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Vocabulary: Before listening, make sure that you are familiar with the following words:

segregation	the action or state of setting something apart from others
minority rule	a system of government in which the governing party of a country represents only a small part of the overall population.
outrage	an strong reaction of anger or shock
crossfire	gunfire from two or more directions passing through the same area
code of conduct	a set of rules outlining the behaviour and responsibilities of an individual or an organisation
stance	an opinion; taking a position on something
braids	a length of hair made up of three or more interlaced strands
impede	delay or prevent something; hinder
detention	the punishment of being kept in school after hours
slick	smooth and glossy (about skin or hair)
commemorate	mark or celebrate (an event or person) by doing or producing something
diversity	a range of different things
prevalent	widespread in a particular area or at a particular time
reign	rule as a monarch
annex	to take or incorporate territory without permission
semi-autonomous	acting independently to some degree
prankster	a person fond of playing tricks or practical jokes
obscure	not clearly expressed or easily understood.
hefty	large and heavy
counter	speak or act in opposition to something
secessionist	favouring formal withdrawal from membership of an organisation
headgear	items worn on the head
fringe group	a group that is on the margins of a larger organisation because its views are more extreme
eligibility	having the necessary qualities or satisfying the necessary conditions

South Africa: Hair and discrimination

1. Briefly explain what *apartheid* is.
2. What does it mean to relax your hair and why did Lulusiphiso feel violated when she had to do so?
3. What is *Freedom Day* in South Africa and why is it celebrated?

India: Internet lockdown

4. Where was internet access cut off completely between August and January last year and why, according to the programme, was it cut off?

Pakistan: No joking matter

5. How much money has the YouTube prankster Nadir Ali been billed by tax authorities in Pakistan?
 - a. 62.000 pounds
 - b. 62.000 rupees
 - c. 62.000 dollars
 - d. 162.000 rupees

Canada: Tension between interests

6. According to the programme, what is the province of Alberta home of?
7. Briefly explain what Wexit is? How is it similar to Brexit?
8. Circle the statement that is TRUE or FALSE.
 - a. Wexit takes inspiration from the feminist movement in Canada. TRUE/FALSE
 - b. The Wexit campaign is driven by people who are eager to be part of a union. TRUE/FALSE
 - c. Many people in Canada see Wexit as a fringe group. TRUE/FALSE
 - d. The Western Separatist Wexit Canada Party was granted eligibility to run in Canada's next election. TRUE/FALSE

Sudan: Fighting for your sports rights

9. What was the reason for Asma Elbadawi's campaign in 2014?
10. What was the FIBA rule on headgear before the rule was changed in 2017?

Language points: Complete the following idiomatic expressions

11. The building was closed purely on the ... of safety.
 - a. foundation
 - b. cause
 - c. grounds
12. Their school is quite conservative and there is a strict code of ...
 - a. conduct
 - b. competence
 - c. contest
13. She called my bluff so now the... seems to be on me
 - a. responsibility
 - b. joke
 - c. money
14. Anna had heard the same old story a million times and now she was completely fed ...
 - a. off
 - b. up
 - c. in
15. The judge decided to make an ... of him, so she sentenced him to prison.
 - a. engineer
 - b. effect
 - c. example

Discussion points:

School dress codes: Apartheid was abolished in South Africa in 1994, but still today there are schools that regulate how students of African ethnicity wear their hair. Does your school have a dress code or rules on how to wear your hair? If yes, why are those rules necessary, if you think they are? Do you think that schools should be able to regulate how students dress and wear their hair? What principles should those rules be based on and where do you draw the line? Are there limits as to how liberal schools can be with allowing students to self-express through clothing and hair? What could be some examples of such limits? How do you feel about school uniforms? What could be some advantages of school uniforms and what would be some disadvantages?

Breaking away: Across the world we see fractions and movements wanting to break away from unions or countries in order to become independent. In the programme, we hear about Wexit and Brexit. Do you think it should be the opinion of the people in a particular region that decides whether they stay with or break away from a union or country? Why or why not? What problems could breaking away from a union or country cause? What could be the advantages? Find out more about the *Western Separatist Wexit Canada* party and account for its reasons for wanting to break away from Canada. Take a position for or against the secession of the province Alberta from Canada and set up a debate with your peers where one group argues for a secession and the other group argues against it.

Religious expression: In 2017, FIBA (International Basketball Federation) changed their rules to allow women to wear hijabs in professional matches. Why can wearing religious apparel be regarded as controversial in some contexts? Are all types of religious clothing as controversial when worn in public? If no, what is the difference between various forms of religious gear? Should wearing religious clothing or gear be regulated by law? If yes, how would such laws accord with the laws that regulate discrimination?

Key

- 1) Suggestion: A system of segregation on the grounds of race.
- 2) Suggestion: To add a chemical lotion to your hair to make it easier to straighten and manage. Because she was forced to change her natural hair in order to be accepted.
- 3) Suggestion: A public holiday to celebrate South Africa's first non-racial democratic election.
- 4) Suggestion: In the area of Kashmir and as part of the Indian government's strategy to annex the area.
- 5) b.
- 6) Suggestion: The province of Alberta is the home of Canada's oil production and cattle ranching.
- 7) Suggestion: A secessionist movement that has been growing since 2019. It wants political independence.
- 8)
 - a. FALSE
 - b. FALSE
 - c. TRUE
 - d. TRUE
- 9) Suggestion: She wanted to overturn the FIBA's rule on headgear in basketball matches
- 10) Suggestion: The rule prior to 2017 prevented anyone wearing headgear that was more than five centimetres long.
- 11) c. grounds
- 12) a. conduct
- 13) b. joke
- 14) b. up
- 15) c. example