



## I. Reading Section (15 marks)

Read a letter to the editor.

Dear Sir,

I'd like to make a comment about the programmes and advertisements we see on TV: there are no positive images of old people at all – not even on game shows or in soap operas. Young people on TV have a lot of money, good jobs and wonderful clothes. They travel in fast cars or planes and have exciting lifestyles. But what about the old people we see in programmes or ads? They live alone, they are usually poor, they never go anywhere, they never do anything. I think the people who make programmes should be more careful. Is that really what our society thinks of older people? Is that really what our young people can hope for in the future? Remember we'll all be old one day – if we're lucky!

Jim Kendall  
Portsmouth

Adapted from: *True to Life Elementary Class Book* / Joanne Collie & Stephen Slater / CUP / 1995 / page 149

Answer the questions. (4 marks)

1. What is Jim's problem with the programmes on TV?
- 2, 3. Give two differences between old people and young people on TV, according to Jim. (2 marks)
4. Who does Jim think is responsible for the problem?

Choose the best definition (a, b or c) for the underlined words or phrases. (2 marks)

5. "They travel in fast cars or planes and have exciting lifestyles."

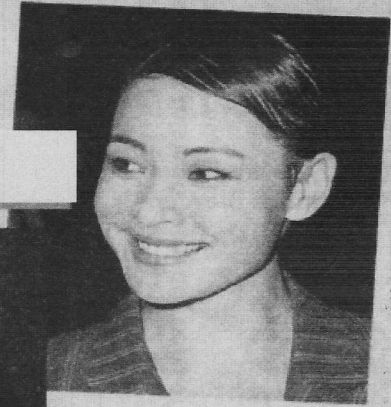
- a. hobbies and pastimes
- b. fashion sense
- c. way of life

6. "Is that really what our society thinks of older people?"

- a. the thoughts of Bob towards society
- b. the opinion of people in general
- c. the point of view of TV channels

Read the article about a Hollywood actress.

# Joan Chen



Joan Chen is famous both in China, where she grew up, and in the United States, where she now lives. How did Joan become a famous actress in two countries? It's an interesting story.

Joan Chen was born in Shanghai in 1961. When she was 14, some people from a film studio came to her school and chose her to study at the studio. She was happy about this chance, but mainly she liked the idea of getting out of school. Soon, however, she discovered that she really liked acting. At age 18, she won the Golden Rooster, China's top film award.

In the late 1970s, Joan's parents, who were doctors, moved to the United States. Joan joined them when she was 20 and went to college there. Her parents hoped she would study medicine. Instead, she majored in film and later looked for

a scene from *The Last Emperor*



work as an actress. To work in the United States, Joan had to start all over again. She told Hollywood agents that she was an actress in China, but she only got some small parts in TV shows.

One day Joan went to speak to a director who was making a movie called *Tai-Pan*. The interview didn't go well. As she walked away, a man in a car noticed her. The man was Dino DeLaurentiis, the film's producer. He immediately offered her a leading part. A year later, she starred in Bernardo Bertolucci's *The Last Emperor* and was on her way to worldwide fame.

Source: New Interchange Student's Book 2 / Jack C. Richards / CUP / 1998 / page 7

Are the sentences true or false? If they are false, re-write them so that they are true. (6 marks)

Example: Joan was born in China. True  
 Joan was born in the late 1970s. False. She was born in 1961.

7. Joan wanted to be an actress when she was a small child.
8. She moved to the United States when she was twenty years old.
9. Joan became famous in China before she arrived in the United States.
10. She studied medicine at university, but she didn't like it.
11. When people in the U.S. realized that she was famous in China, it was easy for her to get parts in Hollywood.
12. The first film she made in Hollywood was called *The Last Emperor*.

Match the words (A) and the definitions (B) from the text. (3 marks)

A	B
13. notice	a. opportunity
14. star	b. have a big part in a film
15. award	c. see
16. chance	d. do a degree
17. fame	e. when you are famous
18. major	f. prize

## II. Use of English Section (25 marks)

Write sentences using the comparative or superlative adjectives. (5 marks)

*Example:* Lions/dogs/fish (aggressive)

Lions are the most aggressive.

19. children/adults (mature)

20. Albert Einstein/Homer Simpson/Rafael Correa (intelligent)

21. westerns/comedies (funny)

22. rap/classical music (bad)

23. bicycles/Chevrolets/Ferraris (cheap)

Read about the comic actor Rowan Atkinson. Put the verbs in brackets in the Present Perfect or the Past Simple. (9 marks)

Rowan Atkinson *has appeared* (appear) in comedy programmes and films, but he is most famous for Mr. Bean. Atkinson 24 \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born in the north of England in 1956. He 25 \_\_\_\_\_ (study) electrical engineering at Oxford University and he 26 \_\_\_\_\_ (start) acting with student friends there. In his career so far he 27 \_\_\_\_\_ (play) some great comedy characters on TV like Blackadder and Mr. Bean. Richard Curtis, a writer and director, says about Mr. Bean that he 28 \_\_\_\_\_ (never laugh) so much in his life. The programme 29 \_\_\_\_\_ (win) an international award at Montreaux in 1990 and is popular all over the world. Atkinson also 30 \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a film about Mr Bean in 1997 and he 31 \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a small part in Four Weddings and a Funeral in 1994.

Source: Face2Face Pre-Intermediate Teacher's Book/ Rachel Clark & Anna Young/CUP/2005/Progress Tests page 214

Make questions to go with these answers. (4 marks)

Example: What do you do ? (you)

I'm a dentist

32. Where \_\_\_\_\_ ? (you)

I'm going to London with some friends

33. When \_\_\_\_\_ ? (Jen)

She usually finishes work at about 6:30

34. What time \_\_\_\_\_ ? (you)

At about 12:30. I usually stop for a sandwich

35. Who \_\_\_\_\_ ? (your boss)

I'm not sure. I think she's talking to the director

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Fill in the gaps with the correct form of these verbs. (7 marks)

clean recognize spend have feed take  
look like look after do learn

*Example:* He's cleaning the bathroom at the moment.

36. I've got my camera because I'd like to \_\_\_\_\_ some photos of the class party.

37. Frank \_\_\_\_\_ a degree in French at Cambridge University at the moment.

38. She never \_\_\_\_\_ the cat at lunch time.

39. We \_\_\_\_\_ a great time last night

40. He wants \_\_\_\_\_ more time playing with his children.

41. Everyone says that he \_\_\_\_\_ his grandfather - they've both got red hair.

42. She's \_\_\_\_\_ how to use her computer at the moment.

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### III. Listening practice (10 marks)

Listen to Andre's answering machine. Choose the best answers.

One

43. When will Andre's car be ready?

- a. Monday                      b. Wednesday                      c. Friday                      d. never

44. At what time can Andre pick it up?

- a. 11 o'clock                      b. 12 o'clock                      c. 2 o'clock                      d. four o'clock

Two

45. Who is calling?

- a. Pat                      b. Pam                      c. Sam                      d. Barbara

46. Why did she get the package?

- a. it had the wrong address on it                      c. the postman didn't know which house it was  
b. Andre wasn't at home                      d. the postman saw her in the street

Three

47. Why did Susan call?

- a. to tell Andres that the party is cancelled                      c. to ask Andres to invite some friends to the party  
b. to ask Andres to call her                      d. to invite Andre to a party

48. What does she want Andre to do?

- a. to bring some CDs                      b. to call her                      c. to buy some drinks                      d. to lend her his car

Four

49. Who is calling?

- a. Classic CDs                      b. Classical Music                      c. Classic Records                      d. Classical Recordings

50. What does Andre have to pick up?

- a. a DVD                      b. a CD                      c. a video                      d. a book

Five

51. What did Andre invite Kathy to do?

- a. go to the cinema                      b. have dinner                      c. have lunch                      d. go out

52. What's the problem?

- a. she has to work late                      c. the film starts too late  
b. she's going to be late                      d. her parents don't want her to be late

### IV. Writing Section (15 marks)

A. What kind of job would you like? Why? Describe your ideal job. (5 marks)

B. Think of a member of your family and describe his/her personality. (5 marks)

C. Where will you be in 2040? Who will you be with? What will you have? Predict your future. (5 marks)

### V. Oral (15 marks)

### VI. Homework and tests (20 marks)