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SCORE: _____ /50

A  Listen to a woman interview two friends, Anna and Seth. Then read the questions and choose the correct answer.

- 1 Where is the presenter?
 - A at an event for young designers and inventors
 - B at an event in a college for college students
 - C at an art and design exhibition
- 2 What is the girl's favorite invention?
 - A a shower cap for babies
 - B an umbrella for dogs
 - C anti-theft lunch bags
- 3 What does the girl say is surprising about one of the items?
 - A that the umbrella for dogs works
 - B that dogs like the umbrella
 - C that the body umbrella allows you to walk
- 4 Why does the interviewer say the lunch bags are clever?
 - A They are made of different colored plastic with patterns on them.
 - B They have different color on the outside and on the inside of the bags.
 - C They keep people from taking your sandwiches because they appear to have mold on them.
- 5 Why are the slippers useful?
 - A You can use them at night in the dark.
 - B They turn the bedroom light on for you.
 - C You can use them as a bedside lamp.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE: In 1928 Alexander Fleming _____ that changed the course of science: penicillin.

- A provided insight **B** made a discovery

1 The Japanese Aerospace Exploration agency is _____ in preparation for a mission to the moon in 2030.

- A carrying out research B making a connection

2 If researchers can't _____ to the problem, many more people will get sick.

- A find a solution B make a breakthrough

3 Microsoft has promised it will make a _____ in the cure for cancer by hacking the human body.

- A solution B breakthrough

4 Scientists _____ with artificial intelligence. How far should they use it? Is it always ethical?

- A face a challenge B make a discovery

5 The Genome project is constantly _____ into the causes of rare diseases and cancer.

- A gaining insight B making a connection

6 Recently, scientists have _____ in pregnant women that suggests that mental delays in children occur during pregnancy.

- A found a solution B investigated a phenomenon

7 Trials of genetic engineering are helping scientists to _____ about innovative medicine.

- A face a challenge B gain knowledge

8 Scientists first _____ between smoking and lung cancer as long ago as 1949.

- A noticed a connection B provided a solution

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

C Match the sentences.

EXAMPLE: There was a mix up.

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A They fixed the problem.

1 He made a blunder.

B It was a disaster.

2 They got it wrong.

C It's my fault.

3 I blame myself.

D They made a mistake.

4 I can fix the problem.

E There was a misunderstanding.

5 It was an epic fail.

F He made a huge mistake.

6 They corrected the error.

G I can make it right.

7 There was confusion.

H There was a mistake.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE: They wouldn't have made the discovery

A if they wouldn't have made the connection between variables.

B if they hadn't made the connection between variables.

C if they would make the connection between variables.

1 If I had had more time, _____

A I've made a cake.

B I would have made a cake.

C I would make a cake.

2 If I had known it was Joanna's birthday,

A I'd have bought her a present.

B I'd buy her a present.

C I'd bought her a present.

3 He would have passed the exam _____

A if he has more time.

B if he would have more time.

C if he'd had more time.

4 The car wouldn't have broken down

A if I had taken it to the mechanic.

B if I would have taken it to the mechanic.

C if I took it to the mechanic.

5 The cushions wouldn't have gotten wet

A if you left them outside in the rain.

B if you hadn't left them outside in the rain.

C if you would have left them outside rain.

6 If my alarm had worked, _____

A I wouldn't have missed my train.

B I'd not miss my train.

C I won't miss my train.

7 We wouldn't have gone to that restaurant

A if we knew it was so bad.

B if we would have known it was so bad.

C if we had known that it was so bad.

8 If you hadn't helped me so much, _____

A I would give up a long time ago.

B I would have given up a long time ago.

C I have given up a long time ago.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

E Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in parentheses (). Add *not* where necessary.

EXAMPLE: It's nearly 10 p.m. They might have arrived (might/arrive) by now. Shall we call them?

1 You should have told me about the test. I _____ (could/help) you study.

2 They played very badly. They _____ (should/win) the game.

3 You _____ (might/lose) the keys. They are probably in the car, you know.

4 The movie was an epic fail. They _____ (should/make) it.

5 I thought it was the house on the left, but I _____ (could/make) a mistake.

6 Why didn't you ask me to help? I _____ (could/fix) the problem.

7 I _____ (should/eat) two ice cream cones. I feel sick now.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

F Read the article. Circle *True* or *False* for each statement.

Big blunders

Rejecting JK Rowling

JK Rowling, author of Harry Potter, is known all over the world today. However, success didn't come easily to her, and for many years she struggled to get her work in print. She submitted script after script to publishers only to receive rejection letters. This was a costly error for these publishers, who clearly should have accepted her work. Finally she had success with Bloomsbury Publishers, and the rest is history!

Throwing away 7,500 bitcoins

A man named James Howells got something very wrong. In his earnestness to clean the house, he threw away something he shouldn't have, and he lived to regret it.

In 2009 James had bought 7,500 bitcoins. He had bought the bitcoins because he was interested in the concept but then didn't think more about it. Five years later, the value of bitcoins soared to over \$800 per coin. James realized that he could have been a very rich man, but, sadly for him, he had thrown away his hard drive which contained the bitcoins. If he hadn't thrown out his hard drive, he would have been a millionaire.

Turning away the Beatles

In 1962, before the Beatles became successful, they wanted to sign a record deal with a music producer. They had made numerous trips to London, wandering the streets and trying to get a company to believe in their music. One of the companies they approached was Decca. On January 1 1962, the group performed a total of 15 songs, hoping for approval from Decca. Unfortunately for Decca, they made the mistake of turning down the Beatles. Decca got it wrong, a blunder they lived to regret as the Beatles became a global success after signing a contract with EMI.

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| 1 JK Rowling had problems at first trying to get her work published. | True / False |
| 2 James Howells bought the bitcoins as an investment, to make money from them. | True / False |
| 3 James Howells' mistake was that he threw away a bag of bitcoins into the garbage. | True / False |
| 3 The Beatles had visited many music producers before they went to Decca. | True / False |
| 4 Decca later regretted their decision and gave the Beatles a contract. | True / False |
| | _____ / 10 (2 points each) |