UNIT TEST 5

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Section I

Reading

- I Read the article about the changing face of television. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-F the one which fits each gap (1-5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.
- A All we had was the radio, which was enough, really.
- B They didn't think I had them in my day.
- C Watching TV today can be very educational.
- D They totally disagreed with me.
- E Why don't we change TV and have fewer channels?
- F Added to that, satellite TV has completely changed our viewing habits.

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The change in television – good or bad?

When I was a kid, TV was different because there were so few channels. In Britain in the 1970s, we had just three channels and they went off before midnight, not coming on again until after nine in the morning.

I can imagine all you young people out there, quite unable to imagine life then. Just think we didn't wake up to breakfast TV! (1) It had songs, a weather report and news. What else is necessary? Which brings me to my point: Has the modernisation of TV really been good for us?

I would say 'No!' and do you know why? Well, as a child I used to go to school every morning and chat excitedly with my friends about the funny sitcom or some other programme we'd watched the night before. Most of us had seen the same programme so it was a shared experience, something we could all talk about.

That doesn't happen so much now. First of all, there are so many different channels to choose from that anytime you turn over, you can find something different to watch. (2) For example, if you want, you can watch sport or cartoons non-stop for 24 hours a day. All this means that when a child arrives at school nowadays, the chances of him or her having seen the same programme as another child are small. This results in people having less in common to talk about. Is that a positive thing? I doubt it.

'Yes, but ...' I hear you say. ' (3) After all, this increase in broadcasting time gives us more opportunities to watch documentaries or catch up on the news, doesn't it?' But I wonder ideas. What do you say? ... Yes, we do get more news from all over the world, but do we actually know more about other places and other cultures? How much Chinese TV do you get?

Anyway, I know my ideas are old-fashioned, so I spoke to my daughter and her friends and asked their opinions. (4) They were very enthusiastic about modern media and particularly about TV. A boy called Zack explained to me that, despite the many channels, young people do normally watch the same things. They all have their favourite reality TV programme, which is something they talk about at school together. They also told me that they were lucky because there were some really good music channels. (5) (I have to admit that I think they're probably right about that.)

Well who knows? Maybe I need to rethink my

Listening

CD Track 6

- 2 You will hear people talking in five different situations. For questions 1-5, choose the best answer (A, B or C).
- 1 You hear a woman talking. What did she watch on TV last night?
- A a soap opera
- B a game show
- C a chat show
- 2 You hear a man talking. What is his job?
- A reporter
- B police officer
- C cameraman
- 3 You hear a woman being

- interviewed on radio. What does she say?
- A She doesn't know why she is so famous.
- B She has had many different jobs in the media.
- C She has been front-page news several times.
- 4 You hear a discussion on the radio. What is the man's opinion of TV?
- A TV causes damage to our eyes.
- B Being a couch potato is healthy.

- C It's better not to watch so much TV.
- 5 You hear a TV presenter talking about her job. How does she feel about TV presenting?
- A It can be too demanding at times
- B You need to be good-looking to do it.
- C It can be more than just introducing people.

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Section 2

Grammar and Vocabulary

- 3 Choose the correct option in each sentence.
- O The news is being broadcast all over the world by ...A......

A satellite

B telephone

C electricity

D wire

1 The on that game show has just been given a thousand euros for answering one easy question!

A presenter

B viewer

C cameraman

D contestant

2 Oh, no! Not another show! I'm bored with seeing real people living real lives!

A documentary

B sitcom

C reality

D soap

3 Live can now be seen globally, thanks to satellite.

A images

B cable

C headlines

D soap

4 You can't go into the studio, they're at the moment.

A logging on

B on air

C front page news

D carrying on

5 That cameraman has been given many awards for always being at the right time.

A on air

B on the spot

C in the headlines

D up to date

6 This sitcom isn't very funny; let's and see what else is on.

A turn on

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B carry on

C turn over

D log on

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- 4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words.
- **0** The viewers voted *A Day in Prison* the best reality show this year.

was

A Day In Prison was voted the best reality show this year by the viewers.

 They don't put on many advertisements after midnight.

are

Not manymidnight.

2 More people watched the last episode of Wild Islander than any other programme.

by

The last episode of Wild Islander

people than any other programme.

3 Someone said that people love David and Victoria Beckham more than the Queen. loved

It is said that David and Victoria Beckham

than the Queen.

4 They gave that newsreader the sack for laughing while reading the news.

sack

That newsreader for laughing while reading the news.

5 I wanted to be a journalist but a friend told me it was very hard work.

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I wanted to be a journalist but Ithat it was very hard work.

6 They are improving telecommunications all the time.

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5	Complete each pair of sentences with the correct form of the word in bold. 3 The fight between the two main characte Daydream Days has continued for years!			
	Oh, look at the baby <i>chickens</i> , aren't they sweet?	thicken Oh, look at the baby <i>chickens</i> , aren't they	For some reason, my computer won't let me connect to the internet.	
b	Oh, good! We're having <i>chicken</i> for dinner. My favourite.	/4		
a b 2a b 3a b 4a b	chocolate Would you like one of these? They're delicious. Would you like some? It's from France. hair You had such nice long	7 Read the text and thin which best fits each grayword in each gap. I've thought of a new kind of think would be really popular Famine. The game starts off with the contestants of the	f reality show that I ar. It's (0) called Feast or with twelve players or in a big kitchen. Here one person is ity of feeding all the week, that person ermarket, blindfolded seeing. Then they ee he or she has to the other players have no other food in the k, another person is they which has to all be ontestants have to eat ant to or (8)	
	with my friends. My parents get on very well with my friends.	the title: How did I manage to get into so much trouble? Outline what each paragraph should contain and note down some		
1	My favourite soap is broadcast very late at night now.	relevant vocabulary for each paragraph.		
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2	I didn't used to watch the news very much, but now I like it more and more.		/10	
			Final Score:/70	