**І. ЧИТАННЯ**

For two months, I have been trying to decide who makes the best ice cream. I have narrowed it down to my four favorite manufacturers: Randolph Farms, Goodies, Disco, and Twinkle.

Let's start with Randolph Farms. Randolph Farms makes very good ice cream. They have lots of different flavors, but this doesn't really matter to me. That's because I always get coffee flavor. They make the best coffee ice cream in the world. I've never had hot coffee (the drink) but people tell me that Randolph Farms coffee ice cream tastes just like the real thing. Also, Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients to make their ice cream. This is a good idea, I think.

Second, we have Goodies. Goodies makes excellent ice cream. Like Randolph Farms, Goodies uses all natural ingredients. They only make three different flavors—strawberry, vanilla, and chocolate—but they make them very well. The strawberry is amazing. Every bite of it reminds me of the strawberries that I used to pick behind my old house. The vanilla is wonderful. It is very smooth and has a refreshing, creamy taste. The chocolate is outstanding. It is made with real cocoa beans from Bolivia. I didn't know where Bolivia is so I decided to look for it on a map. After hunting a while, I discovered that it is in South America! That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good. I would say that the only drawback to Goodies ice cream is that they only make three different flavors.

Third, we have Disco. Disco ice cream is okay. They don't have many good flavors. Actually, the only Disco flavor I like is Bubblegum. It is vanilla ice cream with little chunks of bubblegum in it. After you eat the ice cream, you can blow bubbles with the gum. That's pretty fun.

Finally, there is Twinkle. Twinkle ice cream is mediocre. The only good thing about Twinkle is that it is relatively inexpensive. You can buy a whole carton of twinkle ice cream for $4.50. That's only two weeks' allowance for me.

**Questions**

**1)** Which of the following would be the best title for this passage?

A. Strawberry, Vanilla, Chocolate, and Bubblegum Too!

B. The Four Top Ice Cream Manufacturers

C. The Finest Ice Cream in the World

D. Picking the Best Ice Cream Manufacturer

**2)** If the author wanted to get a scoop of coffee ice cream, where would he or she probably go?

A. Randolph Farms

B. Goodies

C. Disco

D. Twinkle

**3)** In paragraph 1, the author uses a colon. A colon (:) looks like two dots, one on top of the other. Colons are used to separate different parts of a sentence. The part before the colon introduces an idea and can stand alone as a sentence. The part after the colon gives more detailed information about this idea, often as a list. If the colon could talk, it would say, "And here they are!"

Using this information, it can be understood that which of the following sentences contains the correct use of a colon?

A. My friends are: sweet, young, and generous.

B. I like: to talk on the phone at night.

C. I have three pets: Toto, Spot, and Rover.

D. I want a new bicycle: or new roller skates.

**4)** According to the passage, the author likes Randolph Farms ice cream because it

I. is all natural

II. is made in Bolivia

III. comes in many flavors

A. I only

B. I and II only

C. II and III only

D. I, II, and III

**5)** In paragraph 3 the author writes, "That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good." Using this information, we can understand that the author believes that

A. Goodies loses money on sales of chocolate ice cream

B. Bolivia makes the best cocoa in the world

C. things that are hard to get must be high quality

D. cocoa from the United States is not very good

**6)** According to the passage, the author likes Disco ice cream because it

A. is relatively inexpensive

B. has bubblegum in it

C. is made in Bolivia

D. is okay

**7)** According to the passage, how is Randolph Farms ice cream different than Goodies?

I. Randolph Farms has many different flavors and Goodies does not.

II. Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients and Goodies does not.

III. Randolph Farms is very expensive and Goodies is not.

A. I only

B. I and II only

C. II and III only

D. I, II, and III

**8)** An *adjective* is a word that is used to describe a thing. For example, in the sentence, "The car is fast," the word "fast" is an adjective. Using this information, which of the following are adjectives used in paragraph 3?

I. flavors

II. excellent

III. old

A. I only

B. I and II only

C. II and III only

D. I, II, and III

**9)** According to the author, what is the only drawback to Goodies ice cream?

A. cheap ingredients

B. expensive price

C. mediocre quality

D. a lack of flavors

**10)** How much money does the author receive in his or her weekly allowance?

A. $2.25

B. $4.50

C. $9.00

D. Not enough information is provided

**ІІ. АУДІЮВАННЯ**

**- Lazy Susan**

‘I want you to teach me how to shoot a gun, ’Susan Carpenter said to her husband at breakfast.

‘You want me to do *what*?’

Stan Carpenter stopped eating and stared at her.

‘Take me to a shooting range.’

Her husband’s amazement turned to delight. ‘I think that’s a wonderful idea. ’Ever since she’d been robbed the week before on a dark night in the parking-lot of the Mulberry Street Shopping Center, Stan had been telling her to learn how to protect herself, preferably with a gun.

Susan had been more angry than scared when she was robbed. The robber hadn’t hurt her much, just a little knock on the head with his gun. But she was so angry about it.

‘Fifty dollars!’ she shouted at the policeman. ‘One minute I had fifty dollars in my purse and then I had nothing!’

‘Good evening, ladies.’ The expert in self-defence stood beside a screen, and began by saying, ‘The victim of mugging usually looks like this ...’ A coloured picture appeared on the screen. It was a little old lady who was carrying a shopping bag in one hand and a purse in the other. ‘She’ll make it easy for the mugger to grab, push and run. He won’t usually choose a victim who looks as if she might fight back.’ Another picture appeared on the screen – a younger woman, who looked strong, and whose hands were empty.

‘If you want to avoid being mugged, walk confidently! Keep your head up. Pull your shoulders back. Let your arms swing, and don’t carry a lot of packages. Carry your handbag under your arm, or hold it tightly with both hands. Look as if you know where you’re going, even if you don’t. Make that mugger think you’re tough! Any questions?’

‘Is there any way to recognize a mugger?’ asked Susan.

‘Sure.’ The instructor smiled. ‘He’s the one in the dark clothes, hiding in the bushes.’

Everyone but Susan laughed.

Stan was amazed at how strong and confident his wife seemed after only three weeks of self-defence training.

The shops were closed when the last movie-goers came out into the large, dark, Mulberry Street Shopping Center parking-lot. It had been a Superman film. After two and a half hours of watching him bend iron and jump over tall buildings, Susan felt ready for anything.

A dark group of bushes stood between her and her car. She walked confidently through them, then turned and bent down a little to look carefully behind her.

She saw the man before he noticed her.

Everything she had learned about self-defence went through her mind: she examined his walk, the look on his shadowed face, and the object in his hands. She thought of those hours she’d had to work to earn fifty dollars, and of the man who had stolen it so easily. She took from the pocket the little gun that Stan had taught her to use. Then, just as the man stepped past the bushes, she jumped behind him so he couldn’t see her.

She put the gun against his head.

‘I don’t want to hurt you,’ Susan said in her confident new voice, which sounded lower than normal. ‘I just want your money.’

The little old man dropped his shopping bag beside one leg of Susan’s trousers.

‘There’s been another mugging at the shopping center! ’Stan folded back the local newspaper. The edges touched his fried egg. ‘That just proves what I’ve said. You should never go there alone at night. You won’t, will you, Susan?’

‘You’re getting egg on your trousers, dear.’

‘What? Oh! It’s all over the floor, too.’

‘Don’t worry about it,’ said Susan. ‘I’ll clean it up. I have lots of extra time now.’

Stan smiled a little nervously. He was glad she had stopped doing that low paying job at the sales office, but he was afraid his lovely but lazy Susan might not try very hard to find another job. ‘You’ll have time to train for something better,’ he said, hopefully. ‘I’m sure you can find an easier way to make money.’

Lazily, Susan stirred her coffee.

‘Yes, dear.’ She smiled. ’I probably can.’

**Section 1.** True or False Statements (+/-). Listen to the story and decide which of these statements are true and which of them are false. Mark your answers on the Answer Sheet.

1. Susan had felt frightened because the robber hurt her badly.
2. Susan had been more angry than scared when she was robbed.
3. The typical mugging victim is a man in dark clothes.
4. After three weeks of self-defence training Susan still didn’t feel like going out alone.
5. Susan planned to get another office job with better pay.

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**Section 2.** Multiple choice. Listen to the story and decide which of these statements are true and which of them are false. Mark your answers on the Answer Sheet.

1. **What did Susan ask her husband to teach her?**
2. How to scream loudly and run fast.
3. How to shoot a gun.
4. How to use keys as a weapon.
5. How to use nail scissors as a weapon.
6. **Susan’s husband was...**
7. delighted with the idea that his wife would learn how to protect herself.
8. angry about the idea that his wife would learn how to protect herself.
9. indifferent to the idea that his wife would learn how to protect herself.
10. nervous about the idea that his wife would learn how to protect herself.
11. **The money the robber took was...**
12. 15 dollars.
13. 50 dollars.
14. 55 dollars.
15. 500 dollars.

**9. The expert in self-defence said that the victim of a mugging was usually...**

a) a little old man who was carrying a suitcase in one hand and an umbrella in the other.

b) a little old lady who was carrying a shopping bag in one hand and a purse in the other.

c) a student who was carrying a big back-pack and a heavy carrier bag.

d) an old drunk man.

**10. That day Susan went to the cinema and watched...**

1. a King-Kong film.
2. a Spiderman film.
3. a Superman film.
4. a Lizardman film.

**ІІI. ПИСЬМО**

1. "That which we obtain too easily, we esteem too lightly. It is dearness only which gives everything its value." Thomas Paine. Do we value only what we struggle for? Plan your response, and then write an essay to explain your views on this issue. Be sure to support your position with specific points and examples. (You may use personal examples or examples from your reading, observations, or, knowledge of subjects such as history, literature, science.)
2. Due to the development in communication and transportation, countries are becoming more and more alike. How is your country becoming more similar to other places in the world? Use specific examples and details to support your answer.
3. Some people say that physical exercise should be a required part of every school day. Other people believe that students should spend the whole school day on academic studies. Which opinion do you agree with? Give reasons to support your answer.

**ІV. ГОВОРІННЯ**

1. Fast food is generally considered unhealthy, but many people still eat it.

* Why do you think restaurants like McDonald’s are so popular?
* How would you make McDonald’s better?
* If you could add one thing to the menu, what would you add?

1. Many children grow up listening to or watching fairytales that contain moral lessons. What was your favourite childhood book or story?

* What was the moral of the story, and is it still relevant today?
* Why do you think stories are a good way to teach morals?
* If you could write a new fairytale, what moral value would you want your readers to take away from it?

1. Some people believe that living a healthy lifestyle is the key to one’s happiness.

* What is your idea of a healthy lifestyle?
* How has the definition of health changed over time, and from culture to culture?
* Can a person who is not healthy still be happy?

1. «By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail» is a popular saying. Describe a time when you spent a lot of time preparing for a project, job or performance.

* How did you prepare?
* Were you successful because of your preparation?
* Can people be successful without being prepared?

1. Many different languages are used around the world, even within a single country.

* What other languages would you want to learn to speak and why?
* How can language help connect people from different parts of the world?
* How would the world be different if only one language was spoken throughout the world?

1. Scientist Charles Babbage proposed the idea of the computer in the 19th century, but no one imagined how much the device would change our lives.

* How do you think technology will change in the next 100 years?
* What technologies would you like to see that do not yet exist?
* What are some ways technology can negatively impact our lives?

1. In your opinion, what are the three most important qualities a great teacher should have?

* Tell about a time when you were in a challenging class and you witnessed a teacher demonstrate these qualities.
* How do these qualities help students learn?
* Would you rather have a teacher with high expectations who teaches interesting, difficult classes, or a teacher whose classes are easy and boring?

1. Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter. You have the opportunity to interview any living person in the world.

* Who would you choose to interview and why?
* How has this person influenced the lives of others?
* How has this person influenced your life?

1. Everyone likes to relax in different ways. Some people even have a special place that only they know about.

* What special place do you like to go to for relaxation?
* What does it look like?
* What do you do there?

1. Imagine that you are given the opportunity to turn back time.

* What time in your life would you want to re-experience?
* Is there anything you would change in your past?
* How do you think your present life would be affected by your journey to the past?

1. You want to cook your favourite dish tonight for dinner.

* What is your favorite dish and what ingredients are found in your dish?
* What equipment and utensils will you need to cook your dish?
* What steps will you have to take to make the dish?

1. Describe the house of your dreams.

* What does your house look like?
* What is your favourite room and what is in it?
* Where in the world would your house be located?

1. One complaint many students have is that they don’t have enough control over their own education.

* If you could teach a new class not normally taught in schools, what would it be?
* What would this class teach and how would the students be graded?
* How would you convince the teachers and director that students need this class?

1. A person you know is planning to visit your town or city

* During what season would you recommend him or her to visit and why?
* What do you think this person would like and dislike about spending time in your town or city? Why?
* What areas of interest would you show her or him first?

1. Imagine you get to move into your own apartment tomorrow.

* What five things would you put in your apartment first?
* Do you think you would keep your apartment clean or messy? Why?
* Would you invite anyone to live with you or would you stay there alone? Why?

1. Imagine that you are given enough money to start life there alone? Why?

* What type of business would you choose to open and what would you call it?
* What would you need to open your own business in terms of space, employees, and supplies?
* How would you advertise your new business?

1. Some people live for music and some people do not seem to care.

* What is your attitude towards music?
* What role does music play in your life and in your culture?
* Why are some people moved by music and others not?

1. Social network sites (like Facebook) are becoming more and more popular.

* Do you see social networking as a positive or negative thing? Why?
* If all social networking sites were shut down forever, how would your life be affected?
* In what way do social networks affect communication between people?

1. Mahatma Gandhi said,: “The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.”

* What is your opinion of this statement?
* Is there a time when you have forgiven someone even though is was difficult?
* Do you regret your decision? Why or why not?

1. C.S. Lewis once wrote: “Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art…It has no survival value; rather, it is one of those things that gives value to survival.”

* How do you interpret this quotation?
* What is more valuable in your life, your friends or your family? Why?
* What does friendship mean to you?