

## 1<sup>ST</sup> QUIZ

**1 Complete the sentences with words and phrases related to an ideal society. The first letter of each word is given.**

1 Do you think animals should have <sup>1</sup> r ights too?

2 We decided to <sup>2</sup> g \_\_\_\_\_ r \_\_\_\_\_

o \_\_\_\_\_ our old fence and <sup>3</sup> p \_\_\_\_\_

u \_\_\_\_\_ a new one before it fell down.

3 It isn't fair that just 10 percent of the population in this country owns 90 percent of the <sup>4</sup> w \_\_\_\_\_ .

4 The government says it's going to <sup>5</sup> f \_\_\_\_\_

more care centres for <sup>6</sup> e \_\_\_\_\_ people to help prevent loneliness.

5 <sup>7</sup> H \_\_\_\_\_ people often find it difficult to access

<sup>8</sup> h \_\_\_\_\_ because they don't have a fixed address.

6 There is no place for <sup>9</sup> r \_\_\_\_\_ in a multicultural society.

7 The word <sup>10</sup> d \_\_\_\_\_ comes from the Greek word meaning 'rule of the people'. In this political

system, if a <sup>11</sup> m \_\_\_\_\_ of politicians vote for something, then everyone has to accept it.

**2 Choose the correct option, a, b or c.**

1 Sorry B, but could you explain what you mean by a 'rhetorical question'?

2 \_\_\_ just add something here?

3 Thanks for \_\_\_ that out, Jake. I'd forgotten to mention the company's market research.

4 **A:** Sorry about that.

**B:** No \_\_\_\_. Anyway, as I was saying ...

5 I didn't \_\_\_ follow what you were saying about problems with our suppliers.

6 Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ that last sentence, please?

7 Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ come in here?

8 Can I just stop you for a moment, \_\_\_\_\_?

9 I'm really sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ you, but I need your signature on this.

10 Could you just \_\_\_\_\_ that last part again, please?

11 That's a \_\_\_\_\_, Chris.

- 1 a interrupt you    b to interrupt    c interrupting
- 2 a Would you mind    b Do I    c Could
- 3 a pointing    b telling    c showing
- 4 a worry    b worries    c you worry
- 5 a just    b quite    c now
- 6 a to repeat    b repeat    c repeating
- 7 a if I    b if    c I
- 8 a if I may    b if I could    c if I would
- 9 a bother you    b mind you    c annoy you
- 10 a go back    b get to    c go over
- 11 a a fine point    b a fair point    c a further point

**3. Choose the correct option, a, b or c.**

1. I am so busy. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ fewer hours.
- a) can work
  - b) could work
  - c) will work
2. I don't like my salary. I sometimes wish I \_\_\_\_\_ a bit more money.
- a) earn
  - b) earned
  - c) would earn
3. The traffic is terrible. I wish they \_\_\_\_\_ cars from the city centre.
- a) would ban
  - b) ban
  - c) could banned

4. My neighbors make too much noise. I wish they \_\_\_\_\_ more quiet.
- a) are
  - b) will be
  - c) would be
5. I hate commuting. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ a job closer to my house.
- a) have
  - b) had
  - c) would have
6. I want to travel, but I don't have money. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ afford a vacation.
- a) could
  - b) would
  - c) can
7. The government doesn't help. I wish politicians \_\_\_\_\_ more to help the community.
- a) do
  - b) would do
  - c) could did
8. I don't understand this exercise. I wish it \_\_\_\_\_ easier.
- a) is
  - b) would
  - c) were / was
9. There are no parks here. I wish we \_\_\_\_\_ more green spaces.
- a) have
  - b) had
  - c) would have

10. My friend never calls me. I wish he \_\_\_\_\_ me more often.

- a) would call
- b) could called
- c) calls

**4 Complete the sentences by putting the verbs in parentheses into the correct form (If-clause or Result-clause) to talk about imaginary or unlikely situations.**

1. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (use) robots, we would have more free time.
2. Maybe if we just bought less stuff, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not need) so much money.
3. What would you do if you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a completely free choice?
4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (can) create a new world, what would it look like?
5. How would we fund a basic income if it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) introduced?
6. If everyone received a basic income, poverty \_\_\_\_\_ (disappear).
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ (might / be able to) fund a basic income if we taxed robots.
8. If the state provided free housing, nobody \_\_\_\_\_ (be) homeless.
9. What \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) if politicians changed the laws?
10. If society \_\_\_\_\_ (have) more tolerance, there would be less discrimination.

### **Reading Comprehension: Visions of Society**

Modern sociology and literature often contrast the realities of our current world with imagined societies. In our everyday lives, we navigate complex social structures. Many people fortunate enough to live in prosperous areas enjoy strong community bonds, where neighbours actively support each other and children thrive in abundant green spaces. In these affluent regions, high wages even allow citizens the luxury of working part-time, giving them the freedom to be generous with their time and money through charity work.

However, this is only one side of the coin. Even in wealthy societies, the relentless pressure to be successful causes widespread anxiety and depression. Furthermore, structural issues persist; true equality remains an elusive goal, as women still face a gender pay gap and disabled individuals suffer from systemic discrimination in the job market. Long-term unemployment also takes a heavy psychological toll, leaving many without a sense of purpose. Interestingly, despite these flaws, public faith in institutions remains mixed—while many people still trust medical professionals and politicians, they must simultaneously cope with the grim reality of rising crime and violence.

When reality becomes too difficult, writers turn to ideal worlds, or *utopias*. In 1516, Thomas More coined the term in his book *Utopia*, describing a perfect society where the state eliminates homelessness by providing free housing, and a basic income ensures that poverty is completely wiped out. Modern visionaries take this further; in Ada Palmer's *Terra Ignota* series, set in the year 2454, humanity has completely got rid of the concept of separate countries. With global borders gone, citizens can travel anywhere on Earth in just two hours, resulting in over three centuries of absolute global peace.

Unfortunately, literature more frequently warns us of *dystopias*—nightmarish futures where current social issues are magnified. In Suzanne Collins's *The Hunger Games*, Panem represents a nation ruled by a tyrant, President Snow, who heavily taxes countryside citizens to fund the extravagant lifestyles of the capital's elite. Similarly, Malorie Blackman's *Noughts and Crosses* presents a world built entirely on systemic racism, where the wealthy ruling class holds all the power, forcing the impoverished minority to fight for basic human rights, such as voting, healthcare, and education. Perhaps most chillingly, Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* depicts the collapse of the United States, taken over by the Republic of Gilead—a regime that uses strict religious laws to completely control what women can do.

Ultimately, these stories force us to look at our own world and ask conditional questions: If we possessed a completely free choice, what kind of world would we create? Perhaps if we simply bought less stuff, we wouldn't need so much money, and if we chose to tax automated technology, we might easily fund a basic income for everyone.

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### Reading Statements: True (T), False (F), or Not Given (NG)

**Directions:** Read the statements below and write **T** (if the text confirms the statement), **F** (if the text contradicts the statement), or **NG** (if the information is not mentioned in the text).

1. According to the text, high wages allow some people to choose part-time employment. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The text states that citizens have completely lost their faith in modern politicians. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Disabled people face fewer obstacles than women when looking for a job. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Long-term unemployment affects a person's sense of purpose in life. \_\_\_\_\_
5. In Thomas More's *Utopia*, citizens have to pay a small fee to rent state-provided housing. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Thomas More was a politician before he wrote his book *Utopia*. \_\_\_\_\_
7. In the world of *Terra Ignota*, separate countries no longer exist. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Traveling to any part of the world takes exactly two hours in the year 2454. \_\_\_\_\_
9. President Snow uses capital city taxes to help the people living in the countryside.  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. In *Noughts and Crosses*, the poor 'crosses' already have full access to higher education. \_\_\_\_\_
11. The Republic of Gilead took over the United States and implemented laws to restrict women's freedom. \_\_\_\_\_

### Listening

**6 You will hear five short extracts in which friends are giving Jo advice about her lifestyle. For questions 1–5, choose from the list (A–H) what each friend says. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.**

Speaker 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Speaker 5 \_\_\_\_\_

- A Do sport or dance to get fit.
- B You should consider joining a gym.
- C If I were you, I'd give more hugs.
- D You should do a training course.
- E Reading for pleasure would do you good.
- F You definitely need to give up coffee completely.
- G Try eating leafy greens at least once a day.
- H You ought to drink less of something.