

## **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.

