**How Homes Structure the American Dream**

*Listen to a radio discussion which is part of a series called “American Dreams: then and now” on NPR radio. The interview is hosted by NPR’s radio journalist Rachel Martin, who puts questions to the business correspondent Chris Arnold, an expert on the topic.*

*While listening, tick (🗸) the correct answer (a, b, c* ***or*** *d). There is only one correct answer. Then go on to complete the sentences.*

*You will hear the recording twice. After listening you will have some extra time to complete the task.*

*You now have two minutes to read the assignments below.*

**I 1 National Public Radio is examining what the American Dream …**

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| a) | is about for immigrants. | ☐ |
| b) | meant to people in the past. | ☐ |
| c) | involves and why this is important. | ☐ |
| d) | represented to the founding fathers. | ☐ |

1. **Millions of Americans used to think that homeownership was an important part of the American Dream. Later, though, they were …**

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| a) | driven out by hurricanes. | ☐ |
| b) | tricked by real estate agents. | ☐ |
| c) | tricked by financial institutions. | ☐ |
| d) | driven out by the county government. | ☐ |

1. **According to Chris Arnold, the understanding of the American Dream has not changed. He believes that …**

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| a) | renting is the new owning these days. | ☐ |
| b) | it only made sense to own a house 20 years ago. | ☐ |
| c) | homeownership does not make sense any longer. | ☐ |
| d) | it is still sensible for most Americans to buy a house. | ☐ |

1. **His opinion on homeownership is based on the fact that …**

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| a) | employees are more flexible when they rent homes | ☐ |
| b) | banks offer good conditions when people borrow money. | ☐ |
| c) | 90 percent of Americans earn minimum wage. | ☐ |
| d) | houses have lost their value in the eyes of most Americans. | ☐ |

**II Complete the following sentences.**

The Woodrow Wilson Center just recently published a poll stating that 84 % of the people asked claimed that homeownership \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ five years ago. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of people said that they still think that home ownership is part of the American Dream.

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