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SCORE: _____ /50

A  Listen to the conversation between Maria and Ross. Choose *True* or *False* for each statement.

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| 1 Ross justifies why he is alone by using facts. | True / False |
| 2 Ross says he uses his time alone to think creatively. | True / False |
| 3 When Maria was in Italy, she had both positive and negative feelings about being alone. | True / False |
| 4 Maria and Ross share the same opinion about having fun alone. | True / False |
| 5 Maria and Ross share the same opinion about using cell phones. | True / False |

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Choose the correct answers.

- Kevin entered the *deserted* / *abundant* building. There was nothing but trash and glass on the floor, and the only movement came from the torn curtains of the broken windows.
- The slopes of the volcano were *barren* / *hostile* except for a few blades of grass.
- David enjoyed the *vast* / *scenic* drive along the coast.
- When the snow storm got worse, the family realized the problems of staying in an *isolated* / *immense* village.
- From the top of the hill, Jane stared at the *immense* / *barren* expanse of the valley before her and noticed a small train moving through the trees.
- George decided to rest at the bank of a(n) *nameless* / *abandoned* stream. He checked his map, and if he followed the stream it would lead him to a river called Sweet Water.
- The lack of people on the western plains is made up for by the *abundant* / *immense* wildlife that can be found there.
- Kelly held her hand to her face as the *harsh* / *lush* light of the sun reflected off the ice.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

C Complete the text with the correct form of the words in the box.

force	impact	implication	motivate
result	source	stem	trigger

Wheat Allergies

One day, Megan couldn't sleep because of pains in her stomach. She went to the doctor to find the ¹ _____ of the problem and discovered that it ² _____ from her diet. When she ate food that contained wheat, it ³ _____ an allergic reaction.

The doctor told Megan that wheat allergies affect people in different ways. For some, it has an ⁴ _____ on their skin, while for others it ⁵ _____ in stomach discomfort. He also told her that she would be ⁶ _____ to eliminate wheat from her diet entirely or it would have serious ⁷ _____ for her long-term health. At first, Megan didn't think she'd be able to do it. (She loved bread and pasta.) But once she started her new diet, she was amazed at how much better she felt. It even ⁸ _____ her to start working out.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

D Complete the second sentence with one, two, or three words so it has the same meaning as the first sentence.

- 1 Because Kyle works outside, he always wears a jacket.
_____ outside, Kyle always wears a jacket.
- 2 Ashley didn't feel well, so she didn't go to work.
_____ well, Ashley didn't go to work.
- 3 After Jim had completed the reports, he took a break.
_____ completed the reports, Jim took a break.
- 4 Nick was encouraged by the response to his first blog post, so he started writing a second one.
_____ by the response to his first blog post, Nick started writing a second one.
- 5 Luis didn't understand the question, so he asked for it to be repeated.
_____ the question, Luis asked for it to be repeated.
- 6 The moment Andrew walked into the room, he realized he wasn't alone.
_____ into the room, Andrew realized he wasn't alone.
- 7 Olivia was surprised by the positive reaction from the audience and began to relax.
_____ by the positive reaction from the audience, Olivia began to relax.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

E Complete the sentences with a relative pronoun and the verb *to be* in the correct form.

- 1 The woman _____ buying the flowers is our neighbor.
- 2 Anyone _____ interested in climbing to the top of the lighthouse should wait here.
- 3 The plane _____ arriving now at gate 3 is ours.
- 4 The paintings _____ displayed in this room are by Picasso.
- 5 The woman _____ next to me in the picture is Helen.
- 6 The article _____ in the magazine was written by Amanda's best friend.
- 7 The box of cookies _____ eaten by the children was for all the family.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

F Read the blog post. Then choose the correct answers.

How To Get the Remote Job of Your Dreams

In recent years, the number of employees working mainly from home has increased dramatically. Employers love the benefits of increased productivity and lower costs. Workers love the flexibility and reduced travel time. Understandably, despite the increase in remote positions, competition for such jobs is high. So how can you make sure you ace the interview to get that remote job of your dreams?

First, you have to be equipped with the latest computer systems and tools and be able to use them well. Communication will be via video conference, texts, and email. Show you can communicate effectively and concisely on these platforms. If you are not familiar with the tools of the trade, then you may be overlooked. Companies may hold interviews with such tools and will observe carefully how confidently you use them. They may also check how you interact on social media, so ensure your online presence will have a positive impact.

Secondly, since you will be working unsupervised, you will need to show evidence that you can motivate yourself. In your interview, you should be ready to present examples of how you work productively alone. Employers will seek previous remote experience, so if you don't have it, get it. Look for freelance work or solo projects that show you can do amazing things by yourself.

Finally, you need to be disciplined in managing your time. Make sure you bring to your interview examples of projects that show how you have coordinated your workload to meet deadlines. You might be asked how you prioritize tasks and manage distractions.

Like any other interview, you should be informed about the company and the role. Sell yourself as the perfect candidate for the job rather than overselling the fact that you want to work remotely.

Good luck, and share your experiences in the comments.

- 1 Which is the best summary of the blog post?
 - A It explains the skills needed to work successfully away from an office.
 - B It advises how to get experience working remotely.
 - C It gives practical tips for those seeking a remote position in a company.
- 2 The writer says that remote positions ...
 - A have benefits for both employees and the companies they work for.
 - B are popular because they are better paid.
 - C are more difficult to get than jobs in an office.
- 3 What advice does the writer give in the second paragraph?
 - A You should write a regular blog and keep it up to date.
 - B You should be ready to demonstrate your familiarity with tools that remote workers use.
 - C You should have evidence that you can write long, interesting texts.
- 4 In the third paragraph, the writer says that ...
 - A candidates who say they are very self-motivated will impress the interviewer.
 - B in an interview you may have to do a project on your own.
 - C companies look for candidates who have worked alone before.
- 5 What does the writer say about preparing for the interview?
 - A Make sure you arrive on time.
 - B Have evidence of work that you have completed on time.
 - C Think of all the reasons you want to work away from an office.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)