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Task 1.

I'm going to tell you about capoeira. Capoeira is a kind of martial art, which is like a dance. It originated in Brazil, where it was started by African slaves. The story goes that the slaves were forbidden from fighting, so they developed a kind of fighting which, to the slave owners, just looked like a dance.

The music is very important as the songs are sung while a game is being played to tell story of capoeira and the slaves' struggle. The most important instrument is the *berimbau*, a kind of guitar with just one string.

You need to be very fit and strong, particularly your arms, as you often have to use your hands to balance. Every movement needs to be done perfectly, so you should have good control of your body. Everyone sits around in a circle, singing and playing music, and two people fight in the centre. To fight the other person you kick with your feet, but... er ... nowadays, there's no contact. As soon as you see the other person's hand or foot coming towards you, you have to move away quickly. You must be careful the other person doesn't kick you. If the other person kicks you, then you lose.

People who play capoeira are called *capoeiristas*. Capoeiristas usually wear white clothes. If the white costume is still clean at the end of the game, that shows how skillful you are because it means you haven't been kicked or knocked to the floor.

Afterwards, you can ... er ... relax and talk about the fight. And ... er ... we often spend the evening together, listening to music. I've been doing capoeira for three years. I've improved a lot since I first started, and now I wear a green belt. In the future, I would like to become a trainer, called a Master, and teach other people about this beautiful sport.

Task 2

P = Presenter, B = Brenda

P: In the late 1960 a university was set up in France, which now has more than 3,000 branches worldwide and 200,000 students in the UK alone. But you can't get a degree at this university; in fact it has never set a single exam. Brenda Johns is here to talk to us today about this university; the university of the third age, or U3A for short. Brenda, what does 'third age' mean?

B: Well, the first age is childhood, the second age, your working life, and the third age is after retirement. Our members are usually over fifty-five and not working full time.

P: And why no exams?

B: Well, it's a university in the very widest sense, a learning organization for people who want to learn and share their knowledge. Some of the branches are very academic, with courses in subjects like Philosophy, Mandarin Chinese or Latin; others are more relaxed, with groups learning to paint or do yoga. But none of them have any formal assessment. Every U3A has a study group coordinator who finds out what people want to learn and brings them together. Anyone can suggest starting a course in any subject and if enough other people like the idea, the course goes ahead.

P: Obviously, the idea is pretty popular. What's the attraction, do you think, of studying when you're retired? Surely that's the time to take things easy?

B: A lot of people feel that it keeps their brains active, and, for some people, it's the first time they've had a chance to spend some time on what really interests them. And it's very much a social thing too. When you retire you suddenly find yourself spending a lot of time at home on your own.

P: I had no idea it was so popular worldwide.

B: Oh yes, there are branches all over the world, all doing things in their own way. Last year members of the Cape Town branch, in South Africa, went on a twenty-one-day study tour of Central Europe and the Prague branch then made a return visit a couple of months later. In Valencia, Spain, they do things slightly differently from here in the UK: there the U3A students go to lectures and seminars alongside the regular university students. Oh, and in Montreal, Canada, the U3Aers spend some of their time doing community work, such as teaching English to speakers of other languages.

P: And can't you study online now?

B: Yes, the Virtual U3A was launched in 2009 for distance learning. It's great if people can't get to local meetings for whatever reason. Some of the courses are free, or there's a small charge if there's a tutor to mark work and so on...

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