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SCORE: _____ /100

A  Listen to part of a podcast about hoarding. Then read the questions and choose the correct answer.

- 1 Why does the host call his friend “Bob”?
 - A It’s his friend’s nickname.
 - B To preserve his privacy.
 - C To introduce his friend to his listeners.
- 2 Which of the following statements would the host most likely agree with?
 - A Bob has a serious emotional problem.
 - B Bob’s problem has gotten worse in recent years.
 - C Behaviors like hoarding are often difficult to define.
- 3 What evidence does the host give that Bob’s behavior is not uncontrollable?
 - A Bob occasionally reduces the size of his collection.
 - B Bob keeps his collection neatly organized.
 - C Bob’s behavior has shown improvement in the last 20 years.
- 4 What will the podcast most likely talk about next?
 - A Other examples of people like Bob.
 - B The medical definition of hoarding.
 - C Possible ways to address hoarding behavior.

_____ /8 (2 points each)

B  Listen to part of a company meeting. Then read the statements and decide if they are True or False.

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| 1 All the people in the meeting know each other. | T / F |
| 2 Anais has been with the company the longest. | T / F |
| 3 Jonathan’s interesting fact is related to his job. | T / F |
| 4 Devon can be described as an extrovert. | T / F |

_____ /8 (2 points each)

C Complete the table with the words in the box.

athletic be your own fault competent fold gifted jumbled up kick yourself
learn the hard way little by little ~~put away~~ smoothly with ease

Neatness and Messiness	Talking about Progress	Commenting on Mistakes	Skill and Performance
<u>put away</u>			

____ /11 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answer.

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Embarrassing day

Hi Josh,

I'm about to ¹*make / ruin* your day with a funny story. I was invited to a party that I really didn't want to go to, so I told a ²*rumor / white lie* and said that I had to work that day. I'm usually so ³*trustworthy / technical* that everyone believed me and felt sorry for me. Anyway, on the day of the party, I found myself in a really awkward ⁴*mistake / situation*. I was out doing some shopping in town that morning when I ran right into the host of the party! I just had no idea what to say so I said I'd confused the dates or something. I'm so ⁵*incompetent / determined* at lying that I turned red. I guess I've just learned something the ⁶*silly / hard* way – never lie!

See you soon!

Vikki

____ /6 (1 point each)

E Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

alphabetical brighten difficulty getting imaginative intellectual mind pace
steadily unfortunate

Georgiou: It's great to see you, Katya!

Katya: You, too, Georgiou! You always ¹ _____ my day! My studies were really ² _____ me down until I saw you, but I feel so much more optimistic now.

Georgiou: Well, it's ³ _____ you were feeling bad, but I'm glad you're OK now. You just need to work at your own ⁴ _____ and believe in yourself.

Katya: I know. I just feel that I'm learning stuff very slowly, you know ... with ⁵ _____ ... and it shouldn't be so hard!

Georgiou: People say that as long as you work ⁶ _____ at something, you'll get there in the end. I'm sure you will. You're logical and ⁷ _____.

Katya: Hmm. Maybe, but I'm not very ⁸ _____ or creative. I tend to want everything to be neat and tidy. I spend hours putting things in ⁹ _____ order!

Georgiou: There's nothing wrong with doing that. It takes your ¹⁰ _____ off your troubles for a while!

Katya: That's certainly true!

_____ /10 (1 point each)

F Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Some animals have internal reproductive organs, so you can't tell their *gender* / *build* / *characteristics* just by looking at them.
- 2 The price on this designer purse is way too low. It must be *authentic* / *counterfeit* / *genuine*.
- 3 I think this company's financial results are *accurate* / *biased* / *exaggerated*. I doubt they actually made this much money last year.
- 4 We need to hire someone who's *analytical* / *determined* / *skilled* and experienced. We don't have time to train a new employee.
- 5 I just told my boss that I found a different job. The conversation was a little *awkward* / *clumsy* / *complex*.

_____ /5 (1 point each)

G Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

attempt don't need only other persuaded phone starting used

- Ted:** I have news, Marco! I'm going to ¹ _____ something new and exciting.
- Marco:** Oh? That sounds fun. What are you planning to do? Climb Mount Everest? You ² _____ to be very athletic, didn't you?
- Ted:** Ah, if ³ _____ I was as fit now as I was then! No, not Mount Everest. My brother has ⁴ _____ me to walk the Appalachian Trail with him next summer.
- Marco:** Wow! That's pretty ambitious. Don't forget to ⁵ _____ home now and again. We'll all be worrying about you!
- Ted:** You ⁶ _____ to worry. It's very safe and my brother has done it twice before.
- Marco:** OK, I trust you to take care of yourselves and each ⁷ _____. But call me anyway. Where will you be ⁸ _____ your big adventure?
- Ted:** On Springer Mountain, in Georgia. I can't wait!

_____/8 (1 point each)

H Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- 1 "You can use my beach house in June," Tonio told me.
Tonio told me that _____ his beach house in June.
- 2 The company bought me a new smartphone.
My new smartphone _____ by the company.
- 3 Juanita works out a lot more than she did before.
Juanita works out a lot more than _____.
- 4 It is essential to pass your driving exam.
You _____ pass your driving exam.
- 5 I regret getting a cat.
I wish _____.
- 6 My boss complains about budgets all the time.
My boss _____ about budgets.
- 7 We prefer to watch movies than go out to eat.
We would _____ watch movies than go out to eat.

_____/7 (1 point each)

I Choose the correct answer.

Cashier: ¹May / Must I help you?

Customer: Yes, I hope so. I always ²used to / was buying mangoes in this supermarket, but suddenly there aren't any. Have you stopped ³to sell / selling them?

Cashier: Oh, no! Not at all. In fact, this season they're much ⁴better / good than expected. Let ⁵me / you show you where they are. They're a real bargain this week, too!

Customer: Oh, great. Thanks! I often come in here, ⁶think / thinking about recipes and wondering what's good to buy.

Cashier: ⁷Unless / As long as it's mangoes that you want, we can definitely help you.

Cashier: Perfect. Thanks so much.

_____ /7 (1 point each)

J Choose the correct answer.

1 Janet's a tough cookie. She's always *working* / *work*.

2 This phone is great but it can't do everything by *myself* / *itself*.

3 I'd *prefer* / *rather* to go to Costa Rica than London.

4 Belen had been trying to find her cousin, when she *got* / *was getting* the text message.

5 The volunteers *were* / *was* urged to join the hike.

_____ /5 (1 point each)

K Complete the conversation with the Simple present, Present continuous, Simple past, Past continuous, Past perfect, or Future continuous of the words in parentheses ().

Lena: I'm so happy! I ⁰ _____ *had* _____ (have) no one to go on vacation with, but now my sister has agreed to go with me. What ¹ _____ (you / do) next summer?

David: I'll be finishing my studies. I ² _____ (hope) to graduate last year, but I decided to take some time out to save some money.

Lena: I'm always ³ _____ (think) I should be saving money. I need to save for an apartment next.

David: Yes, it's not easy, is it? Yesterday evening, I ⁴ _____ (search) part-time jobs on the internet but I didn't find anything. Employers are always ⁵ _____ (look) for people who can commit to full-time work.

Lena: If only things ⁶ _____ (be) a little easier! But I feel optimistic. Whenever I think things are getting bad, something good ⁷ _____ (happen)! We're certain to get a lucky break soon.

_____ /7 (1 point each)

L Read part of an interview for a newspaper. Then read the statements and decide if they are True or False.

This week, we had the pleasure of interviewing Leticia Harris, whose art exhibit “Reflections on Solitude” opened to great praise this month. Leticia spoke with us about the challenges of being an artist and about the creative process.

Q: So Leticia, “Reflections on Solitude” is your first major exhibit, and, at 62, success as an artist has come to you relatively late in life. Can you talk to us about the struggles of becoming a successful artist?

A: Of course. But I would start by saying that one of the reasons success has come a little later for me is that I got into art pretty late in life as well. I wasn’t at all passionate about art when I was younger. My mind set was much more analytical and technical. In fact, I spent most of my career doing designs for large engineering firms. It’s only been the last ten years or so that I’ve really turned my attention to art. But, yes, ten years is a long time to work on something before you achieve any kind of success or recognition. I don’t think of it as ten years wasted, though. I like to think that each piece of art I’ve created, even the ones that never sold, has helped little by little to build me into the artist I am today. So, if it has been a struggle, I feel it’s been a necessary one.

Q: Your work has been praised for its amazing creativity. What is your creative process like?

A: You know, the funny thing is I don’t even really consider myself to be all that imaginative. Like I said, my background is in engineering. But I guess I’m pretty good at noticing the natural patterns that occur in my daily environment, like the angles of buildings or the curves in a tree’s branches, and using those patterns in my art.

Q: What impact do you think your art has on society?

A: That’s a tricky question. As the artist, I’m obviously biased. I’m not sure I can answer that. But I can talk about the effect I hope it has. More than anything, I hope that my work encourages people to observe their world a little more closely, and to find the little hidden patterns and beauty within it.

- 1 Leticia has always had an interest in art.

T /F
- 2 Leticia feels that all her artwork has contributed to her success.

T /F
- 3 Leticia gets her ideas from the work of other artists.

T /F
- 4 Leticia hopes to get people to see the world as she does.

T /F
- _____ /8 (2 points each)

M Read the email. Then read the questions and choose the correct answers.

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ReplyForward

Subject: Next year's marketing

Dear Joe,

I'm emailing to draw your attention to an opportunity that has been presented to me.

As you know, our *Junior Bear* toys sell extremely well all over the country. They have captured the imagination of children and parents everywhere. Their strength is the high-quality materials they are made of and the low purchase price. Unfortunately, some counterfeit models have been discovered, but we have successfully tackled that problem by adding a "fireproof" notice to our packaging and to the toy itself. This way customers can immediately identify genuine *Junior Bears* from illegal, fake ones.

At last week's senior management meeting we assessed the idea of expanding our sales into other countries (particularly Canada and the UK). The finance department has weighed the pros and cons and we have been advised that selling overseas is a valid and constructive plan. We will, of course, be required to think through the cost of exporting this product, and our team of gifted sales staff is working on this right now. Provided that everything makes financial sense, we plan to begin our sales in Canada before the holiday season next year so that *Junior Bear* is in the right place at the right time!

I would like your talented group to propose an imaginative marketing strategy for *Junior Bear's* international sales. The toys have great appeal in the 4 to 6-year-old age range, so this should be your main focus. If you could begin thinking of ways to raise awareness of the product, I would be grateful. We will be seeking to get as much publicity as possible on TV, the internet, and in newspapers.

Thanks for your help,

Chris

- 1 Why is Chris sending an email to Joe?
 - A To inform him about some future plans.
 - B To make some suggestions for a new product.
 - C To sell him a *Junior Bear* toy.
- 2 *Junior Bear* is ...
 - A an illegal, counterfeit toy.
 - B a TV character.
 - C a toy for young children.
- 3 Which department does Joe work in?
 - A finance
 - B sales
 - C marketing
- 4 What contribution is the sales staff making?
 - A adding fireproof notices to the packaging
 - B getting publicity on the internet
 - C figuring out export costs
- 5 Where does the company plan to sell *Junior Bear* next?
 - A Canada
 - B The United States
 - C The United Kingdom

_____/10 (2 points each)