LISTENING PRACTICE

CD 1-23. ***You are going to hear a lecture on the future of mankind. Listen and complete the blanks with the words you hear.***



Ian: ...so let's meet our guest speaker... Anthropologist, author of 'Men and Women: the real difference', Dr Olga Fedotov...

Olga: Good evening, thank you... Look around you. What do you see? Other people. Some are male, some female. Black people, white people, brown people, practically every colour except blue or green... Most of you are in your twenties or thirties, but I can see some (1) _____ faces, a few adolescents, and even one or two elderly people like me. Some of you are short, some tall, and some (2) _____ height. Some of you are (3) _____, others a bit plump or overweight. Some have long (4) _____ hair, others curly dark hair, and some are totally (5) _____ like Ian... Most of you are clean shaven, but I can see one or two splendid moustaches and beards. Fortunately, only on the men... Look around... There's someone with (6) _____teeth. Someone with a prominent chin and a long nose. Someone with bushy eyebrows. Green eyes and (7) _____Brown eyes and a clear (8) _____ Broad shoulders, thin lips, long fingers, bright eyes.... We're all so different! But we're all human beings. The same (9) _____homo sapiens. There are six and a half billion of us and we've been around for 200,000 years... But nothing lasts forever... In his novel 'The Time Machine' H.G. Wells predicted a future with two (10) _____ human species. The Eloi: delicate, happy, peaceful creatures with pink skin, (11) _____ hair, small ears and large eyes. And the Morlocks: bigger, stronger, uglier, who live underground and... eat the Eloi... Science fiction?... Yes... But I believe that humans may become two different species. Those who depend on machines and those who don't. The humans who depend too much on technology, who let machines do everything for them, will lose the ability to (12) _____, to work in teams. They will become short, fat, slow, lazy and ugly. But the people who don't depend on machines will (13) _____ differently. They will be 3 metres tall and will live for 150 years. They will be healthy, intelligent, (14) _____and creative.

The women will develop smooth, (15) _____skin. The men will have stronger jaws, deeper voices and be more athletic. But is this?

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