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A  Listen to the podcast about interior design. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What does Holly say about saturated colors?
 - A** They received mixed reactions from the public last year.
 - B** She doesn't like them because they are too dark.
 - C** She thinks people should not use them this year.
- 2 What advice does Holly give about using saturated colors?
 - A** You should complement them with details of a similar color.
 - B** She recommends green as the best accent color.
 - C** You should consider the size of the room before you use them.
- 3 In response to Holly, Curtis ...
 - A** agrees that last year people made elementary mistakes with saturated colors.
 - B** disagrees that pink and green are a good combination.
 - C** is glad that people will be using saturated colors again this year.
- 4 Curtis is excited about ...
 - A** using white because it has a digital feel.
 - B** combining metallic colors with lilac.
 - C** one color in particular.
- 5 Holly's chosen Living Coral as her trend color of the year because ...
 - A** she always agrees with the Pantone Color of the Year suggestion.
 - B** it generates an emotional response that people need.
 - C** it is positive and optimistic like she is.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Choose the correct answers.

- 1 The bride's dress *reflected* / *captured* her good taste in clothes.
- 2 The princess wore *muted* / *saturated* colors to the charity dinner to not attract attention.
- 3 Bill's visit to the theme park *evoked* / *captured* memories of his childhood.
- 4 Diana thought a *pastel* / *muted* color like pink or peach would be perfect for the baby's room because those colors look bright, delicate, and clean.
- 5 His designer watch and shoes *conjured up* / *implied* that he had a well-paying job.
- 6 Kayla's beach towel had a *muted* / *vibrant* blue design that contrasted with the white background.
- 7 The ice skater's routine really *reflected* / *resonated with* the crowd and the judges.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

C Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

got the green light green party green thumb in the red saw red turned red was green

- 1 As soon as Caleb _____ to buy a computer, he started looking for one online.
- 2 I just heard the boss say that the company is _____. I hope we don't lose our jobs.
- 3 Hannah voted for a _____ candidate because she is concerned about pollution and global warming.
- 4 My brother _____ when he received our electricity bill. It was three times as high as normal.
- 5 My sister has a beautiful garden. She definitely has got a _____.
- 6 Ken's face always _____ when he got embarrassed.
- 7 It was obvious that Gina _____ when we started rehearsing. I don't think she had ever been on a stage before.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Nobody on the team *want / wants* to be the goalie.
- 2 Next semester, I want to study ethics. *They are / It is* more interesting than just philosophy.
- 3 The data collected by the teams *was / were* analyzed by the marketing director.
- 4 Nick asked what the criteria *was / were* for selecting a new product design.
- 5 The government is taking action on crime. *They are / It is* putting more police officers on the street.
- 6 Economics *is / are* the study of how people and organizations allocate scarce resources.
- 7 Neither of these colors *is / are* to my liking. They look too dark and serious.
- 8 The class *is / are* very happy with their teacher.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

E Complete the text with *a, an, the*, or - (no article).

The Perfect Bedroom Color

When people are decorating their home for ¹ _____ first time, they are often unsure about what color to paint ² _____ bedroom. In one study, it was found that those who slept in ³ _____ blue bedroom slept better, with ⁴ _____ average of just under 8 hours of sleep. This may be because ⁵ _____ blue is associated with calmness and helps reduce ⁶ _____ blood pressure. Yellow was ⁷ _____ second most successful color in ⁸ _____ study. And the worst? Purple!

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

F Read the article. Choose *True*, *False*, or *Not Given* (NG) for each statement.

The Oldest Flag in the World

Flags may be just pieces of cloth with distinctive colors and patterns, but for many they symbolize something to live and die for. But what was the first flag, and what was its use?

We know early flags were used to distinguish ships and before that, leaders in battles. However, the first battle symbols were not made of cloth, but were metal or wooden standards attached to poles. One of the oldest “flags” is the Shahdad Standard from Iran, dating from around 2400 BCE. It was made of bronze, but instead of being fixed to the pole, the image moved around it.

The oldest national flag in continuous use is the Danish flag, known as the *Dannebrog* or “Danish cloth.” Its use has been documented since the mid-14th century. The white cross on a red background originated in the age of the Christian Crusades since the white cross is symbolic of Christianity. The vertical part of the cross is not central, but lies closer to the side on which the flag is raised. The Austrian flag, which appeared on a seal in 1230, is older, but hasn’t been used continuously.

The Scottish flag, called the Saltire, is a white diagonal cross on a blue background that originated in 832 AD during a battle fought by King Angus. Legend says he looked to the sky and saw clouds in the formation of a diagonal cross. Having won the battle, he declared the Saltire their flag. However, the use of these colors wasn’t continuous, as battle flags captured in the 16th and 17th centuries displayed a Saltire with alternative colors.

So as far as we know, the Saltire may be the oldest flag in Europe, and the *Dannebrog* is the oldest national flag in continuous use, but the world’s oldest flag is still a mystery.

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| 1 The Shahdad Standard doesn’t fully fit the definition of a flag that the writer suggests. | True / False / NG |
| 2 The Shahdad Standard probably had a maritime or military use. | True / False / NG |
| 3 The Danish flag wasn’t the oldest flag used in Europe. | True / False / NG |
| 4 The Danish and Scottish flags have the same design, but different colors. | True / False / NG |
| 5 The writer says he cannot identify the first cloth flag because there is no hard evidence. | True / False / NG |

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