**LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check**

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| 1) | one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ contests in U.S. history |
|  | a.  closed  b.  closeted  c.  classiest  d.  closest |
| 2) | It was a nail-biting … |
|  | a.  finisher  b.  fish  c.  finish  d.  furnishing |
| 3) | Pre-election polls and TV stations said \_\_\_\_\_\_ man could have won |
|  | a.  either or  b.  ether  c.  neither  d.  either |
| 4) | It all depended on \_\_\_\_\_\_ swing states |
|  | a.  several  b.  severity  c.  severe  d.  seven |
| 5) | Obama knew he had another … |
|  | a.  four years in the White House.  b.  fight on his hands.  c.  round of election campaigning.  d.  problem to deal with. |
| 6) | Many Americans felt … |
|  | a.  grief  b.  belief  c.  relief  d.  mischief |
| 7) | voters complained that the ads were … |
|  | a.  not informative enough.  b.  full of lies.  c.  not entertaining.  d.  overly negative. |
| 8) | … voters once again put their … |
|  | a.  faith in Mr Obama.  b.  money on Mr Obama.  c.  voting cards with Mr Obama.  d.  questions to Mr Obama. |
| 9) | No one can know for sure what \_\_\_\_\_\_ tipped this election. |
|  | a.  emotionally-complex chemical  b.  emotional chemistry complex  c.  chemistry complex emotion  d.  complex emotional chemistry |
| 10) | Obama was trying his hardest to … |
|  | a.  fix what ails the country.  b.  fax what sells the country.  c.  mix what seals the concrete.  d.  tax what helps the country. |

**Listening**

**GAP FILL:** Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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| Americans voted to re-elect (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ president Barack Obama on Tuesday in one of the closest contests in U.S. history. President Obama (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off the challenge of Republican opponent Mitt Romney, who asked the nation to pray for Mr Obama in his goal to (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the American economy. It was a nail-(4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ finish to what was a long, exhausting, (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and expensive election campaign. Pre-election polls and TV stations said either man could have won the presidency. It all (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on several swing states, the winner of which would (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the 270 electoral votes needed to guarantee (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Once the state of Ohio went to the Democrats, Obama knew he had another four years in the White House. |  | *depended saw victory bitter incumbent re-ignite secure biting* |
| Many Americans felt (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the election has now been decided. They had to (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dozens of nightly advertisements in what was the most expensive campaign in history. Most voters complained that the ads were (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ negative and simply attacked the other side rather than (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ policy promises. Despite the poor state of the American economy, voters once again put their (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Mr Obama. Many believe Obama won against all the (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Thomas L Friedman of the New York Times wrote: "No one can know for sure what complex emotional (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tipped this election Obama's way…It came down to a majority of Americans believing that…Obama was trying his hardest to fix what (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the country." |  | *odds endure ails relief faith overly chemistry outlining* |

**TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if  a-h  below are true (T) or false (F).**

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| a. | The election was one of the closest in U.S. history. | T / F |
| b. | Mitt Romney asked Americans to pray Obama re-ignites. | T / F |
| c. | Most opinion polls predicted Obama would win. | T / F |
| d. | The winner needed 270 electoral votes to secure victory. | T / F |
| e. | Americans ensured dozens of advertisements every night. | T / F |
| f. | None of the parties spent a long time on their policies in their ads. | T / F |
| g. | A New York journalist said Obama's emotional chemistry helped him. | T / F |
| h. | The journalist said more people believed Obama could fix America. | T / F |

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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| **1.** | What adjective in the first sentence described President Obama? |
| **2.** | What did Obama see off? |
| **3.** | What kind of election finish was it? |
| **4.** | Which state did Obama win that saw him over the victory line? |
| **5.** | What did the pre-election polls say? |
| **6.** | What did Americans feel after the election? |
| **7.** | How many ads did Americans have to look at every night? |
| **8.** | What did the overly negative ads attack? |
| **9.** | What kind of chemistry did a New York Times journalist mention? |
| **10.** | What do Americans believe Obama is trying his hardest to fix? |

**MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

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| 1) What kind of president is Barack        Obama? | | 6) What did Americans feel after the       election? | |
|  | a) An incurable one.  b) An incursive one.  c) An incumbent one.  d) An incubating one. |  | a) amazement  b) relief  c) shock  d) ecstasy |
| 2) What did Romney ask the nation pray       for? | | 7) Why didn't voters like the campaign       ads? | |
|  | a) For Obama to fix the economy.  b) For him and his family.  c) For mercy and forgiveness.  d) For election success in 2016. |  | a) They were way too loud.  b) They were far too expensive.  c) They were far too long.  d) They were way too negative. |
| 3) What kind of finish was the election? | | 8) What did the ads not do? | |
|  | a) head-banging  b) foot-tapping  c) stomach-churning  d) nail-biting |  | a) lie  b) outline policy promises  c) tell the whole truth  d) make people laugh |
| 4) What does 270 electoral votes        secure? | | 9) What did many Americans believe       about Obama's victory? | |
|  | a) a split Senate  b) victory  c) a re-run  d) a swing state |  | a) He won against all the odds.  b) He bought votes in Ohio.  c) It was fate.  d) It was the most historic in U.S. history. |
| 5) When did Obama know he won? | | 10) What did a reporter say tipped the        balance for Obama to win? | |
|  | a) Just after he voted.  b) Three weeks ago.  c) After he got Ohio.  d) When Mitt Romney accepted defeat. |  | a) chemically-emotional complexity  b) chemical complex emotions  c) emotional chemical complexes  d) complex emotional chemistry |

**GAP FILL:** Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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| Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said his country is (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to send troops into Gaza if Hamas does not stop (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rockets into Israel. Despite growing (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Israel to end its strikes, Mr Netanyahu made it (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to world leaders that Israel would consider all options to defend itself from attacks from Gaza. He also stated his hopes for a ceasefire to (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an invasion of Gaza, which would likely lead to an escalated death toll. Netanyahu said any (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of air strikes would depend on Hamas ending its bombardment of Israel's cities. Sources say as many as 100 rockets a day are fired across the  (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, some reaching Tel Aviv. Air raid (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sounded in Jerusalem for the first time in decades. |  | *cessation firing clear sirens prepared border pressure avoid* |
| Israel said it still has hundreds of targets to hit and is (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those associated with Hamas. It already destroyed the Hamas prime minister's office. The death (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the conflict has now (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the lives of more than 50 Palestinians and three Israelis. Dozens more have been injured, many of them (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. An Israeli military spokesperson said Israeli forces had targeted close to 1,000 sites in Gaza, while Hamas has (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more than 400 missiles into Israel. The Israeli government also approved the call-up of 75,000 reservists in preparation for a ground (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Diplomatic efforts are in full (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as regional leaders are meeting in Cairo in an attempt to stop the situation from spiralling further out of  (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  | *offensive civilians toll control targeting launched claimed swing* |

**TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if  a-h  below are true (T) or false (F).

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| a. | Israel's prime minister is considering soldiers into Gaza. | T / F |
| b. | Mr Netenyahu has so far refused to speak with other world leaders. | T / F |
| c. | Netenyahu says a ceasefire could happen if Hamas stops firing rockets. | T / F |
| d. | Almost 100 rockets have reached Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. | T / F |
| e. | Israel said it still has around 100 more targets it wants to hit. | T / F |
| f. | Israeli forces have so far hit around 1,000 sites in Gaza. | T / F |
| g. | Israel has asked 7,500 reserve troops to prepare to enter Gaza. | T / F |
| h. | Leaders from neighboring country are talking in Cairo about solutions. | T / F |

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

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| **1.** | What is Israel's prime minister prepared to send into Gaza? |
| **2.** | To whom did Benjamin Netanyahu make his intention clear? |
| **3.** | What would Mr Netanyahu consider? |
| **4.** | What would an invasion of Gaza lead to a rise in? |
| **5.** | Where did air raid sirens sound for the first time in decades? |
| **6.** | How many more targets does Israel want to hit? |
| **7.** | How many sites has Israel already targeted? |
| **8.** | How many reserve troops has Israel called up? |
| **9.** | What is / are in full swing? |
| **10.** | Why are regional leaders meeting in Cairo? |

**MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

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| 1. | What is Israel's leader prepared to send into Gaza? | 6. | How many more targets does Israel have to hit? |
|  | a) Peace negotiators  b) Troops  c) Aid  d) Medical supplies |  | a) Hundreds  b) Scores  c) Dozens  d) Numerous |
| 2. | What is growing for Israel? | 7. | What stands at more than 50? |
|  | a) Anger among opposition politicians  b) Confidence  c) Pressure to end its air strikes  d) Fear among its citizens |  | a) The number of negotiators in Cairo  b) The number of missiles to reach Jerusalem  c) The number of tanks positioned on Gaza's border  d) The death toll |
| 3. | What would an invasion lead to? | 8. | How many missiles has Hamas launched into Israel? |
|  | a) A regional conflict  b) Peace  c) A fall in the number of casualties  d) An escalated death toll |  | a) More than 40  b) More than 140  c) More than 400  d) More than 1,400 |
| 4. | How many rockets a day are fired from Gaza into Israel? | 9. | How many reservists has Israel called up? |
|  | a) Countless rockets every day  b) Around 100 a day  c) Up to 50 a day  d) Hundreds a day |  | a) 7,500  b) 17,500  c) 70,000  d) 75,000 |
| 5. | When was the last time air raid sirens were heard in Jerusalem? | 10. | What / who are leaders trying to stop spiralling out of control? |
|  | a) Decades ago  b) Years ago  c) Months ago  d) Days ago |  | a) Hamas  b) The situation  c) A peace conference  d) Benjamin Netanyahu |