

POLITICS

Part A President Obama's Bittersweet Arrival in South Africa

Vocabulary Preparation:

correspondent /kərə'spɒndənt/ *n.* a newspaper or television journalist, especially one who specializes in a particular type of news 通讯记者; 通讯员

apartheid /ə'pɑ:tɑ:t/ *n.* a political system in South Africa in which people were divided into racial groups and kept apart by law (南非曾经施行的) 种族隔离制

tape /teɪp/ *v.* to record music, sounds, or television pictures using a tape recorder or a video recorder (用录音机、录像机) 录制

tribute /'trɪbjʊ:t/ *n.* something that you say, do, or make to show your admiration and respect for someone 称赞, 颂辞; 吊唁礼物

precarious /prɪ'keəriəs/ *adj.* uncertain; unstable; dangerous 不稳定的; 危险的

photo op (= photo opportunity) an occasion that lends itself to (or is deliberately arranged for) taking photographs that provide favorable publicity for those who are photographed (美国、加拿大口语) 拍照机会; 拍照时间

snapshot /'snæpfɒt/ *n.* a photograph that is taken quickly and casually 快照

senator /'senətə/ *n.* a member of a political Senate, for example in the United States or Australia 参议员

oval /'əʊvl/ *adj.* a shape that is like a circle but is wider in one direction than the other 椭圆形的; 卵形的

inspiration /ˌɪnspə'reɪʃn/ *n.* a feeling of enthusiasm you get from someone or something, which gives you new and creative ideas 鼓舞人心的人或事

Notes:

Barack Obama is the 44th President of the United States (2008—2016). He is the first African American to hold the office. 巴拉克·奥巴马(第44任美国总统, 美国第一个黑人总统)

Nelson Mandela (1918—2013) was the leader of South Africa's ANC party since 1994, and the first black President of South Africa. In 1993 he shared the Nobel Prize for Peace with President F. W. de Klerk after they had worked together to end the system of apartheid. 纳尔逊·曼德拉(南非第一个黑人总统, 长期积极致力于反种族隔离的南非国父)

The Oval Office is the office of the US president, in the White House in Washington, D.C. 白宫椭圆形办公室

ABC, the American Broadcasting Company, is an American television network. Created in 1943 from the former NBC Blue radio network, ABC is owned by The Walt Disney Company and is part of Disney-ABC Television Group. 美国广播公司

Exercise 1: Listen to the news report and get the main idea.

What is the main point of the report?

- A. Obama says Mandela is not only his personal hero but also a hero for the world.
- B. Obama is going to meet with the Mandela family instead of Nelson Mandela.
- C. President Obama may not get a chance to see Nelson Mandela on his trip to South Africa.
- D. The trip is bittersweet because President Obama cannot pay tribute to the man he calls a hero to the world.

Exercise 2: Listen to the news report again and fill in the blanks with the exact words or phrases.

Diane Sawyer: We want to take you overseas to South Africa. Nelson Mandela, the 94-year-old 1 in a hospital as President Obama, a man 2 by Mandela, has just landed nearby. ABC's chief White House correspondent, Jonathan Karl, traveling with the president tonight.

Jonathan Karl: For President Obama, a bittersweet arrival in South Africa. A 3, an African American president warmly greeted where apartheid once 4. Nelson Mandela is the man who inspired a teenage Obama to make 5 political speech. A few years ago, he 6 for Mandela's 90th birthday.

Obama: Happy birthday, Nelson Mandela. I hope that I have a chance to see you soon.

Jonathan Karl: That chance may never come. Mandela's health is so 7 the White House considered cancelling the trip out of respect for the family. President Obama told reporters today he doesn't need a 8 with Mandela, and that it will be entirely up to the family whether he has one last chance to see his personal hero. This is the one known

photograph of Mandela and Obama, a 9 of a ten-minute meeting the two had in 2005. Obama was just a 10. The president has the photo on a table outside the Oval Office, an inspiration he sees every day he is in the White House. Jonathan Karl, ABC News, Johannesburg.

Part B A Debate for the Internet Age

Vocabulary Preparation:

presidential /ˌprezɪ'denʃl/ *adj.* of a president or presidency 总统的; 总统 (职位) 的

citadel /ˈsɪtədəl/ *n.* a meeting hall of the Salvation Army 救世军会议厅

crush /krʌʃ/ *n.* a strong feeling of romantic love for someone, especially one that a young person has for someone older who they do not know well 爱慕; 迷恋

self-anointed /ˌself ə'nɔɪntɪd/ *adj.* nominated or chosen as leading candidate for a position by oneself 自行指定的; 自行选定的

smooth /smuːð/ *adj.* charming in a way considered to be unctuous 圆滑的; 油腔滑调的

rebuttal /rɪ'bʌtl/ *n.* a refutation or contradiction 反驳; 驳斥

unprecedented /ʌn'presɪdɪntɪd/ *adj.* never done or known before 史无前例的; 前所未闻的

über-hip /ˈjuːbə hɪp/ *adj.* following the latest fashion, especially in popular music and clothes in an extreme way 极为新潮的

cyberspace /ˌsaɪbə'speɪs/ *n.* the notional environment in which communication over computer networks occurs 网络空间

sign off conclude a letter, broadcast, or other message 结束写信、广播等信息

takeoff /ˈteɪk'ɔːf/ *n.* the action of becoming air-borne; an act of mimicking someone or something 起飞; 模仿

viral /ˈvaɪrəl/ *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus 滤过性毒菌的; 滤过性毒菌引起的

fair game the person who is the aim of an attack (especially a victim of ridicule or exploitation) by some hostile person or influence 可据理加以抨击的对象

ridicule /ˈrɪdɪkjʊːl/ *v.* to subject to mockery and derision 嘲笑; 嘲弄

mock /mɒk/ *v.* to tease or laugh in a scornful or contemptuous manner 嘲笑; 讥笑

freak /friːk/ *v.* to cause to act in a wild and irrational way 使表现狂妄; 使失去理智

primp /prɪmp/ *v.* to spend time making minor adjustments to (one's hair, make-up, or clothes) 过分讲究地整理 (头发, 打扮, 着装)

pay off (of a course of action) to yield good results; to succeed 取得好结果; 成功

Notes:

Hillary Clinton is the 67th United States Secretary of State, serving in the administration of President Barack Obama. She was a United States Senator from New York from 2001 to 2009. As the wife of Bill Clinton, the 42nd President of the United States, she was the First Lady of the United States from 1993 to 2001. She was a leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in the 2008 election. 希拉里·克林顿

CNN, Cable News Network, is a major US cable news network founded in 1980 by Ted Turner. 美国有线电视新闻网

South Carolina /'saʊθ.kærə'laɪnə/ is a state in the southern region (Deep South) of the United States. It borders Georgia to the south and North Carolina to the north. Columbia is the capital and the largest city. 南卡罗莱纳州

YouTube is a video sharing website where users can upload, view and share video clips. YouTube 视频分享网站

Broadway theatre, commonly called simply **Broadway**, refers to theatrical performances presented in one of the 39 large professional theaters with 500 seats or more located in the Theatre District, New York (plus one theatre in Lincoln Center) in Manhattan, New York City. Along with London's West End theatre, Broadway theatre is usually considered to represent the highest level of commercial theatre in the English-speaking world. 百老汇

The Beach Boys is an American rock band. Formed in 1961, the group gained popularity for its close vocal harmonies and lyrics reflecting a Southern California youth culture of cars and surfing. 海滩男孩乐团(美国冲浪摇滚音乐的经典代表)

The Sopranos is an American television drama series created and produced by David Chase. A major commercial and critical success, it is the most financially successful cable series in the history of television and has frequently been described by critics as one of the greatest television series of all time. 《黑道家族》/《人在江湖》(美国热门警匪剧集)

24/7 is an abbreviation which stands for "24 hours a day, 7 days a week", usually referring to a business or service available at all times without interruption. 全天候提供服务(一天24小时,一星期7天的缩写)

A **viral video** is a video clip that gains widespread popularity through the process of Internet sharing, typically through email or instant messaging, blogs and other media sharing websites. 病毒视频(通过互联网共享而流行的视频剪辑内容)

"I Feel Pretty" is a song in *West Side Story*, a Broadway musical with a book by Arthur Laurents, music by Leonard Bernstein, and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. The musical is based on William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. 歌曲《我觉得我很美丽》

Rudy Giuliani is an American lawyer, businessman and politician from the state of New York who was Mayor of New York City from 1994 to 2001. Giuliani ran for the Republican

Party nomination in the 2008 United States presidential election. 鲁迪·朱利安尼

The G.O.P., or the Grand Old Party refers to the Republican Party, one of the two major contemporary political parties in the United States, along with the Democratic Party. The party supports a conservative and/or center-right platform, with foundations in supply-side fiscal policies, social conservatism, and personal responsibility. 大佬党; (美国) 共和党

John McCain is the senior United States Senator from Arizona. He was the Republican nominee for president in the 2008 United States election. 约翰·麦凯恩

Mitt Romney is an American businessman and former Governor of Massachusetts. Romney was a candidate for the Republican nomination in the 2008 United States presidential election. 米特·罗姆尼

The Holy Grail (in Christian mythology) was the dish, plate, or cup used by Jesus at the Last Supper, said to possess miraculous powers. Now it is often referred to as a thing which is being earnestly pursued or sought after. 圣杯; (喻) 渴望得到的东西

Exercise: Listen to the news report and choose the best answer to the following questions.

- What makes tonight's Democratic debate so special?
 - It is the first online presidential debate.
 - CNN will work with YouTube to broadcast the debate.
 - Questions for the candidates can be submitted via YouTube.
 - People can use YouTube to vote for the candidates.
- How did Robert Thompson comment on the online video of Barack Obama?
 - It is not authorized by his campaign for promotional purpose.
 - His consultants wouldn't like the image created in the video.
 - The sexual message in the video is too offensive.
 - It suggests the insulting fact that he is a black man.
- How do people react to Hillary Clinton's online appeal for campaign song suggestions?
 - Most of them welcome the appeal.
 - Some challenge it with a musical.
 - It gets 24 million hits on YouTube.
 - A lot of people sneer at it.
- Why do many candidates like to have a huge Web presence, according to the news?
 - There are a lot of announcements to make on the web during the campaign.
 - The more frequently they appear on the web, the more money they will raise.
 - They want to promote the image that they are following the trend of the times.
 - The Internet is more popular than TV today as a means of communication.

5. What can we infer from the report?

- A. Politicians would have to spend a lot of time handling any upcoming problems online.
- B. The cyberspace can not only be used by politicians but also use politicians.
- C. Online enthusiasm of the netizens can be translated into votes in the election.
- D. The ultimate goal for the politicians to use the Internet is to raise money online.

Part C The Candidates Assess Each Other

Vocabulary Preparation:

stump speech a speech made by a politician who is travelling around in order to gain political support, or the politician who gives this speech 竞选巡回演说

forge /fɔːdʒ/ *v.* to create 创造; 缔造

gallantly /'gæləntli/ *adv.* bravely, heroically 勇敢地; 英勇地

carbon copy a copy, especially of something that has been typed using carbon paper; something that is very similar to another thing 副本; 一模一样的东西

eloquence /'eləkwəns/ *n.* fluent or persuasive speaking or writing 雄辩; 流利的口才

non-descript /'nɒndɪskript/ *adj.* lacking distinctive or interesting features or characteristics 无特征的; 毫无个性的

stellar /'stelə/ *adj.* of or relating to a star 星似的; 星形的

choke /tʃəʊk/ *v.* to overwhelm and make someone speechless with a strong and typically negative feeling or emotions (因强烈的情感) 使无言

get to to make someone feel annoyed or upset 打动; 影响

sentimental /,sentɪ'mentl/ *adj.* (of a person) excessively prone to feelings of tenderness, sadness, or nostalgia 多愁善感的

well up to come up 涌上; 冒出

Notes:

POW is the abbreviation of **prisoner of war**. It is a combatant who is held in continuing custody by an enemy power during or immediately after an armed conflict. 战俘

Montana /mɒn'tænə/ is a state of the northwest United States bordering on Canada. Helena is the capital and Billings the largest city. (美国) 蒙大拿州

The Jonas Brothers are an American pop-rock boy band. The band gained their popularity from the Disney Channel children's television network. The band consists of three brothers: Kevin Jonas, Joe Jonas, and Nick Jonas. 乔纳斯兄弟乐队

Beyoncé is an American R&B singer-songwriter, record producer and actress. She rose to fame in the late 1990s as the lead singer of the girl group *Destiny's Child* and the success of her subsequent solo albums has then established her as one of the most marketable artists in the music industry. 碧昂斯

Exercise: Listen to the news report and decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. John McCain's policies have had great influence on the Bush administration for the last eight years.
2. Barack Obama implies that the government should pay attention to the benefits of every citizen while focusing on the economic development of the country.
3. John McCain has great respect for Barack Obama's sound judgment although his lack of experience is obviously his greatest weakness.
4. Barack Obama and his staff organized a big public celebration on his daughter Malia's birthday because she was born on the National Day of the United States.
5. John McCain's greatest weakness is that he is too sentimental and cries regularly.

Part D Journey Through History with David McCullough

Vocabulary Preparation:

- rhyme** /raɪm/ *v.* to end with words that have very similar sounds 押韵; 用韵诗表达
- pundit** /'pʌndɪt/ *n.* a person who knows a lot about a subject and is often asked to give information or opinions about it to the public 权威人士; 专家; 评论员
- glib** /glɪb/ *adj.* readily fluent, often thoughtlessly, superficially, or insincerely (演讲者或演讲) 油腔滑调的; 不诚恳的; 未经思考的; 肤浅的
- authenticity** /ˌɔːθən'tɪsəti/ *n.* the quality of being authentic; genuineness 真实性
- unconscionable** /ʌn'kɒnʃənəbl/ *adj.* not guided by conscience; unscrupulous; unreasonable, excessive 不合理的, 过分的; 昧着良心的
- squabble** /'skwɒbl/ *n.* a petty quarrel (为小事而) 争论, 吵嘴
- symphony** /'sɪmfəni/ *n.* a piece of music written to be played by an orchestra 交响乐, 交响曲
- punk** /pʌŋk/ *adj.* poor in quality or condition 没价值的, 低劣的

mudslinging /ˈmʌd.sliŋɪŋ/ *n.* an attempt to discredit one's competitor, opponent, etc., by malicious or scandalous attacks 揭发隐私

slander /ˈslɑːndə/ *n.* an untrue statement about someone which is intended to damage their reputation 诽谤; 造谣中伤

hermaphrodite /heːˈmæfrədait/ *n.* a person, animal, or flower that has both male and female reproductive organs 两性体; 阴阳人; 雌雄同体

rape /reɪp/ *v.* to force someone to have sex, especially by using violence 强奸

adultery /əˈdʌltəri/ *n.* voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and someone other than his or her lawful spouse 通奸, 私通

incest /ˈɪnsest/ *n.* the crime of two members of the same family having sexual intercourse, for example a father and daughter, or a brother and sister 乱伦; 近亲通婚

tongs /tɒŋz/ *n.* a tool that you use to grip and pick up objects that you do not want to touch, consisting of two long narrow pieces of metal joined together at one end V形夹子, 火钳

self-indulgent /self ɪnˈdʌldʒənt/ *adj.* tending to indulge one's own desires, etc. 放纵自己的

glory hound /ˈglɒri haʊnd/ *n.* a person seeking fame, popularity and glory 好大喜功之人; 追逐名利的人

Notes:

David McCullough is an American author, narrator, historian, and lecturer. He has been widely acclaimed as a “master of the art of narrative history”. He is twice winner of the Pulitzer Prize. 大卫·麦考利(美国知名作家及史学家)

Harry Truman (1884—1972) was the 33rd president of the United States (1945—1953). As the final running mate of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944, he succeeded to the presidency on April 12, 1945, when Roosevelt died after months of declining health. 哈里·杜鲁门(美国第33任总统)

Tom Dewey (1902—1971) Thomas Edmund Dewey was the 47th governor of New York (1943—1954). In 1944 and 1948, he was the Republican candidate for President, but lost both times. 托马斯·杜威(第47任纽约州州长)

Saint Louis /seɪnt ˈluːs / is an independent city and a major United States port on the eastern line of the state of Missouri. 圣·路易斯(美国第19大城市, 密苏里州东部重要港口)

Thomas Jefferson (1743—1826) was an American Founding Father, the principal author of the *Declaration of Independence* (1776) and the 3rd president of the United States (1801—1809). 托马斯·杰斐逊(美国第3任总统, 开国元勋, 《独立宣言》的主要起草人)

John Adams (1735—1826) was the 2nd president of the United States (1797—1801), having earlier served as the first vice president of the United States. 约翰·亚当斯（美国第二任总统）

The United States Congress is the bicameral legislature of the federal government of the United States, consisting of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. 美国国会

George Washington (1732—1799) was the first president of the United States (1789—1797), the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War, and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. 乔治·华盛顿（美国首任总统）

Exercise: Answer the following questions.

1. Who stood a better chance of winning the 1948 presidential election: Harry Truman or Tom Dewey? How do you know?
2. What strategy did Truman use in his campaign to help him win the election? Why did McCullough say “Can you imagine a politician taking that as his approach?”
3. Why did McCullough give low marks to both sides in last year’s presidential campaign?
4. What was remarkable about the presidential election of 1800 between John Adams and Thomas Jefferson?
5. Do you agree with McCullough that George Washington was the greatest president of the United States?

Part E Let's Have a Queen

Vocabulary Preparation:

hereditary /hɪ'redɪtəri/ *adj.* inherited or inheritable by established rules (usually legal rules) of descent 世袭的；遗传的

Constitution /kənstri'tju:ʃn/ *n.* law determining the fundamental political principles of a government 宪法

term /tɜ:m/ *n.* a limited period of time 期限

do somebody's dirty work to do an unpleasant or dishonest action for someone 替人干苦活；帮人为非作歹

function /'fʌŋkʃn/ *n.* a formal or official social gathering or ceremony 公众聚会

dignitary /'dɪɡnɪtəri/ *n.* an important or influential (and often overbearing) person 显贵；高官；

达官贵人

pose /pəʊz/ *v.* to assume a posture as for artistic purposes 摆姿势; 装模作样

ceremonial /səri'məʊniəl/ *adj.* marked by pomp or ceremony or formality 正式的

fortune /'fɔ:tʃu:n/ *n.* a large amount of wealth or prosperity 财产

ranch /ræntʃ/ *n.* farm consisting of a large tract of land along with facilities needed to raise livestock (especially cattle) 牧场

Notes:

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Texas /'teksəs/ is a state in the South Central United States, nicknamed the *Lone Star State*. Texas is the second largest US state in both area and population. (美国) 得克萨斯州

Exercise: Summarize the commentary and give your opinion on the subject.

Part F Projects

Directions: Choose one of the following projects, or design one of your own, concerning the theme of this unit. Finish the project by giving a presentation in class and leading a discussion afterwards.

1. Explain how Americans elect their president. You might begin by identifying the powers of the presidency, examining the function of the Electoral College, identifying the role of the two major political parties, and exploring the methods used to promote presidential candidates, etc. Then give your comment on the system. Is it a fair way of electing the president? You may draw information from the 2008 presidential campaign to illustrate your point.
2. There are a multitude of political systems in the world. Three in particular stand out: the presidential system of countries such as the United States; the parliamentary system of countries such as the United Kingdom; and the semi-presidential system of countries such as France, Finland, and Senegal. There are many similarities between these three systems. Each, however, is also unique from each of the others. It is these similarities and contrasts,

which will be the topic of your project. Please compare the political system in the US with that in the UK.

3. British newspapers are forever making fun of the royal family. And a significant number of Britons are in favor of abolishing the monarchy. Search the Internet and find more information on the history of the British Monarchy. Should the current Queen be the last monarch? Share your opinions with your classmates.



LIFESTYLE

Part A Age Bank in China

Vocabulary Preparation:

rack up to get a number or an amount of something, especially a number of points in a competition 累积; 累计

log book an official record of events, especially on a journey in a ship or plane 记事簿; 记录簿

errand /'erənd/ *n.* a short journey in order to do something for someone, for example, delivering or collecting something for them 差使; 差事

spry /spraɪ/ *adj.* lively, active; vigorous 活泼的; 充满生气的

Note:

The two-step is a dance with long sliding steps, a step found in many folk dances. It consists of two steps in approximately the same direction onto the same foot, separated by a closing step with the other foot. 拍圆舞

Exercise 1: Listen to the news report and get the main idea.

What is the main point of the report?

- A. The problems concerning old people in China.
- B. The hours the old people can make a deposit in Bank of China.
- C. The new way of caring for the elderly citizens in China.
- D. The public attitude toward the traditional family in China.

Exercise 2: Listen to the news report again and fill in the blanks with the exact words or phrases.

Bob Schieffer: Reporting this week, on how American families are dealing with

the needs of 1 as our population ages. Well, tonight, we wanna show you what they're doing in China. A community there is coming up with 2 for helping the elderly. Barry Petersen concludes 3 "Caring for Mom & Dad".

Barry Petersen: 88-year-old Song Rongxiu is very well taken care of. She lives with her daughter, her grandson and his family in Beijing. That's the way the elderly have 4 been cared for in China. But modern times have created a lot of 5 for China's young people — often far from home, and that means leaving the elderly behind. So here in the city of Chongqing, they had an idea: making a rather unique promise to get people to help their elderly neighbors. The idea is 6 itself. Call it the "Age Bank". People rack up hours, noting them in a log book. They gave their time caring for senior citizens — hours they can 7 in their golden years as the next generation takes care of them. This community leader came up with the idea. "There were a lot of retirees in this neighborhood," he told us. "They weren't very busy and the very elderly needed help." It can be anything from running a quick errand to just stopping in for a daily chat. Wang Dingru is 92 years old.

Barry Petersen: What do the helpers do to help you through the day? "They treat me like I'm their mother." She says, "cooking meals, buying groceries." 8 Mrs. Zhai, does this work with an eye on her future. "I've been 9 time in the bank," she says, "so one day people will help me." To these elderly, the age bank has made volunteers feel like family, and kept Mrs. Wang so spry she can teach me the China two-step—and so happy because even without family, thanks to the "Age Bank" she has the next best thing: people 10. Barry Petersen, CBS News, Chongqing, China.

Part B Same-Sex California Couples Exchange Vows

Vocabulary Preparation:

ban /bæn/ *n.* an official order that prevents something from being used or done 禁令

lift /lɪft/ *v.* to end a rule or law 撤销, 解除 (法令等)

thee /ði:/ *pron. (old use)* you 你

spouse /spaʊs/ *n.* a person's husband or wife 配偶

officiate /ə'fɪʃiət/ *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a ceremony or other public event 行使(职务); 主持(仪式)

profound /prə'faʊnd/ *adj.* far-reaching and thoroughgoing in effect especially on the nature of something 意义深远的

attorney general the lawyer with the highest rank in some countries or in the US government 首席检察官；司法部长

plaintiff /'pleɪntɪf/ *n.* someone who brings a legal action against another person in a court of law 原告

tied the knot to get married 结婚

circuit /'sɜːkɪt/ *n.* a particular area containing different courts which a judge visits (法官等的) 定期巡回

jump the gun to start doing something too soon, especially without thinking about it carefully 行动过快；抢跑

hitch /hɪtʃ/ *v.* to get married 结婚

Notes:

Supreme Court the most important court of law in some countries or some states of the US 最高法院

San Francisco /sænfrən'sɪskəʊ/ is a city of western California. It is the fourth most populous city in California and the 14th most populous city in the United States. 旧金山，三藩市（美国加利福尼亚西部港市）

Los Angeles /ləs'ændʒələs/ is a city of southern California on the Pacific Ocean. It is a major shipping, manufacturing, communications, financial, and distribution center noted for its entertainment industry. 洛杉矶（美国加州南部城市）

Exercise: Listen to the news report and choose the best answer to the following questions.

- For how long was same-sex marriage banned in California?
 - 15 years.
 - 10 years.
 - 5 years.
 - Since yesterday.
- Which statement about the first same sex-couple is **NOT** true?
 - They are women.
 - Their ceremony was held in San Francisco City Hall.
 - They fought for the right to marry in the Supreme Court.
 - Their ceremony was officiated by the mayor.
- Which is the argument against same-sex marriage mentioned by opponents?
 - Same-sex marriage is against the will of God.
 - A father and a mother are needed to raise a child.
 - Same-sex couples cannot give birth.
 - Same-sex marriage will lead to a lot of moral problems.

4. Which is **NOT** the plan for the city hall?
 - A. To stay open on weekdays and weekends.
 - B. To provide service for couples who are getting married.
 - C. To provide consultation for same-sex marriage lawsuits.
 - D. To issue marriage licenses for couples.
5. What is the main point of the report?
 - A. Schedule of San Francisco City Hall.
 - B. New decision of the Supreme Court.
 - C. A female couple successfully fought for the right to get married.
 - D. Same-sex couples can now get married legally in California.

Part C Best Jobs in America

Vocabulary Preparation:

want ad small advertisements, usually offering things for sale or offering jobs 招聘广告

(a) grand /grænd/ *n.* one thousand US dollars 一千美元

funster /'fʌnstə/ *n.* someone whose job is to have fun 以玩为职业的人; 玩家

crash /kræʃ/ *v.* to go to a party or social event that you have not been invited to 未获邀而参加;
成为不速之客

review /rɪ'vju:/ *n.* an article in a newspaper or magazine that introduces and critiques a new
book, play, film etc. 影评; 书评

smug /smʌg/ *adj.* too pleased or satisfied about something you have achieved or something
you know 得意的; 洋洋自得的

land /lænd/ *v.* to succeed in getting a job, contract, etc. that was difficult to get 成功获得;
赢得

caretaker /'keətəɪkə/ *n.* someone who looks after a house or land while the person who owns
it is not there 管理人; 看护员

gimmick /'ɡɪmɪk/ *n.* a trick or device intended to attract attention, publicity, or trade (博宣传
的) 花招; 手法; 噱头

by a mile by a very large amount 大量地

clergy /'klɜːdʒɪ/ *n.* the official leaders of the religious activities of a particular group of be-
lievers 牧师, 神职人员

Notes:

Australian Tourism Council is the Australian tourist board responsible for promoting Aus-

tralia to the world as a destination for business and leisure travel. 澳大利亚旅游委员会
US News & World Report is an American news magazine published in Washington, D.C.
 Along with *Time* and *Newsweek*, it was for many years a leading news weekly, focusing
 more than its counterparts on political, economic, health and education stories. 《美国新
 闻与世界报道》

Exercise: Listen to the news report and decide whether the following statements are true or false.

1. The salary for the job offered by Australian Tourism Counsel is 100 grand per month.
2. According to *US News and World Report*, the best job is clergy.
3. Teachers are happy because they help others.
4. The report agreed that the best jobs are the ones offered by the Australian Tourism Council.
5. It can be inferred that helping others is an important criteria to judge whether a job can bring happiness or not.

Part D Working 24/7

Vocabulary Preparation:

corporate /'kɔ:pəreɪt/ *adj.* belonging to or relating to a corporation 法人的, 公司的

norm /nɔ:m/ *n.* something that is regarded as usual and expected 常规

commuter /kə'mju:tə/ *n.* someone who travels a long distance to work, usually by car or train
 上下班往返的人; 通勤者

underachiever /ˌʌndə'reɪtʃɪ:və/ *n.* someone who does not perform as well as expected 差强人
 意者; 实力欠佳之人

literally /'lɪtərəli/ *adv.* used to emphasize the truth of something that may seem surprising 真
 正地; 确实地

nope /nəʊp/ *excl. (informal)* soft way of saying “no” 不; 没有

basement /'beɪsmənt/ *n.* a room or area in a building that is under the level of the ground 地下
 室

night owl someone who tends to stay awake all night 夜猫子

ironic /aɪ'rɒnɪk/ *adj.* unusual or amusing because something strange happens or the opposite
 of what is expected happens or is true (因出乎意料而) 好笑的; 令人啼笑皆非的

productivity /ˌprɒdʌk'tɪvɪti/ *n.* the rate at which goods are produced, and the amount pro-
 duced, especially in relation to the work, time, and money needed to produce them 生产
 率, 生产效率

Notes:

BlackBerry is a line of wireless handheld devices and services designed and marketed by BlackBerry. The first BlackBerry device, an email pager, was released in 1999. 黑莓手机

Best Buy is a Fortune 500 company and the largest specialty retailer of consumer electronics in the United States accounting for 21% of the market. 百思买(北美地区经营消费类电子产品的第一大零售商)

Starbucks is an American global coffee company and coffeehouse chain based in Seattle, Washington. 星巴克(全球最大的咖啡连锁店)

Exercise: Answer the following questions.

1. Why are American people working longer?
2. How does new technology change the way people work?
3. Are there any disadvantages in the program launched by Best Buy?
4. Do Chinese people work longer than before? What are the reasons?
5. How can people negotiate the balance between work and life?

Part E Living Well in New Jersey

Vocabulary Preparation:

life expectancy the number of years that an individual is expected to live as determined by statistics 平均寿命; 预期寿命

Notes:

New Jersey /nju: 'dʒɜ:zɪ/ is a state in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern regions of the United States. It is bordered on the north by New York. 新泽西州

The Wall Street Journal is an American English-language international daily newspaper with a special emphasis on business and economic news.《华尔街日报》

Exercise: Summarize the commentary and give your opinion on the subject.

Part F Projects

Directions: Choose one of the following projects, or design one of your own, concerning

the theme of this unit. Finish the project by giving a presentation in class and leading a discussion afterwards.

1. Different cultures might adopt different approaches to handling an aging population. Make a survey of this matter and present your findings and reflections in class.
2. Design a questionnaire to explore the public attitude toward working at home. Combine the findings with your own ideas and present them in class.
3. Search the Internet to find out which countries allow same-sex marriage. Explore what this means for same-sex couples and make a presentation in class.