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A  Listen to the conversation between Brad and his mother. Then read the questions and choose the correct answer.

- 1 What has Brad been doing these days?
 - A He's been looking for a job in the field of computer science.
 - B He's been spending a lot of time working on his computer.
 - C He's been planning a summer vacation trip with friends.
- 2 What would Brad's mother like him to do?
 - A To work on a research project on computer science.
 - B To send his résumé to apply for a full-time position at a store.
 - C To get a summer job so that he is more active and makes some money.
- 3 What makes Brad consider his mother's suggestion?
 - A The possibility of earning some money and traveling with his friends.
 - B The opportunity of getting some work experience to put on his résumé.
 - C The idea of doing something other than spending the summer in his room.
- 4 Why doesn't Brad completely agree with his mother's suggestion?
 - A Because he wants to travel the whole summer.
 - B Because he would like to find a better-paid job.
 - C Because he doesn't have much time available.
- 5 What is Brad planning to do now?
 - A To look for different opportunities.
 - B To go to the store for an interview.
 - C To convince his mother to let him travel.

_____ /10 (2 points each)

B Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE Marina is a very good influence / *difference* on her younger cousins.

- 1 I want to help, but I don't know if I can be of *contribution* / *use*, because I can't drive.
- 2 The bank *reassured* / *valued* me that my money would be safe in this account.
- 3 My mother takes great *pleasure* / *satisfaction* in growing vegetables in our yard.
- 4 Exercising regularly is *beneficial* / *an honor* for your health and well-being.
- 5 I get enormous *difference* / *satisfaction* out of helping other people.
- 6 My grandfather *valued* / *devoted* his life to his work as a police officer.
- 7 Firefighters make a huge *influence* / *contribution* to our society by rescuing others.
- 8 This company does some excellent work for society. It is *an honor* / *a difference* to work here.

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C Match the sentences to the phrases.

EXAMPLE "I think you should go. You'll have a great time."

E

1 "That hat looks very silly on you."

2 "The place is a bit of a mess now, but it could look really great."

3 "Please take the job. Please. Do it for me. You won't regret it, I promise."

4 "This house is cheaper, and you'll be able to re-sell it for more money in a few years."

5 "I wouldn't buy it. It is very expensive and the quality is terrible."

6 "I wish I hadn't bought this couch. It's far too big for our living room."

7 "Everyone loves this color. It's been very popular this year."

A make financial sense

B regret a purchase

C look ridiculous

D urge somebody to do something

E encourage somebody to do something

F have potential

G not be worth the money

H have appeal

_____ /7 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE I'll drive if you like. I have no trouble driving / to drive at night. driving

1 It's easy *understanding* / to *understand* why people come here on vacation.

2 My brother wants to spend some time *traveling* / to *travel* this year.

3 It's not worth *asking* / to *ask* Dan to help. He's been too busy with his own work lately.

4 It's common *finding* / to *find* snakes in this area of the park.

5 I bought a very interesting book *reading* / to *read* during the flight.

6 We need something *opening* / to *open* this box with. Do you have any scissors?

7 It will be difficult *telling* / to *tell* Peter that he failed the exam again.

8 Sometimes it can be cool *staying* / to *stay* home alone.

_____ /8 (1 point each)

E Choose the correct sentence. Sometimes both are possible.

EXAMPLE

- A** I need to know the reason why they are here.
B I need you to know the reason why they are here.

1

- A** My parents allowed to go to the concert.
B My parents allowed me to go to the concert.

2

- A** I'd like to stop doing that every time we meet.
B I'd like my coworkers to stop doing that every time we meet.

3

- A** We managed to have a great party last Saturday.
B We managed her to have a great party last Saturday.

4

- A** I expected to spend more time on the beach.
B I expected my children to spend more time on the beach.

5

- A** Sara seems to be a pretty confident girl.
B Sara seems us to be a pretty confident girl.

6

- A** They urged to think about their actions.
B They urged the students to think about their actions.

7

- A** Joe persuaded to buy a house instead of renting.
B Joe persuaded Lena to buy a house instead of renting.

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- F** Read the article. Then read the statements and decide if the information is True, False, or Not Given.

To click or not to click

E-commerce is changing the main street and our shopping habits irrevocably. We tell ourselves that shopping online saves us time and money, and that it is a more comfortable way to shop. However, is that actually true?

One of the most attractive aspects of online shopping is being able to do it in the comfort of your own home. Not having to go out into the cold, walk long distances, or deal with unpleasant salespeople holds a lot of appeal to most customers. Another advantage is simply the variety and quantity of products available. A website is obviously not limited by space as the bricks-and-mortar stores are. Furthermore, since online stores don't usually have to spend money on rent and are able to purchase larger quantities of each product, they tend to offer lower prices and better discounts than traditional businesses.

However, won't we be missing out on something if the main street stores disappear? What about the event of going shopping itself? Won't we miss the sociable, fun event of meeting with friends and browsing the stores together? Also, going shopping on the main street sometimes means walking around from place to place, which in itself can be very healthy and pleasant exercising. Finally, fans of e-commerce claim it saves us precious time, which could be better spent on more important things. Yet if the items purchased online turn out to be different from what was expected and have to be exchanged, or if packages are delayed or lost and need to be tracked, this may not be the case.

Perhaps there is room for both ways of shopping and we all just need to find the perfect balance that can be the most beneficial to our lives.

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| 1 One advantage of online shopping is that there are more products to choose from. | T / F / NG |
| 2 One of the dangers of online shopping is spending too much money. | T / F / NG |
| 3 Customers regret their purchases more often when they shop online. | T / F / NG |
| 4 Both types of shopping can be time-consuming. | T / F / NG |
| 5 Traditional shopping will soon disappear. | T / F / NG |

_____/10 (2 points each)