Section A

\square Part One 1-minute Dictation

Directions: Listen to the following passage about the importance of students' extracurricular activities. Altogether the passage will be read to you four times. During the first reading, which will be done at nomal speed, listen and try to understand the meaning. For the second and third readings, the passage will be read sentence by sentence, or phrase by phrase, with intervals of 15 seconds. The last reading will be done at normal speed again and during this time you should check your work.

Follow-up Questions

- 1. What do you often do in your free time?
- 2. Do you know how people in other countries like UK would do to enjoy their free time? What might be the possible differences?

Part Two 5-minute Video

A. Cultural Notes

Over the years, people's hobbies have evolved—where we once collected stamps and model planes, we're now surfing the Internet and playing "Angry Birds." According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics'American Time Use Survey, or ATUS, the top ten leisure activities are Watching TV, Sports and Exercise, Reading, Computer Games, Social Networking, Playing or Listening to Music, Traveling, Going to the Movies, Shopping, Relaxing and Thinking.

