

Unit 8 – LIFE IN THE FUTURE

I. Fill in each blank with a correct preposition

- The train will leave _____ a few minutes.
- Fruit trees generally bloom _____ April or May.
- Our house is _____ the woods, the river and the village.
- I worked for that company _____ three years, _____ 2005 _____ 2008.
- Mozart died _____ Vienna _____ 1791 _____ the age of 35.
- I saw several people I know at the barbecue _____ Saturday afternoon.
- People usually give each other presents and cards _____ Christmas.
- She has been off work _____ Tuesday.
- Lisa's birthday is _____ the end of March, _____ March 29.
- My office is _____ the Administration' Building _____ the third floor.

II. Put in the missing preposition.

- I started to feel afraid _____ going out alone at night.
- The children are excited _____ their upcoming trip to the countryside.
- I am not interested _____ anything that happened _____ the very remote past.
- These days everybody is aware _____ the dangers of smoking.
- The children are very fond _____ swimming.
- I'm sorry _____ being late on Monday.
- I'm not exactly keen _____ cooking, but I prefer it _____ washing up.
- Your composition is full _____ mistakes. Write it again.
- Many people are very concerned _____ global warming.
- I think it's important to become familiar _____ cultures and customs different _____ your own.

III. Put *a/ an, the* or *zero article (-)* in the spaces. Give all possible answers.

- Last night we had _____ terrible storm. Our children were frightened by _____ thunder.
- Frank Lloyd Wright is _____ name of _____ famous architect. He is _____ architect who designed _____ Guggenheim Museum in New York.
- _____ happiness of the majority depends on _____ hard work from everyone.
- It was _____ day that would remain in my memory forever.

5. _____ music plays an important part in _____ film. And I thought music used in this film was _____ best part.
6. _____ washing machine has had a huge impact on _____ people's lives since it was invented.
7. _____ special award was given to _____ novelist Ian McMurphy.
8. It is _____ sad fact that _____ money buys power in many countries.
9. Do you remember _____ Wilmotts? They used to live opposite us.
10. _____ bicycle is _____ important means of transport for many people with no access to _____ public transport.

IV. Fill in each blank with one appropriate word from the box.

material	operate	airlines	buildings
advantage	designs	existing	capable

What will the aeroplane of the future look like? An increasing number of journeys are being made by air, and the (36) _____ are therefore demanding a new kind of plane to help them cope with increasing passenger numbers. One of the revolutionary new (37) _____ being developed is a "flying wing", which is short but very wide, in contrast to most planes, which are long and narrow.

It will be (38) _____ of carrying 600-8000 passengers. It will be built of an extremely light (39) _____, and together with the unusual design, this will improve performance. The new aeroplane will be quieter and more comfortable than (40) _____ planes. It will also cost less to (41) _____, and will therefore help to keep fares at affordable levels.

An additional (42) _____ of this plane is that no new runways or terminal (43) _____ will have to be built for it, because it is being designed in such a way that it can use existing ones.

