

Units 7–12 Test A

Name: _____

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A Listen to Carla, Jerry, and Michelle complaining about things that people do.

Then check (✓) the correct answers. [4 POINTS]

1. Carla's friend _____.
 - ☐ a. gave her book away
 - ☐ b. wrote in her book
 - ☐ c. got her book dirty
 - ☐ d. hated her book
2. Carla believes that people should _____.
 - ☐ a. apologize for borrowing things without asking first
 - ☐ b. replace things they've damaged
 - ☐ c. ask for permission to keep things
 - ☐ d. give things back right away
3. Jerry would like his friends to _____.
 - ☐ a. do what they say they'll do
 - ☐ b. call him on the phone
 - ☐ c. invite him to their parties
 - ☐ d. come to see him more often
4. Michelle's friend Jennifer _____.
 - ☐ a. got angry with her
 - ☐ b. went shopping alone
 - ☐ c. lied about her plans
 - ☐ d. had to work

B Choose the word from the box that best completes each sentence. Not all of the words will be used. [5 POINTS]

compassion	honesty	knowledge	patience
discretion	indifference	originality	resourcefulness

1. I'm amazed by Ada's _____. She's only 10, but she has the vocabulary of an adult.
2. The artist is known for her _____. Her paintings are totally unique.
3. You must have _____ to learn a language. It takes a long time to speak it really well.
4. Ed is known for his _____. If he doesn't have the right tools for a job, he'll find another way to get it done.
5. Unfortunately, there are many poor people in the world. By donating money, you show you have _____ for others.

C Check (✓) the word that best completes each sentence. [5 POINTS]

1. Making waves is one way to get attention, but you don't have to be _____ to stand out in a crowd.
☐ a. rebellious ☐ b. amenable ☐ c. conventional
2. I'm going to travel for two weeks with my roommate. I hope we don't _____ each other up the wall.
☐ a. get ☐ b. drive ☐ c. make
3. Before Harry decides what to do, he likes to _____ all the alternatives.
☐ a. explore ☐ b. organize ☐ c. solve
4. When I travel, I try to find a hotel with _____ so I can use my laptop to email friends at home.
☐ a. spyware ☐ b. podcasts ☐ c. Wi-Fi
5. People who are self-_____ usually find it easy to live in a foreign country.
☐ a. judgmental ☐ b. sensitive ☐ c. reliant

D Complete the paragraph. Use the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

Sometimes more than one answer is possible. [5 POINTS]

Today's children are growing up to be tomorrow's technology experts. I wish I (1) _____ (be) exposed to computers more when I was a child. If I had learned to use a computer early, it (2) _____ (be) easier for me to do research when I was in college. Today, many more Internet resources (3) _____ (make) available to children at school and at home than when I was younger. In the future, more and more schools (4) _____ (connect) to the Internet. Wouldn't it be great if every school in the world (5) _____ (have) access to the Internet? Then everyone could take advantage of this wonderful tool.

E Match the clauses to make logical sentences. [6 POINTS]

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| 1. How people can be so unethical _____ | a. could be a good influence on other people. |
| 2. If only I had _____ | b. is a complete mystery to me. |
| 3. Someone with strong values _____ | c. whether or not my children will grow up to have the same values I have. |
| 4. I wonder _____ | d. I had spent more time doing my homework in high school. |
| 5. Something that really bothers me _____ | e. paid more attention to what my parents told me! |
| 6. I wish that _____ | f. is young people who don't treat their elders with respect. |

F Jill just started college and is thinking about her high school experiences.

Check (✓) the correct words to complete the sentences. [5 POINTS]

- Her classes _____ be very difficult in high school.
☐ a. would ☐ b. wouldn't ☐ c. didn't use to
- She wishes she _____ harder classes in high school.
☐ a. took ☐ b. had taken ☐ c. was taking
- Now she understands that anyone _____ to go to college needs to be well prepared.
☐ a. want ☐ b. wanted ☐ c. wanting
- If she had learned to write better in high school, she _____ a composition course right now.
☐ a. not taking ☐ b. wouldn't be taking ☐ c. wasn't taking
- She couldn't take a philosophy course in high school, _____ she's taking one now.
☐ a. which is why ☐ b. furthermore ☐ c. up until then

G Complete Rick's email with expressions from the box. Not all of the expressions will be used. Sometimes more than one answer is possible. [5 POINTS]

even if	if	whether
except for	unlike	which is why

Hi, Kim,

Sorry I've been so out of touch. I wonder (1) _____ you've heard about the terrible time I've been having lately. I had always lived with two or three roommates in a dorm room on campus. But I wanted to be more independent, (2) _____ I moved into my own apartment. Unfortunately, the apartments around here are very expensive, and they always require a deposit. (3) _____ some of our friends, I just didn't have enough money to get my own place. I had to advertise for a roommate. Well, I found a roommate all right – what a disaster! Now the roommate's gone, but I love this apartment. I would stay here (4) _____ I had to pay the full rent myself for the rest of the year. My big concern is (5) _____ I'll be able to afford it. But I just can't face the idea of moving again so soon!

Rick

H Correct the underlined mistakes by writing the correct forms. Sometimes more than one answer is possible. [6 POINTS]

1. It isn't amazing that my grandfather just turned 90 years old a few days ago?

2. Right now, a big celebration is preparing for him next Saturday.

3. His big concern is whether he is being as healthy as he is now in another 10 years, but he is hopeful.

4. He feels that anyone wants to live a long life needs to follow a healthy lifestyle.

5. By next spring, Grandpa will live in a wonderful retirement community for 10 years.

6. If he isn't moving there, he probably wouldn't be so active and independent now.

I Read the article. Then check (✓) the correct answers. [5 POINTS]

Long plane trips can be tiring, and jet lag and fatigue are often problems for travelers crossing several time zones. Fortunately, there are things you can do both during and after a long flight that can help reduce travel-related discomforts.

During the flight

- *Keep busy.* Boredom makes time drag and gives you the chance to focus on your discomfort. Instead, help pass the time by reading a book or magazine, watching a movie, listening to music, or talking to the person next to you.

- *Drink lots of fluids and eat light meals.* The longer the flight, the more the dry air in the cabin will dehydrate you. Drinking about one glass of water or juice an hour can counteract this dryness.

- *Make yourself comfortable.* Wear loose-fitting clothing and sit comfortably. Proper sitting helps minimize aches, pains, back soreness, and swollen feet. Avoid crossing your legs, and occasionally walk up and down the aisle to stretch your legs.

- *Get a good seat.* Request a seat over the wing. These seats can be comfortable because this is usually the steadiest part of the plane, and you'll probably feel less motion than in other seats. Sitting in an aisle seat will make it easier for you to get up from your seat, and exit-row seats will give you more legroom.

- *Avoid ear pain.* Reduce inner-ear pressure during takeoff and landing by chewing gum or sucking on hard candy.

- *Sleep.* If possible, sleep during night flights, but limit yourself to very short naps on day flights.

After arrival

There is no single effective cure for jet lag. However, medications or environmental treatments such as setting your watch to the destination time zone when you take off, eating and sleeping at the local times right away, and adjusting your body clock before you go by changing your bedtime may help.

1. According to the article, "keeping busy" during a flight helps you _____.
 - ☐ a. forget about how uncomfortable you may be feeling
 - ☐ b. do things you don't get a chance to do at home
 - ☐ c. stay in one place without moving
2. Which of these statements is correct according to the text?
 - ☐ a. You get more dehydrated on longer flights.
 - ☐ b. You get more dehydrated in large planes.
 - ☐ c. You get more dehydrated when you eat light meals.
3. Which of these things would probably make air travelers uncomfortable?
 - ☐ a. uncrossing their legs
 - ☐ b. taking off their shoes
 - ☐ c. wearing tight clothes
4. In which part of the plane will a passenger feel the least amount of motion?
 - ☐ a. in an aisle seat
 - ☐ b. near the exit
 - ☐ c. over the wing
5. According to the article, one way to deal with jet lag is to _____.
 - ☐ a. avoid taking medication on the plane
 - ☐ b. adjust your bedtime before the trip
 - ☐ c. check your watch regularly during the flight

J Ray wrote this composition about his parents. Read the composition and then check (✓) the correct answers. [4 POINTS]

_____ That's hardly surprising if you know something about their background, because they met while taking an art class in college together. However, they are artistic in different ways.

Of the two, my father is probably the more innovative. He was trained as an architect and is able to look at problems in different ways. In fact, he usually has so many different ideas that it's difficult for him to find just *one* solution to a problem. Take the house I grew up in, which he designed. He came up with a great plan and built it that way, but after it was finished, he wasn't happy with it for long. He decided he wanted to try a new design. He kept working on that house the whole time we lived there.

My mother is a fashion designer. She's also very artistic, but in a different way. When she's designing, she thinks about what she wants for a while and then usually makes just one design. However, it's a very good design. Generally speaking, you could say that she's more practical than my father. Perhaps that's why my mother is the one who _____.

I like to think I'm similar to both my parents. I have an artistic side, but I'm practical, too. I guess you could say that both of those sides are reflected in the career path I've chosen – I just started my own business designing websites.

1. What is the best thesis statement for the first paragraph?
☐ a. I don't understand my parents.
☐ b. My parents are completely different from me.
☐ c. I rarely see my parents.
☐ d. Both my parents are artistic and talented.
2. In the second paragraph, Ray describes _____.
☐ a. the place where his father grew up
☐ b. his father's personality
☐ c. his father's problems
☐ d. his relationship with his father
3. Which phrase best completes the last sentence in the third paragraph?
☐ a. became a fashion designer
☐ b. handles the money in the family
☐ c. married my father
☐ d. is more artistic
4. In the fourth paragraph, Ray _____.
☐ a. compares his parents with each other
☐ b. summarizes what he has written
☐ c. talks about his own personality
☐ d. explains his goals for the future