**New Words and Expressions**

**loan 贷款 laborious 艰苦的**

**sandy-haired 浅棕色头发的 a stack of 一堆**

**long-overdue 超期很久的 unrelenting 不屈不挠的**

**on a regular basis 定期 untiringly 不知疲倦地**

**adjoining 临近的 reluctant 不情愿的**

**zeal 热情 wizard 奇才**

**tycoon 巨头 specialty store 专卖店**

**breakdown 崩溃 shrewd 精明的**

**hidden luxury 内在的豪华 ostentation 炫耀**

**overlap 重叠 seamstress 女裁缝**

**quotable 值得引用的 intuit 凭直觉发现**

**B Listen to the passage twice and decide whether the**

**statements are true or false. Write “T” for true or “F” for false.**

（ ）1 The boy was led to work in the library because he finished his work before all the others and needed a challenge.

（ ）2 The boy learned things slowly, but he worked untiringly.

（ ）3 The librarian was invited to the boy’s home and had a pleasant evening.

（ ）4 The boy moved to a nearby school district and found a new job in the new school library.

（ ）5 America’s richest man, Bill Gates was an extraordinary boy with great zeal and focused concentration in his school days.

C Listen to the passage twice and answer the following questions according to the information you get.

1. What did people think of Vicky at college?
2. What job did she get after graduation?
3. What happened to her two years later? Why?
4. How did she feel when she was rejected?
5. What is Vicky’s new job?
6. How does she feel now?
7. What can we learn from Vicky’s experience?

**D Listen to the passage twice and fill in the blanks with the words you hear.**

 **She was shrewd, elegant and stylish. The clothes she changed the way women looked and they looked at themselves. 75 years ago, Coco Channel mixed up the of male and female clothes. She created that offered the wearer a feeling of hidden rather than ostentation. Her taste and of style overlap with today’s fashion.**

**Chanel was born in 1883 in a village. She spent time in an orphanage when her mother and her father ran off. As she grew up, she as a seamstress, and then a singer. However, she was not satisfied and tried for a in a hat business. Later on she expanded from hats to clothes. One of her first was the loose-fitting sweater, which she belted and teamed with a skirt. Throughout the 1920s, Chanel’s social and progress continued and her fame grew to the of legend. She had almost married one of the men in Europe, the Duke of Westminster, when she didn’t, her was, “There have been several Duchesses of Westminster. There is only one Chanel.” In 1923, Chanel launched Chanel No.5 was the first perfume to bear a designer’s name. This was the single element that most ensured Chanel’s being remembered.**

 **During World War II, Chanel her fashion house when France declared war on Germany and in 1945 she for Switzerland. Years later, she to make a comeback. In Europe, her return to fashion was considered a at first, but Americans couldn’t buy her suits fast enough. By the time Katharine Hepburn her on Broadway in 1969, Chanel had first name recognition. She dies at the age of 87. She was quotable:” Fashion is not simply a matter of clothes. is in the air born upon the wind. One intuits it. It is in the sky and on the road.**