

## VOICES COURSE 15 TEST 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1.** Complete using the correct word or phrase. (*not allowed, banned, illegal, prohibited, forbidden, a ban on, outlawed, required to*).

In the small town of San Marcos, martial arts were once extremely popular. However, after a series of accidents, the local government declared that certain forms of combat were \_\_\_\_\_ in public spaces. Soon after, street fighting became \_\_\_\_\_, and dangerous techniques were officially \_\_\_\_\_.

Training without proper supervision was strictly \_\_\_\_\_, and the authorities announced \_\_\_\_\_ underground tournaments. Students are \_\_\_\_\_ register at certified schools if they want to practice safely.

Some ancient fighting styles were even \_\_\_\_\_, as they were considered too dangerous to teach. Practicing them in secret was completely \_\_\_\_\_, yet rumors spread that a hidden dojo still trained the old ways.

Despite the restrictions, young Leo dreamed of becoming a master, wondering if rules were meant to protect—or to hide something more.

**Part 2.** Match the words and their definitions. Add the number.

1. murder

2. manslaughter

3. kidnapping

4. drug dealing

\_\_\_ a. stealing something

\_\_\_ b. having sex with someone against their wish

\_\_\_ c. the crime of intentionally killing a person

\_\_\_ d. entering a house by force to steal things

5. bank robbery

\_\_\_ e. unintentionally killing someone

6. theft

\_\_\_ f. selling drugs in the streets

7. rape

\_\_\_ g. illegally introducing products into a country

8. burglary

\_\_\_ h. stealing money from a bank

9. smuggling

\_\_\_ i. robbing a store undetected

10. shop lifting

\_\_\_ j. to take a person away illegally by force

**Part 3.** Complete using these words or phrases. (*all of a sudden, in the end, gradually, initially, by the time, meanwhile*)

\_\_\_\_\_, the night was quiet, and Detective Rodriguez believed it would be just another routine patrol. The streets were empty, and nothing seemed out of place. \_\_\_\_\_, across town, a shadow moved silently through the back door of a small jewelry store.

\_\_\_\_\_, the alarm shattered the silence. Rodriguez rushed to the scene, his heart pounding. \_\_\_\_\_ he arrived, the thief had already disappeared into the maze of dark alleys.

\_\_\_\_\_, clues began to surface—a broken window, a dropped glove, and faint footprints leading toward the river. Rodriguez followed them carefully, determined not to lose the trail.

\_\_\_\_\_, he found the suspect hiding beneath an old bridge, clutching a bag of stolen jewels. The case that had begun so quietly had turned into a thrilling chase—and \_\_\_\_\_, justice was served.

**Part 4. Complete using these words or phrases. (*estimate, remained unchanged, see a sharp growth, look at the data, steady drop, It's unlikely, continue rising gradually*)**

The team of scientists gathered early in the morning to \_\_\_\_\_ on global petroleum production. Initially, they tried to \_\_\_\_\_ how long the current reserves would last, but the numbers were more complex than expected.

In some regions, production seemed to \_\_\_\_\_, while others began to \_\_\_\_\_ due to new drilling technologies. However, not all the news was positive. In older oil fields, there was a \_\_\_\_\_ in output, raising concerns among the experts.

“\_\_\_\_\_ that we can depend on these sources forever,” said Dr. Morales, pointing at the charts. Meanwhile, renewable energy projects were expanding, but petroleum demand continued to dominate the market.

Despite the challenges, global consumption appeared to \_\_\_\_\_, driven by developing economies. The team knew that the future of energy would depend on the decisions made today.

Good luck!