



**ΕΞΕΤΑΣΕΙΣ ΑΓΓΛΙΚΗΣ – ΕΠΙΠΕΔΟ Γ1 - ΕΝΟΤΗΤΑ 3**  
**ΠΕΡΙΟΔΟΣ ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 2012**

**TAPESCRIPTS**

**ACTIVITY 1**

**A. Read item 1 and 2. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.**

*That's later but now Mary Wanjo was paralyzed after a childhood bout of polio. In many cases, such a paralysis is temporary, but, in Mary's case, it proved to be permanent. She's now 55 years old and can only move her head. But this hasn't stopped her from becoming a prolific artist. She holds a brush in her mouth creating paintings which she sells to make a living. Our reporter Wairimu Gitau met her in her hometown of Nyeri in Central Kenya.*

**Listen again and check your answers.**

**B. Read item 3 and 4. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.**

*Coming up. Election officials in Egypt take the nation by surprise as they fail to set a date for the presidential election. We go to Cairo for the latest. A leading Syrian businessman based here in London tells the BBC his country is crumbling under the weight of economic sanctions. Shinganyu the campaigning Burmese monk who is released in January from prison is re-arrested on new charges. Also a punch up between two British heavy-weight boxers but not in the ring at a news conference in Munich. One of them has been arrested.*

**Listen again and check your answers.**

**C. Read item 5 and 6. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.**

*Are space heaters in your home close to curtains, a stack of newspapers or other flammable materials? Heating is the second leading cause of fire deaths for older adults. To make sure you'll stay safe and warm this winter, follow these life-saving tips:*

*When buying a space heater, look for the auto-off feature should the heater fall over. Keep space heaters at least three feet away from other objects. Your fireplace should have a screen large enough to catch flying sparks or rolling logs.*

*This message is brought to you by the United States Fire Administration, your local fire department and this radio station.*

**Listen again and check your answers.**

**ACTIVITY 2**

**Read items 7-12. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.**

*My dad is arguably the happiest person I know. Here are five lessons he taught me on how to be happy in life:*

*Do work that you absolutely love. My dad's a farmer. He's always been a farmer, and he loves what he does.*

*If you really want to be happy, spend time outside nature every single day.*

*Things are never as bad or as good as they seem.*

*Laugh a lot. My dad lives in Iowa, and I live in California. We talk about twice a week, and, within 5 seconds of every phone call, we are laughing about something.*

*And last but not least, help others often. My dad is really involved in his community, in his neighborhood, and he takes a lot of satisfaction, gets a lot of satisfaction out of helping a neighbor and out of having neighbors help him as well.*

**Listen again and check your answers.**

### ACTIVITY 3

**Read items 13-15. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.**

*Scientists and health experts generally agree that cell phones are safe for people to use, but throwing them away might be another matter. Cell phones contain hazardous materials such as lead, mercury and flame retardants. When they become obsolete and are thrown away, toxic materials can leach out of the phones and into the environment. A team of scientists at the University of California in Irvine are working on the problem. They want to redesign cell phones with safer materials. Daley Ogan Saton is an environmental health expert on the cell phone project. He says the environmental problems of cell phone arise when the phones outlive their usefulness.*

**Listen again and check your answers.**

### ACTIVITY 4

**Read items 16-18. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.**

*Female speaker: I went to Boston Latin school which is the oldest public high school in the country in the US.*

*Male speaker: All right, ok.*

*Female speaker: The school... you have to take a test to get into, and people do well there, and if you don't do well...*

*Male speaker:...they just throw you out?*

*Female speaker: ...they throw you... you either repeat the grade or you leave and you go to a different school that's easier. And I... the thing that amazed me is that my brothers and sister did not go there.*

*Male speaker: aha*

*Female speaker:...and they went to just a regular Boston public school...*

*Male speaker: yeah yeah yeah*

*Female speaker:...and like parent-teacher night they'd be very few parents at their schools.*

*Male speaker: right right...*

*Female speaker: whereas at mine they had multiple parent-teacher nights cause there were so many parents coming to meet with the teachers. You know, the education system is not just about how good the school is.*

*Male speaker: right right..*

*Female speaker: I mean that's a part of it. It's also about expectation, and I think a huge part is parental involvement.*

*Male speaker: See that is the problem with New York city schools. I mean parents don't really care about..*

*Female speaker: Do you think they don't really care or that they think it's the school's job?*

*Male speaker: Could be the school's job but they like to get this weight off their back and they say you're the teacher, you have been trained, you know how to do this thing. Don't get me involved...*

*Female speaker: ...right*

*Male speaker: Don't call me when Joe or whatever is acting out in class or is throwing spit balls across the room or has...*

**Read items 19 and 20. Listen and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for each item.**

*Female speaker: but then you get the other parents who get too involved...*

*Male speaker: right yeah... they stick their noses where..*

*Female speaker: no but.. did you hear about... there was somebody who... the parent got very mad because the teacher was using a red pen..*

*Male speaker: right yeah..*

*Female speaker:... to mark answers wrong on her daughter's paper or something like that, and now that school district cannot use red to make things right or wrong...make things wrong because it makes the students feel bad about themselves.*

*Male speaker: yeah marginalizes and singles them out... yeah...politically correct..*

*Female speaker: but then the other thing that happens is that parents get mad at teachers for not passing their children, and I think sometimes teachers pass children because the parents are mad enough...*

*Male speaker: yeah and engage in what is called "social promotion." Yeah they say for psychological reasons students should all pass the grade so they can be with their friends, and, they move on and everything. But these students who happen to fall through these cracks just end up in your senior class in high school, and then you don't know what to do with them because they haven't really mastered the material and then they have an attitude.*

*Female speaker:...And how do they feel about themselves when they can't understand what's going on.*

*Male speaker: right yeah..*

*Female speaker:... you know. I don't think that any of that is something that...*

*Male speaker:...can be remedied.*

**Listen again and check your answers.**

## **ACTIVITY 5**

**Listen and fill in items 21-25 with the right word.**

### **21. WEDDING**

*Good evening everybody. Let's begin by telling you just how much of a setup this is. You know. I mean you get all these guys dancing, coming in here. You got this beautiful couple, and then they put me in front of you. So this...this is not fair. But anyway, now that I have your undivided attention hopefully, I would like to begin by thanking all of you for having spent this weekend, for having given of your time and of your love to have joined us. And does time ever go by? I can remember... just a little while, and this was a little child...and if you guys saw any of those pictures...I can still remember those pictures... so and time goes by and then she grows and she's 8 or she's 10 years old, and then one day, when you are not expecting it there is some conversation about "what will happen when I get married daddy?"*

### **22. GRADUATION**

*Good morning and congratulations to the Darmouth class of 2011. Today you have achieved something special- something only 92% of Americans your age will ever know. A college diploma. That's right with your college diploma, you now have a crushing advantage over 8% of the work force. I'm talking about dropout losers like Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and Mark Zuckerberg. Incidentally, speaking of Mr. Zuckerberg, only at Harvard would someone have to invent a massive social network just to talk with someone in the next room.*

### **23. FUNERAL**

*Graham Chapman, co-author of the 'Parrot Sketch,' is no more. He has ceased to be, bereft of life, he rests in peace. He has kicked the bucket, hopped the twig, bit the dust, snuffed it, breathed his last, and gone to meet the Great Head of Light Entertainment in the*

sky. And I guess that we're all thinking how sad it is for the man of such talent, of such capability and kindness, of such unusual intelligence should now so suddenly be spirited away at the age of only forty-eight, before he'd achieved many of the things of which he was capable.

#### **24. DEMONSTRATION**

*... in the history of our nation. Five score years ago a great American in whose symbolic shadow we stand today signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beckon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice.*

#### **25. BIRTHDAY**

*I thought I was going to sneak away tonight. What a glorious night! Every face I see is a memory. It may not be a perfectly... perfect memory. Sometimes we had our ups and downs, but we're all together, And you're mine, for a night. And I'm going to break precedence and tell you my one candle wish: that you would have a life, as lucky as mine where you can wake up one morning and say, "I don't want anything more." 65 years, don't they go by in a blink?*

**Listen again and check your answers.**