

LISTENING PRACTICE BASED ON TOPIC 'SHOPPING, MONEY, ADVERTISING'

I. Listen to three people talking about alternatives to normal shopping. What do the alternatives all have in common? THERE IS MORE THAN ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER.

- a. They mean spending less money.
- b. They benefit the environment in some way.
- c. They involve reusing things that people don't want any more.

II. Listen again. Which speaker (1-3) does each question describe? IN SOME CASES MORE THAN ONE SPEAKER IS POSSIBLE.

WHO:

- a. doesn't want to create unnecessary waste?
- b. doesn't have to leave the house to get what they want?
- c. finds the quality of what they buy is higher than normal?
- d. has experienced negative attitudes to what they're doing?
- e. lives too far from the place to take advantage of it?
- f. mentions a disadvantage to their alternative way of shopping?

III. Listen to the conversation. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1. Bella's mum doesn't think that Bella spends her money wisely.
- 2. Alice thinks it's a good time to go shopping because there are lots of reductions.
- 3. Bella doesn't think the blue dress is a bargain.
- 4. Bella's aunt sent her a check for her birthday.
- 5. Bella pays in cash.
- 6. The assistant says Bella can return the dress if she keeps the receipt.

IV. Listen to three people talking about advertising. Match two of the opinions (a-g) with each speaker (1-3). There is one opinion that you do not need.

- a. Adverts aimed at children should be banned.
- b. Companies don't tell the whole truth in their adverts.
- c. Adverts don't influence most people to spend money.
- d. Many adverts are clever and entertaining.
- e. Adverts encourage people to buy things that they don't need.
- f. All TV advertising should be banned.
- g. People can switch off the TV if they don't want to watch the adverts.

