LISTENING

1 A Listen to Mia, Tom and Owen answering the following questions. Write M (Mia), T (Tom) or O (Owen) next to the question they answer.

1 How has your country changed in the last thirty years? _____

2 Is the world getting better or worse?

_____

3 How has your life changed in the last thirty years?

_____

B Circle the correct option to complete the sentences.

1 Mia thinks that thirty years ago _____.

a) life was simpler

b) the pace of life was faster

c) people were happier

2 Mia thinks that email puts pressure on people because _____.

a) people's computers crash

b) emails sometimes don't arrive

c) we are expected to give an instant response

3 Tom says that Beijing has grown because people

_____.

a) don't have as much money as before

b) came from around the world to get rich

c) came from all over China to make money

4 Tom says that life in the countryside

_____.

a) has changed enormously because of new technology

b) will never change because people do not have access to technology

c) has not changed that much, but people have more technology

5 Owen says that living conditions around the world

_____.

a) are improving, even though many people are still living in terrible poverty

b) are terrible and are going in the wrong direction

c) are not improving, and more and more people are living in poverty

6 Owen thinks that there are _____.

a) fewer wars than before, but weapons are getting more dangerous

b) more wars than before, and weapons are getting more dangerous

c) the same number of wars as before, and weapons are getting safer

2 A Listen to eight conversations. What does the person want each time? Match pictures A–H with conversations 1–8.

B Listen again. Complete the conversations with one word in each blank.

1 A: Excuse me, _____ you tell me the way to the swimming pool, please?

B: Yes, of _____ I can. You keep going this way until you get to the traffic lights. Then, ...

2 A: Hello. Do you _____ what time the bank opens?

B: I'm not _____. Let me ask someone.

3 A: Do you want us to bring anything?

B: That would be great. Could _____ bring some salad and maybe something for dessert?

A: Yes, _____ course. Anything else?

B: No, that'll be fine.

4 A: Could you _____ me with my bags?

B: I'm _____, I can't. My hands are full.

5 A: Would you mind _____ the door for me?

B: Of course _____. There you go.

A: Thank you. That's very kind.

6 A: Could you _____ me what time the show starts?

B: _____ me take a look. The afternoon show starts at 3 p.m.

A: Thanks very much.

7 A: Would you _____ coming to get me from the station?

B: OK. _____. Wait outside, and I'll be there in ten minutes.

8 A: Do you know _____ there's a post office near here?

B: Yes, _____ is—there's one just down the road.

LIVEWORKSHEETS