# VELALAR COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Semester - VI

# 18MCT09 - COMMUNICATION SKILLS LABORATORY

LISTENING

Comprehension Task -True or false- Decide if the following statements are true or false.

* 1. Not many people are afraid of spiders.
  2. The narrator isn’t afraid of spiders.
  3. The narrator’s friend is terrified of spiders.
  4. When she sees a spider she calls the police.
  5. The narrator’s friend suffers from a phobia.
  6. She goes to see a specialist doctor.
  7. She gets a new pet cat
  8. The psychiatrist thinks she is a serious case.
  9. They use the behavioural approach to cure her phobia.
  10. The psychiatrist shows her a spider that is not real.

# Fill up the blank with the right word

The next day she 11 back and this time the 12 let the spider run around on his desk. Again, my friend 13 about five minutes, then left. The next day she stayed for ten minutes, and the day after that, fifteen. Eventually, the psychiatrist held the spider, the real spider with long 14 legs and little eyes, in his hand. He asked my friend to come and 15 it. At first she refused, but the doctor 16 . Eventually she touched the spider, just for a second. The next day she touched it for a few seconds, then for a few minutes, and after that she held the spider in her 17 hand. Then she took the spider home, and let it run around in her house. She didn’t feel afraid. Well, ok, she did feel afraid, but only a tiny bit. “So, now I’ve got a pet spider!” she told me again. “Well done!” I said. “There’s only one problem,” she said, and as she spoke I noticed that she was shivering all over. Then she screamed and 18 on the chair. She was pointing to something on the floor. “Over there!” she screamed. “Look! It’s a beetle...!”

1. What is the name of the author of this story?