is that it's happening spontaneously and invisibly: Growing numbers of elderly are simply collecting existing benefits. The media do not excel at covering inertia.

Liberals drive this process by treating Social Security and Medicare as sacrosanct. Do not touch a penny of benefits; these programs are by definition progressive; all recipients are deserving and needy. Only a few brave liberals complain that this dogma threatens programs for the non-aged poor.

Only the occupant of the bully pulpit can yank public opinion back to reality. This requires acknowledging that an aging America needs a new social contract: one recognizing that longer life expectancies justify gradual increases in Social Security's and Medicare's eligibility ages; one accepting that sizable numbers of well-off retirees can afford to pay more for their benefits or receive less; one that improves generational fairness by concentrating help for the elderly more on the needy and poor to lighten the burdens — in higher taxes and fewer public services — on workers; and one that limits health costs.

6. The media ...

- A/ have little interest in the elderly
- B/ act irresponsibly with regard to the elderly
- C/ contribute to public deception
- D/ tend to back government policy

7. The author does NOT criticize the...

- A/ retired people
- B/ media
- C/ politicians
- D/ benefit system

8. Which of these statements finds support in the text?

- A/ America spends too much on welfare.
- B/ American politicians are too conservative.
- C/ Americans are not interested in hearing the truth.
- D/ The elderly are a major group of voters.

9. The author seems to advocate...

- A/ raising the retirement age
- B/ paying less to the poor
- C/ lowering the retirement benefits
- D/ privatizing some public services

10. The author seems to be concerned about the fact that...

- A/ nothing is happening
- B/ the overall tax burden is too heavy
- C/ the change is too slow
- D/ no reform is in view

11. The group of people who could contribute most to the solution of the problem are...

- A/ demographers
- B/ politicians
- C/ retirees
- D/ journalists

12. The thing is, what with Jamie Oliver and his Turkey Twizzlers and that prig Morgan Spurlock with that Supersize Me business (if you eat any food exclusively for a month, you're going to



end up pretty sick), the \_\_\_\_\_ is such that what people appear to be forgetting is this: while you can be a fool at one end of the market, you can also be a bloody fool at the other. Capitalism, being as wicked as it is, doesn't give a stuff who you are, and if it can exploit middle-class paranoia it will.

A/ attraction of some processed brands

B/ demonisation of 'junk' and 'fast' food

C/ marketing sophistication of food corpos

D/ lack of clear-cut distinctions

13. Dealing with commercial monopolies, or monopsonies, is often not so very different from dealing with government departments, particularly in England, where the customer, far from being king, is a bloody nuisance, \_\_\_\_\_ interrupting the public servant's daydream of next weekend's Saturday night clubbing, which as we know is the real, indeed the whole, end of human existence.

A/ benevolent though naive, never regretting the fact of

B/ pretending in his naivete to have no real qualms over

C/ whose importuning has the grossly unjust effect of

D/ forever unready to offer a gullible apology for

14. A twentysomething trying to explain to his mother why, at the frivolous end, a video of an "Auto-Tune cat" is funny, or why, at the political end, his generation is resolved that it is taboo and a stigma to oppose same-sex marriage, will have as much luck as the Hawaiian natives had with Captain Cook. There \_\_\_\_\_ to the youth, but online communities have aggravated the differences and made the enclosed bands more chronologically narrow.

A/ must surely be ways of explaining truths alien

B/ are communication problems pertaining

C/ have always been slangs and mores local

D/ seems to be no reason to limit this

15. Once we distinguish race and culture, the way is open to acknowledge that not all cultures are equally admirable, and that \_\_\_\_\_. To deny this is to forgo the very possibility of moral judgment, and therefore to deny the fundamental experience of community. It is precisely this that has caused the multiculturalists to hesitate. Rightly enjoying the polytheistic festivals of the Hindus, the Carnivals of Caribbean blacks, and the celebrations of the Chinese New Year, they have led us to believe that cultural difference is always an *addition* to social life, and never a threat to it.

A/ not all cultures can exist comfortably side-by-side

B/ the true dilemma is between reason and faith

C/ the texture of civil society can be broken

D/ public morality requires some compromise