LISTENING WORKSHEET

Society & social norms

Name: _____ Date: _____

Listen and write the missing word or phrase in each numbered gap.

One of the main factors in ensuring a (1) _____ society is that there are clear, established patterns in the way we (2) _____ ourselves. And we expect people to behave according to our accepted standards of behaviour. There are those who (3) _____ these social (4) _____ (5) _____, and these people are often (6) _____ 'conservative'. It's actually through such people that our (7) _____ is preserved.

But then, gradually, over time, as our society becomes more and more multicultural, there is a blending of these customs and we gradually come to (8) _____ the norm. If we enter a new group, we notice the unwritten rules and social norms of that group. Those who fail to observe these norms are inevitably excluded from that group.

Of course, there will always be those who seek to (9) _____ tradition, and to (10) _____. These people see themselves as (11) _____ in every sense of the word. They create a (12) _____ and they (13) _____ mainstream values. However, ironically, in doing so, they (14) _____ also create their own new (15) _____ with its own set of unwritten rules.

For example, becoming a hippy in the 1970s required you to (16) _____ the accepted casual dress of a hippy rather than the (17) _____ suit and tie that was (18) _____ at that time.

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