

Video Test 16

I. Choose the best completion of the following statements.

Koreas

1. As a result of artillery fire from North Korea
 - a) one South Korean soldier was killed and three seriously injured
 - b) one South Korean soldier was killed and 14 injured
 - c) dozens of South Koreans were killed and 17 injured

2. It is reported that
 - a) the South Korean government held an emergency meeting in a bunker
 - b) all the residents of the island were evacuated to the mainland
 - c) Seoul fired 200 shells in retaliation

3. South Korea's president intends
 - a) to stop escalation of violence in the region
 - b) to continue artillery firing as North Korea's actions are illegal and provocative
 - c) to bury the hatchet and launch a negotiation process with Pyongyang

4. The US ruled out de-nuclearisation talks with North Korea
 - a) because Pyongyang violated the agreement about nuclear weapons
 - b) because Pyongyang instigated a conflict with Seoul
 - c) until Pyongyang stopped its work at the uranium enrichment plant

Koreas: Seoul reactions

5. The first South Korean interviewee thinks that
 - a) war has broken out
 - b) he might be called up in the army as a reservist
 - c) the government will declare war on North Korea

6. There was a cross border shooting accident
 - a) between US soldiers and North Korea
 - b) after a G-20 summit in Seoul
 - c) on the eve of a G-20 summit in Seoul

Cambodia

7. According to the news story, at a festival in Cambodia
 - a) 340 people were electrocuted in a stampede
 - b) hundreds people were drowned because a small bridge collapsed
 - c) several people were trampled to death

8. Cambodia's authorities
 - a) launched an investigation into the tragedy
 - b) expressed sympathy to the relatives who frantically searched for family members
 - c) ordered police to stop chaos

Ireland

9. The Irish prime minister declared about
 - a) the government collapse before measures were pushed through
 - b) the support of his party members and determination to complete the undertaken job
 - c) the support of Parliament ahead of an austerity budget

10. Though the Green Party called for a January election,
a) the coalition government will likely fall at the ballot
b) they are unlikely to win
c) the winds of political change will not affect the country

Ireland: reaction

11. The European Commission
a) will give the assistance loan to Ireland on rigorous conditions
b) have doubts whether support to Ireland will give financial stability to the Eurozone
c) haven't come to any conclusion on the situation in Ireland
12. The EU officials are disappointed because
a) Greece refused to accept Euro bailout
b) Greece asks for a bailout again
c) Greece failed to stop the financial turmoil in the country
13. Portugal hopes that
a) the Irish deal will set an example to other Euro members
b) receiving a bailout will enable it to make its own decisions
c) its own austerity package will solve the financial problems

II. Mark the sentences as True or False

New Zealand

14. The rescue operation suffered a setback as the robot sent to the mine went out of order. +
15. Air quality tests allowed rescuers to continue the operation. --
16. The police official doesn't seem hopeful of finding anyone alive. +
17. Though the miners have enough fresh air, food and water stored in the mine, they don't answer the phone. +

Egypt

18. The Muslim Brotherhood is accused by the Egyptian government of rigging the vote. --
19. 1200 members of the banned opposition group remain free, while 500 were detained. --
20. The Human rights group called on the Egyptian president and the opposition group to provide free and fair elections. --

Video Test 18

I. Choose the best completion of the following statements.

WikiLeaks

1. From the leaked secret diplomatic messages it has become known that
a) Israel continually urges Washington to be strict with Iran's nuclear program
b) UN officials are spying on the USA's activities
c) Washington plans to start war with Iran
2. According to the news report
a) H. Clinton connected the foreign officials to apologize for the contents of the messages
b) the released information is considered either harmless or embarrassing
c) US secret services will be persecuted

WikiLeaks: reaction

3. In his reaction to the leaks an American diplomat in Germany
- a) named those who committed a crime
 - b) blamed WikiLeaks for being irresponsible
 - c) confirmed the facts of distrust in diplomacy
4. In Italy's Foreign Minister's opinion the attack
- a) will take many human lives
 - b) might trigger another 9/11 tragedy
 - c) struck at the heart of international diplomatic relationships

Iran

5. Two attacks in Tehran claimed
- a) lives of two scientists involved in Iran's controversial nuclear program
 - b) a life of the scientist involved in Iran's controversial nuclear program
 - c) a life of the scientist who wasn't closely involved in Iran's controversial nuclear program
6. Iranian media blame Israel for
- a) conspiring with the West
 - b) making controversial comments about today's attacks
 - c) today's attacks

Afghanistan

7. The attacker is reported
- a) to have killed six soldiers during a training exercise
 - b) to have killed a man wearing a police uniform
 - c) to have shot dead six policemen

EU bailout

8. Following the weekend's 85 billion euro bailout of Ireland
- a) banks in London, Frankfurt and Paris have made early gains
 - b) European banks opened up except those in Frankfurt and Paris
 - c) Japan's Nikkei opened down with investors suspending their operations
9. EU finance ministers made efforts to defend euro, but
- a) for the time being it remains unsteady
 - b) the official of the European Central Bank doesn't think much of that
 - c) Portugal and Spain are feared to be new victims

Cancun

10. It is reported that
- a) the Mexican President switched off power at the UN conference's hotel
 - b) last year's Copenhagen summit was criticized as a failure
 - c) Cancun summit has high expectations
11. The emerging economies came under pressure
- a) from the Greenpeace to advance their economies
 - b) from the Mexican president to come up with something concrete
 - c) from the EU to cut their green house gas emissions

II. Mark the sentences as True or False.

Haiti

12. Six out of eighteen presidential candidates didn't complain of fraud. +
13. People were allowed to vote without identity cards. --
14. Though there was a clear favourite, he wouldn't go to a run-off in January. --

III. Fill in the gaps using the words from the video.

Cote d'Ivoire

The second round of the first presidential elections for ten years has been held in Ivory Coast.

The atmosphere is tense, and there has been (15)(*sporadic*) ____ violence. Initial results are expected later on Monday.

Ivory Coast, the world's largest producer of cocoa, was once considered (16)(*the heaven*) ____ of peace and prosperity in West Africa. But civil (17)(*strife*) ____ in 2002 changed all that. (18) (*incumbent*) ____ President

Laurent Gbagbo faces former Prime Minister Alassane Ouattara in a tight race that has led to simmering tension and conflict.

IV. Mark the sentences as True or False.

Leslie Nielsen

19. Nielsen had several jobs before he became an actor. +
20. In his on-screen career Nielsen appeared in more than sixty films. --

Video Test 19

I. Choose the best completion of the following statements.

Iran

1. For murdering her husband's first wife Shalva Jahed
a) was reportedly hanged in prison
b) was reportedly stabbed in prison
c) was sentenced to life imprisonment at Tehran's prison
2. The plight of another Iranian woman caused an international outcry
a) because she committed adultery
b) yet she was stoned to death
c) and her case will reportedly be reviewed

OSCE

3. It is reported that
a) Kazakhstan will host OSCE meetings for further ten years
b) Kazakhstan is seen by some campaigners as a wrong country to chair the OSCE organization
c) Kazakhstan has improved its human rights record
4. Hillary Clinton called on the OSCE countries
a) to participate more actively in resolving Afghan problems
b) to strengthen borders with the conflict-torn countries
c) to provide supply routes for NATO forces

Bad Weather

5. Snow has covered
- a) large parts of Poland up to 130 cm since Monday
 - b) Warsaw up to 30 cm
 - c) European capitals not less than 30 cm
6. The victims of the freezing temperatures are
- a) two people in Germany who were trying to get to work
 - b) road workers who were battling against the elements
 - c) two homeless people in Poland
7. The Canary Islands' authorities
- a) can't cope with the bad weather
 - b) evacuated people from the stricken area
 - c) take measures to protect the avocado harvest

WikiLeaks

8. The US wants to bring criminal charges against Julian Assange
- a) because he comes under legal pressure from several quarters
 - b) as he is suspected of violating espionage laws
 - c) unless the whistle-blowing website stops releasing sensitive information
9. Interpol put WikiLeaks founder on wanted list though
- a) his whereabouts are not a mystery
 - b) this doesn't prevent WikiLeaks from further revelations
 - c) he was detained over rape allegations in Sweden
10. This week there have been riveting disclosures about
- a) China's intentions to ditch its ally North Korea
 - b) the US intentions to bomb Iran over its nuclear program
 - c) the pharmaceutical industry and the Bank of America

II. Fill in the gaps using the words from the video

Brasil

A so-called Police Pacification Unit has been set up to combat drug (11)**gangs**_____ and violence in advance of the 2014 World Cup. The city's governor was adamant new unit would rise to the (12)**challenge** _____. Last Sunday some 800 troops and 1800 (13)**riot**_____ police launched a military style invasion to bring (14)**law**_____ and **order**_____ to the Complexo do Alemão slum. The operation left 50 dead and recovered significant (15)**caches**_____ of drugs and weapons.

III. Mark the sentences as True or False.

USA: prison

16. At a privately-run US jail guards allegedly beat a prisoner unconscious. --
17. The incident became known thanks to the surveillance footage. +
18. The FBI probe proved that prisoner human rights were breached. –

Gay Military

19. Currently homosexuals can serve in the army as long as they comply with "Don't Ask Don't Tell" law. +

20. Despite being decorated and commended, Stacy Vasquez decided to leave the army as she constantly lived in fear. --

Video Test 20

I. Choose the best completion of the following statements.

Concorde Crash

1. A French court ruled out that
- a) one of the Continental mechanics damaged Concorde's fuel tank
 - b) the US airline Continental is guilty of the Concorde crash ten years ago
 - c) Concorde's wheel went off and crashed into a Continental plane
2. Continental is going
- a) to appeal as the verdict was not legally justified
 - b) to protect French interests
 - c) to accept the verdict though it is far removed from justice and the truth

WikiLeaks

3. The revelations of the secret diplomatic messages
- a) can endanger pharmaceutical facilities in Denmark and other countries
 - b) can unveil major terrorist strongholds
 - c) can't be considered vitally important for US security

Iran: nuclear talks

4. According to the report
- a) Iran disproved the news that it had produced its own raw uranium
 - b) the UN intends to impose sanctions on Tehran for the first time
 - c) Iran avoided four rounds of UN sanctions
5. The negotiations between Iran and key world powers about Tehran's nuclear program
- a) have been underway for more than a year
 - b) were suspended more than a year ago
 - c) are believed to end in a breakthrough

Pakistan

6. First reports of the suicide bomb attack tell
- a) about forty casualties
 - b) about 100 casualties, 40 tribal leaders among them
 - c) about explosions at the entrance of the building and inside it
7. Though there have been more than 400 bomb attacks over the past three years
- a) the Pakistani Taliban movement has reportedly been weakened
 - b) top government officials have never been reported injured
 - c) the tribal area of Mohmand has never been hit

Cote d'Ivoire

8. Laurent Gbagbo, Ivory Coast's president is urged
- a) by his former prime minister to retain presidential power
 - b) by his rival to form a coalition government
 - c) by the international community to quit

9. In order to ease tension following the election
- a) the newly appointed premier Soro declared about a peaceful handover of power
 - b) Alassane Quattara's government decided to relinquish office
 - c) the African Union sent a mediator to the country

10. The election in Ivory Coast
- a) led to an end of a ten year crisis between the west and the south of the country
 - b) resulted in two pretenders appointing their own governments
 - c) removed the country from the verge of renewed conflict

India-France

11. It is a successful visit to India for Sarkozy as France agreed a deal
- a) to supply India with 22 nuclear reactors
 - b) to supply India with 2 nuclear reactors
 - c) to supply India with 2 nuclear reactors and several upgraded fighter jets
12. The first lady of France Carla Bruni
- a) alongside her husband visited HIV-AIDS hospital
 - b) saw for herself how the HIV-AIDS patients are treated in hospital
 - c) visited the ambassador for the Global Fund in HIV-AIDS hospital

Greece

13. During riots in Athens
- a) protesters threw missiles and petrol bombs at riot police
 - b) police were fired at with percussion charges
 - c) police killed a teenager who was among 500 protesters near the parliament
14. The anniversary of youth killing is marked in a violent way
- a) and this might paralyze the Greek capital for weeks
 - b) because the policemen who killed him were cleared of murder
 - c) but many came to the spot where he died and stood silently

II. Mark the sentences as True or False.

Floods: France

15. It wasn't until after the flooding in 1949 that the authorities of the port of Cherbourg started building major flood defences. +
16. Flood defences held back water of less than two meters. +
17. Though there's no electricity and everything is covered with a thick layer of mud, the café owner hopes his café will survive. --

Germany

18. In his 4th attempt Samuel Koch neglected the safety rules and tried to do his stunt without spring-loaded stilts. --
19. This monthly night show has been on air for nearly 30 years and now its future looks unknown. --
20. Germany's public broadcaster ZDF confessed that they had to introduce more and more dangerous stunts in a battle to win prime-time audience. --

Video Test 21

I. Choose the best completion of the following statements.

Chile

1. The fire at a jail in Santiago
 - a) broke out following a riot early in the morning
 - b) was caused by prisoners
 - c) reportedly killed more than 18 people
2. According to the report
 - a) volunteer firefighters rescued 200 people
 - b) Chile's prison industry hasn't experienced anything like that before
 - c) evacuated people battled alongside firefighters

Mideast

3. Peace talks between Israel and Palestine are in crisis because
 - a) Washington expressed its support to Israel in settlement building in the West Bank
 - b) Israel refused to renew a partial freeze on settlement building in the West Bank
 - c) Palestine doesn't want a genuine reconciliation with Israel
4. Israel slammed Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay for their move
 - a) to mediate between the two countries
 - b) to recognize Palestine on its pre- 1967 borders
 - c) to recognize Israel after the year 1967

Pakistan

5. The blast at a busy market place in Pakistan
 - a) left more than 13 casualties
 - b) is thought to have been carried out by one of the bus passengers
 - c) injured a dozen people
6. Police reported that
 - a) the explosion targeted a tribal chief opposed to Pakistan's Taliban
 - b) a tribal chief masterminded the attack
 - c) Pakistan's army delivered a blow on Taliban's stronghold in the north- west of the country

Julian Assange

7. The 37 -year -old WikiLeaks founder
 - a) will be released on December 14
 - b) is held in Swedish prison without bail
 - c) is detained by London court on allegations of sex crimes in Sweden
8. Assange's supporters claim that
 - a) Stockholm wants to charge him with espionage
 - b) false allegations are used to extradite him to the United States
 - c) WikiLeaks is not involved in releasing secret information
9. WikiLeaks is under financial pressure as
 - a) the site's account is blocked
 - b) the US State Department demands that the site should pay damages
 - c) Visa Mastercard and PayPal stopped making donations to the site

Koreas

10. The worst crisis for years between North and South Korea was triggered by
 - a) Seoul's artillery exercises near the disputed maritime border
 - b) the North's attack on the South's island
 - c) joint exercises of the USA and South Korea
11. China is seen by South Korea and the USA as a country
 - a) that could persuade the North to end its military activity
 - b) that could support the North's belligerent behavior
 - c) that could join their military exercises as an ally

Haiti

12. The supporters of the popular musician Michael Martelly voiced the frustration because
 - a) he was squeezed out of the run-off vote
 - b) he was accused of fraud
 - c) he was denied the opportunity to participate in the 1st round ballot
13. Two other candidates
 - a) are protégés of the outgoing president Rene Preval
 - b) are recognized by the US-embassy following the results of the vote-counts
 - c) are put by Haiti's electoral council for the run-off
14. Due to the devastating earthquake and cholera outbreak
 - a) 250,000 people were not registered to vote
 - b) many living people were acknowledged as dead
 - c) many people can't vote as they don't have identity cards

Mexico

15. Emergency measures
 - a) are taught at Mexican schools on a regular basis
 - b) were introduced into the school curricular as the city isn't safe to live in
 - c) have been taught at Mexican schools for 4 years

Climate summit

16. The UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called leaders for
 - a) any deal on the gas emissions issue
 - b) a perfect agreement between rich and poor countries
 - c) a final agreement on all the issues
17. The aim of the summit is
 - a) to consider the costs of such technologies as wind and solar power
 - b) to create a fund to help developing countries with eco-friendly measures
 - c) to take radical action on emissions worldwide

II. Mark the sentences as True or False.

La-Scala

18. It was the government's decision to cut the budget that provoked violence in the streets. +
19. Italy's president expressed concern about the future of culture in the country and in Europe. --
20. Italian Prime Minister S.Berlusconi attended the opera, but was forced to leave soon. --

