

## QUICK QUIZ: SOME CUSTOMS IN NORTH AMERICA

1. Someone tells you, "That's a nice sweater." You say:
  - a. Thank you.
  - b. Oh, not really. It's very old.
  - c. Would you like it?
2. Your teacher sometimes sits on her desk. You think:
  - a. She's not polite.
  - b. She's not very serious about teaching.
  - c. It's not strange.
3. Someone has invited you to a party at 8:00. It's probably best to arrive:
  - a. a few minutes before 8:00.
  - b. at 8:00 exactly.
  - c. a few minutes after 8:00.
4. You have a business appointment for 10:30. It's probably best to arrive:
  - a. at 10:25 or 10:30.
  - b. at 10:35 to 10:45.
  - c. at 11:00.
5. You go out to lunch with an American friend. Who pays?
  - a. Your friend pays because lunch was his suggestion.
  - b. You both pay.
  - c. You pay because you're a little older than your friend.
6. Your American friend comes to your house for dinner. She has already eaten one serving of food. You say, "Would you like some more?" She says, "No, thank you. It was really delicious, but I'm so full!" What do you do?
  - a. Ask her two or three more times.
  - b. Say, "Are you sure? Well, if you change your mind, please help yourself."
  - c. Put some more food on her plate.
7. Last week, you had a short conversation with your American friend. He said, "Let's get together sometime for a movie or dinner or something. I'll give you a call." But he hasn't called. What do you think?
  - a. Nothing is strange.
  - b. He isn't polite.
  - c. He hasn't called because he has a problem.
8. Your American neighbors are rich, but their two children (who are in high school) work part-time. One of them does babysitting on weekends. The other helps neighbors with the gardening "on Saturdays. Your neighbors probably:
  - a. are bad parents.
  - b. care more about money than they care about their children.
  - c. love their children and are teaching them to be independent.
9. You tell your teacher, "I'm going to take the TOEFL exam tomorrow." Your teacher says, "Well. . ." and crosses two fingers (the index finger and the middle finger). You think that your teacher;
  - a. is very impolite.
  - b. is telling you "good luck."
  - c. is angry because you're going to be absent.
10. You are taking a college history class. The person at the desk next to you looks like she is over fifty years old. Probably:
  - a. This situation is very strange.
  - b. She is waiting for her son or daughter, who is in the class.
  - c. She has decided to go back to school; the situation isn't strange.