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Main Words

1. armed	Equipped with a weapon
2. dormitory	College or university building where students live
3. architecture	The art and science of designing buildings and other structures
4. belonged (belong)	To be a member of a group
5. trigger	To start an explosion
6. commit	To do something
7. suicide	The taking of one's own life
8. weird	Strange, odd, bizarre
9. convicted (convict)	Find someone guilty of a crime in a court of law
10. loaded	(of a weapon) filled with ammunition
11. tragic (tragedy)	A sad event, disaster
12. criminals	A person who commits a serious crime, like theft or murder, felon
13. ingredients	A food item in a recipe
14. harmful	Causing hurt or damage
15. ignore	To pay no attention to, overlook
16. demand	To ask for very strongly
17. profitable	Bringing in more money than is spent


The script must be played at least three times.   

April 16, 2007 began like any other day at Virginia Tech college. Some hours later, it turned into the most violent day that any American college had seen so far.

 (Listen Carefully : _____

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There were two Indians among the people who were killed. One was 26-year-old Minal Panchal, from Mumbai, who had joined Virginia Tech to study architecture. The other was a teacher - Professor G.V. Loganathan, who belonged to the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. He had been teaching in Virginia Tech college for 15 years.

 (Listen Carefully : _____


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But in the last 10 years, there have been many such tragic scenes of violence involving guns in colleges and even schools across the United States.

 (Listen Carefully : _____


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It sounds weird but buying a hand gun in the US is like buying milk or chewing gum. Any adult who has not been convicted for a crime can buy a handgun. A person who buys a handgun does not need to know how his gun works or how to handle it safely. Most families keep their guns loaded or unlocked or both. It leads to tragic accidents.

 (Listen Carefully : _____

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In the United States there are strict laws about safety standards for practically everything you can think of. Toys cannot be made of any toxic material. Manufacturers of food stuff must not use ingredients harmful to health. Every tool has detailed instructions about safety features. Manufacturers who ignore them can be hauled up by law. But there are no safety standards for gun manufacturers! The US Consumer Product Safety Commission has no powers to see that gun manufacturers ensure safety standards in the design, manufacture and marketing of firearms.

 (Listen Carefully : _____

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On Mother's Day, May 14, 2000, about 750,000 mothers and other sympathetic people gathered in the US capital Washington DC to demand stricter gun laws. About 150,000 people marched in other American cities in their support. Since then the Million Mom March movement has spread across the US. They demand laws that keep children and adults safe at home, in school, in the workplace and in the community.

 (Listen Carefully : _____

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But all hope is not lost. More and more ordinary Americans are saying they do not want gun violence to be an answer to every problem on the street or even at home. When mothers decide to act, it is time for wrong doers to take notice.



Listen again and answer the questions below.

1. Two armed people killed _____ people.
A. 40
B. 30
C. 32
D. 0
2. Which school did the incident happen?
A. Virginia Tech College
B. New York College
C. Harvard University
D. Oxford University
3. There were six Indians among the people who were killed.
A. True
B. False
4. There is one gun killing every 17 minutes
A. True
B. False
5. Buying a hand gun in US is like buying _____ or chewing gum.
A. Milk
B. Car
C. House
D. Candy
6. Hand gun buyers must pass the _____ training course.
A. Danger
B. Law
C. Safety
D. Illegal
7. Gun _____ has entered every aspect of life.
A. Safety
B. Party
C. Trend
D. Violence
8. On _____ day, mothers gathered for tighter laws on guns.
A. Father's Day
B. Independence Day
C. Thanks Giving
D. Mother's Day
9. Ten weeks ago, three people killed 12 students.
A. True
B. False
10. When mothers decide to act, _____ doers must take notice.
A. Right
B. Wrong
C. Justice
D. Majestic


Listening Exercise 2 Listen to the story, then fill in the blanks.

Listening Exercise 1.

An old man had an only son, named Iadilla, who had come to that age which is thought to be most () to make the long and final fast which is to secure through life a () genius or ().

Listening Exercise 2.

The father was () that his son should () all others in whatever was () wisest and greatest among his people.

Listening Exercise 3.

To accomplish his wish, he thought it necessary that the young Iadilla should fast a much longer time than any of those renowned for their power or (), whose fame he ().

Listening Exercise 4.

He therefore directed his son to () with great ceremony for the important event.

Listening Exercise 5.

After he had been several times in the sweating-lodge and bath, which were to prepare and purify him for communion with his good spirit, he ordered him to lie down upon a clean mat in a little lodge expressly () for him.

Listening Exercise 6.

He ()()()()
()()() his fast like a man, and promised that at the expiration of twelve days he should receive food and the blessing of his father.

Listening Exercise 7.

The lad carefully () the (), and lay with his face covered, calmly awaiting the () of the spirit which was to decide his good or evil fortune for all the days of his life.

Listening Exercise 8.

Every morning his father came to the door of the little lodge and () him to () at length on the vast honor and renown that must ever attend him, should he () the full term of trial allotted to him.

Listening Exercise 9.

At the spring of day, the next morning, the father, delighted at having () his end, prepared a repast for his son, and hastened to set it before him.

Listening Exercise 10.

On coming to the door of the little (), he was surprised to hear his son talking to himself.