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YOUTH

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PRONUNCIATION

a) Circle the word whose bold part is pronounced differently from that of the other three.

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| 1. A. responsible | B. proper | C. sociable | D. project |
| 2. A. honor | B. hopeful | C. popular | D. generosity |
| 3. A. frustrated | B. courageous | C. courage | D. celebration |
| 4. A. throughout | B. laugh | C. rough | D. cough |
| 5. A. appreciate | B. efficient | C. suspicious | D. apprentice |

b) Circle the word whose stress pattern is different from that of the other three.

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| 1. A. implement | B. high-flier | C. compliment | D. competent |
| 2. A. appreciate | B. sympathetic | C. peninsula | D. ambitious |
| 3. A. agreeable | B. responsible | C. rebellious | D. manufacture |
| 4. A. creative | B. confident | C. relevant | D. organized |
| 5. A. superstar | B. sensitive | C. respectful | D. introvert |



LISTENING

Two young people, Nam (from Viet Nam) and Jane (from the United States), are being interviewed about their opinions on lifestyles, particularly the balance between working life and family life. Listen to the interview and check T (True) or F (False).

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| 1. Nam doesn't think that the extended family as a unit will completely disappear. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Jane has the same opinion as Nam about living with the extended family. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Both Nam and Jane like to work and socialize with young people. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Nam doesn't mind living with his parents until he can afford to buy a house with necessary conveniences. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. According to Jane, nowadays many companies need young people to work in suburban areas. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Jane is certain that there will be cheaper accommodation for young working people in the centers of cities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



SPEAKING

Expressing Agreement, Disagreement, and Giving Opinions

Expressing Agreement	Expressing Disagreement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – I quite agree with you. – You're right. – I can't agree with you more. – That's true, I think. – I think so. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – I don't quite agree with you. – I don't think you're right. – I can't agree with you. – That's true, I think. – I don't think so.

a) Put the words from this list into appropriate boxes.

adventurous creative hardworking outgoing sensitive
 aggressive demanding honest serious passive
 ambitious efficient independent stubborn sympathetic
 flexible introvert selfish lazy self-motivated
 organized gentle talkative quiet

Positive	Negative	Neutral
flexible	selfish	quiet

b) Responding to Statements and Questions About Opinions to Show Agreement or Disagreement

Match the responses in column B with the appropriate statements or questions in column A. Then compare the answers with a partner.

A	B
1. I think young people nowadays are a little aggressive.	a. You're right. Maybe because she's a shy girl.
2. Do you think Jack works efficiently?	b. I can't agree with you more. He should know that we have to learn many subjects.
3. Jane is too quiet. Don't you think so?	c. Well, I'd prefer someone who isn't too serious. I mean someone I can talk to easily.
4. Our teacher, Mr. Jones, is not very flexible. He always requires us to submit his assignments on time.	d. I don't quite agree with you. There are aggressive people in all times.
5. I like Trang. She's a serious girl.	e. Yeah. He's an excellent worker.

c) Sit in pairs. Give your opinions and show your agreements or disagreements, using the useful expressions and the list of adjectives above.



READING

Read the two lifestyles and answer the questions below.

1. Nguyen Van Ninh (Vietnamese)

I try to do some kind of exercise or sport most days. Sometimes, it's hard to find time, because I have a full-time job and I'm also doing an MBA part-time. My gym opens at 5:30 a.m., so I try to fit in a 45-minute workout before I go to the office. I rarely miss the first class on Monday morning. It helps me get in shape for the week. I lift weights once or twice during the week too, but it depends on how much energy I have. Swimming is another regular activity – my gym has a 20-meter pool, which is OK for a quick swim in the morning.

On weekends and in the summer, I like to spend time at the beach with friends. We play soccer on the beach and there are always lots of water sports going on. But these days I rarely go because I have course work to catch up with on the weekend.

2. Tsung Cheng (Chinese)

I work most of the day, and I don't have much time for recreational activities. On my day off on Sunday, I like to spend time with my family. I used to play volleyball in school, but it's a long time since I did any real sport. I think it is important to be healthy. In terms of health, I'm very lucky. I believe that good health comes from a good, regular diet and a happy and positive outlook on life.

I always eat at regular times, which is very, very important – breakfast at 6:30, lunch at midday, and dinner at 6 p.m., and I must admit I don't feel right if I eat at unusual times!

I read a lot about the health of people in the West and all the exercises they do – running, working out in the gym, playing squash, and so on. I think they are trying to stay young for a long time! I don't worry too much about becoming older – it's a natural thing and, in Chinese culture, I think older people are respected much more than in the West.

a) Find the words / phrases in the passage that mean the following.

1. a period of physical exercise to keep fit
2. connected with activities that one does for enjoyment
3. agree, often unwillingly
4. not become old

b) Answer the following questions.

1. Are the two persons speaking in the passage young or old? How do you know that?
2. What are their similarities?
3. How are they different?
4. Who is the more ambitious of the two? Explain your answer.



WRITING

Read the plan for activities on March 26, 20... at your school and write an agenda.

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Introduction of honorable guests
3. Review of the achievements of the School's Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth League; its strengths and weaknesses
4. Introduction of new members
5. Presentation of the League's plans for the following year
6. Musical performance
7. Closing



USE OF LANGUAGE

1. Adjectives Describing People's Characters

Find the adjectives in the box that mean almost the same as the phrases in italics.

punctual	hardworking	enthusiastic
flexible	confident	creative
trustworthy	diplomatic	high-flying

Ron is an excellent young employee who is *able to be trusted* (1)_____. He always comes to his office *on time* (2)_____, and he is clearly *very keen on his work* (3)_____. He *works very hard* (4)_____. He always *believes in his ability* (5)_____, and he often *has new ideas* (6)_____.

He is *good at dealing with people in difficult situations* (7)_____ because he is *not rigid* in his decisions (8)_____. He wants to *move up on the social ladder* (9)_____ by working hard and with a sense of responsibility.

2. Articles

Put the, a/an, or Ø (zero article) in each blank.

A: Where is Nam's house?

B: It's opposite (1)_____ Hoa Binh Theater on (2)_____ Ba Thang Hai Street.

A: Do you live in (3)_____ big city or in (4)_____ small town?

B: I live in (5)_____ very little village.

A: Do you know Lan's sister?

B: Yes. In fact, she is (6)_____ friend of mine.

A: Are you taking (7)_____ French this semester?

B: No, but I am taking (8)_____ Chinese course.

A: Have you ever been to (9)_____ countryside?

B: No. This is the first time I have been here. I like (10)_____ fresh and clean air of this place.