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A Listen to the radio show. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Why has Jim been invited onto the radio show?
 - A** to talk about a board game that he has invented
 - B** because he has a hobby which is becoming more popular
 - C** because he is one of the most successful gamers in the area
- 2 What does Jim say about board games?
 - A** He usually buys a new game each week.
 - B** They are popular with people who don't want to look at a screen.
 - C** The most popular board games are fantasy role-playing games.
- 3 The main reason Jim enjoys role-playing games is because he ...
 - A** enjoys the the interaction with real people.
 - B** likes the creative elements of the game.
 - C** wants to escape from reality for a few days.
- 4 What does Jim say about a game called Tainted Grail: The Fall of Avalon?
 - A** It is a futuristic fantasy role-playing game.
 - B** It is very expensive to buy.
 - C** It is aimed at experienced game players.
- 5 What does Jim say about a game called Exploding Kittens?
 - A** It is a dangerous game.
 - B** Players can learn to play it very quickly.
 - C** One game could last for hours.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Complete the second sentences so they have a similar meaning to the first sentences. Use one word from the box and the word in parentheses ().

calm	deeply	helpful	popular
shocked	thrilled	unusual	visibly

- 1 Carmen could not believe that she was not being included on the team. (utterly)
Carmen was _____ by the decision to not include her on the team.
- 2 When we told Tony the news of the explosion in his town, we could see how affected he was. (shaken)
Tony was _____ when we told him the news of the explosion in his town.
- 3 My aunt was incredibly apprehensive as she prepared for her first parachute jump. (anxious)
My aunt was _____ as she prepared for her first parachute jump.
- 4 If my team wins all its games this season, it will be so remarkable. That's never happened before! (highly)
It will be _____ if my team wins all its games this season.
- 5 It would be really useful if you could show us how to use the air conditioning. (incredibly)
It would be _____ if you could show us how to use the air conditioning.
- 6 The actor didn't show any sign of nerves when he went up on stage to receive the award. (remarkably)
The actor was _____ when he went up on stage to receive the award.
- 7 When the man arrived home, he could see how excited his dog was to see him. (noticeably)
The dog was _____ when its owner arrived home.
- 8 The younger visitors to the technology museum really liked the virtual-reality headset. (immensely)
The virtual-reality headset was _____ with the younger visitors to the technology museum.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

C Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

overconfident	overrated	overwhelmed	overworked
underdeveloped	underestimated	underpriced	underworked

- 1 The player was _____ about winning, so it was a great disappointment when he lost.
- 2 Tina's boss thought she was _____, so she gave Tina a pile of documents to photocopy.
- 3 The movie *La La Land* was _____ in my opinion. It won lots of awards, but I hated it.
- 4 My doctor looks tired because he is _____. He starts at eight in the morning and hardly stops all day.
- 5 My teacher said that the arguments in my essay were good, but they were _____. He said I should add more facts and figures in my next essay.
- 6 Sophie bought the painting because it was _____ and she knew she would be able to sell it for an easy profit.
- 7 Paul was _____ by the positive reviews when he published his first book.
- 8 The importance of patience in the teaching profession is often _____.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

D Complete the text with one word in each space.

A Funny Trip to the Zoo

Last weekend we went to the local zoo. To be honest, it's ¹ _____ a place that I would normally visit. The ² _____ we went was because we were given some half-price tickets at the grocery store.

Once inside, the one place I wanted to go ³ _____ the aquarium, and ⁴ _____ I most enjoyed there was the dolphin show. ⁵ _____ was how high they jumped out of the water that really surprised me. ⁶ _____ thing that my husband enjoyed most was later, when a monkey ran up and scared me.

It was ⁷ _____ until it was right in front of me that I realized what it was. I screamed! What was funny ⁸ _____ that I managed to scare the monkey with *my* reaction. My husband couldn't stop laughing!

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

E Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

however	whatever	whenever
wherever	whichever	whoever

1 _____ my mom visits, she brings homemade cookies.

2 _____ much Anna tried, she couldn't beat her brother at chess.

3 _____ the reason, my sister forgot my birthday for the first time this year.

4 _____ we are, my best friend and I always have a good time together.

5 _____ got the milk out forgot to close the fridge.

6 _____ of those cakes you choose, make sure there's no cream in it. I don't like it.

_____ / 6 (1 point each)

F Read the article. Then choose the correct answers.

The Science of Scary

Are you one of those people who loves to be scared? Well, you're not alone. There are thousands of people who would rather watch a horror movie than a romantic comedy. But why are people attracted to entertainment that has them jumping out of their skins?

First, we need to understand what fear is. Fear has been described as an emotional response induced by a perceived threat. It starts in a region of the brain called the amygdala, which detects things that stand out. For example, the sight of a bear would trigger a response in the amygdala and prepare the body to take action. It's an important emotion because if we didn't feel it, we wouldn't be able to respond to real dangers. So where does the enjoyment come in?

Some people suggest that when we are afraid we are momentarily distracted from problems in our lives. Other experts say that the enjoyment is not from the fear itself, but from the feeling of tension being released after the fear has passed. It's important to highlight that two other parts of our brain, the hippocampus and prefrontal cortex, help us know whether a threat is real or not. A bear in the wild would produce a different reaction than a bear in a zoo. People watching a movie know it's not real, so they can experience the boost of adrenaline that comes from a scary scene knowing the physical reactions will wear off in time.

If you are in the 10% of the population who gets a thrill from being scared, then you will be pleased to hear that horror movies are becoming more popular with Hollywood studios. They cost little to make, which makes them profitable, and they do well internationally because fear is a universal emotion.

- 1 What does the writer suggest in the second paragraph?
 - A Fear may lead to a physical response.
 - B The amygdala can trigger both fear and enjoyment.
 - C Fear is something that not everybody feels.
- 2 In the third paragraph, the writer says that ...
 - A some people claim that being afraid can solve problems.
 - B people enjoy the anticipation before a scary moment.
 - C the brain assists in evaluating the degree of danger in a situation.
- 3 The writer suggests that the sight of a bear ...
 - A would make everybody either run or freeze.
 - B would produce different emotional reactions depending on the context.
 - C would trigger a permanent rush of adrenaline.
- 4 In the final paragraph, the writer says that horror movies ...
 - A are popular because they are less expensive to watch.
 - B are liked by Hollywood studios partly because they are successful overseas.
 - C make more money than other movies.
- 5 The main purpose of the article is to ...
 - A explain why more horror movies are being made.
 - B describe how some people are afraid of horror movies.
 - C explore fear and why it appeals to certain people.

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