New Year's Resolutions

I WILL NOT

Drink more than fourteen alcohol units a week.

Smoke.

Waste money on: pasta-makers, ice-cream machines or other culinary devices which will never use; books by unreadable literary authors to put impressively on shelves; exotic underwear, since pointless as have no boyfriend.

Behave slutishly around the house, but instead imagine others are watching.

Spend more than earn.

Allow in-tray rage out of control.

Fall for any of the following: alcoholics, workaholics, commitment phobics, people with girlfriends or wives, misogynists, megalomaniacs, chauvinists, emotional f**k*ts or freeloaders, perverts.

Get annoyed with Mum, Una Alconbury or Perpetua.

Get upset over men, but instead be poised and cool ice-queen.

Have crushes on men, but instead form relationships based on mature assessment of character.

Bitch about anyone behind their backs, but be positive about everyone.

Obsess about Daniel Cleaver as pathetic to have a crush on boss in manner of Miss Moneypenny or similar.

Sulk about having no boyfriend, but develop inner poise and authority and sense of self as woman of substance, complete without boyfriend, as best way to obtain boyfriend.

I WILL

Stop smoking.

Drink no more than fourteen alcohol units a week.

Reduce circumference of thighs by 3 inches¹ (i.e. 1½ inches each), using anti-cellulite diet.

Purge flat of all extraneous matter.

Give all clothes which have not worn for two years or more to homeless.

Improve career and find new job with potential.

Save up money in form of savings. Poss start pension also.

Be more confident.

Be more assertive.

Make better use of time.

Not go out every night but stay in and read books and listen to classical music.

Give proportion of earnings to charity.

Be kinder and help others more.

Eat more pulses.

Get up straight away when wake up in mornings.

Go to gym three times a week not merely to buy sandwich.

Put photographs in photograph albums.

Make up a compilation 'mood' tapes so can have tapes ready with all favourite romantic/dancing/rousing/feminist etc. tracks assem-bled instead of turning into drink-sodden DJ-style person with tapes scattered all over the floor.

Form functional relationship with responsible adult.

Learn to programme video.

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¹ one inch ≈ 2.5 cm

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I- Vocabulary:
Find in the text the equivalents of the following words (in the order of the text):

I WILL NOT

Gaspiller: _______________________
Robots ménagers: _______________________
Inutile : _______________________
Comme une souillon : _______________________
Le courrier : _______________________
Calme : _______________________
Avoir le béguin pour : _______________________
Estimation : _______________________
Dire du mal de quelqu’un (dans son dos): _______________________
Se morfondre : _______________________

I WILL

Cuisses : _______________________
Superflu : _______________________
Economiser : _______________________
Pension de retraite : _______________________
Confiance : _______________________
Assurée : _______________________
Revenus : _______________________
Légumes secs : _______________________
Entraînante : _______________________
Eparpillées : _______________________

II – Classify her resolutions in at least 3 categories and illustrate each category with some quotations:

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III – Translation:

I WILL NOT: l.1 to 10
I WILL: l.1 to 26