

Units 1–6 Test A

Name: _____

Date: _____ Score: _____ / 50 points

A **Listen to a talk about the musician Robert Johnson. Then check (✓) the correct answers. [5 POINTS]**

1. The blues is a style of music that was started _____.
 - ☐ a. in Africa
 - ☐ b. by Robert Johnson
 - ☐ c. in the southern United States
 - ☐ d. by the Rolling Stones
2. According to the speaker, there are not many facts known about Robert Johnson's life because _____.
 - ☐ a. he recorded so few songs
 - ☐ b. his recordings no longer exist
 - ☐ c. people didn't investigate his life much before the 1960s
 - ☐ d. he didn't like to be photographed
3. Johnson's guitar playing began to get noticed when _____.
 - ☐ a. he traveled to San Antonio, Texas
 - ☐ b. he was about 20 years old
 - ☐ c. a few photographs of him were found
 - ☐ d. the Rolling Stones played his music
4. Robert Johnson _____.
 - ☐ a. recorded only 16 songs
 - ☐ b. released all of the songs he recorded
 - ☐ c. joined the Rolling Stones
 - ☐ d. participated in two recording sessions
5. According to the speaker, after his death in 1938, Johnson's music was _____.
 - ☐ a. forgotten
 - ☐ b. recorded by Keith Richards
 - ☐ c. lost and never recovered
 - ☐ d. appreciated by many people

- B Complete the paragraph with adjectives from the box that are closest in meaning to the words in parentheses. Not all of the words will be used. [6 POINTS]**

admirable	elegant	misleading
arrogant	engrossing	plausible
eccentric	frumpy	sympathetic

Doris felt awkward when she arrived at her neighbor's party last month. Everyone was wearing (1) _____ (sophisticated) clothes, while the dress Doris had on was unfashionable and (2) _____ (sloppy). Doris saw a woman who was very chic and seemed (3) _____ (too confident). But appearances can be (4) _____ (confusing). When Doris met the woman, she noticed that she had a (5) _____ (kind) face. They talked a lot at the party and became good friends. They are opposite in every way, so to some, their friendship doesn't seem (6) _____ (believable), but they get along very well and always have fun together.

- C Read what Myrna says about how she shops for clothes. Then complete the paragraph with verbs from the box. Not all of the verbs will be used. [4 POINTS]**

avoid	enjoy	help
discourage	forbid	refuse

I don't have much money to buy new clothes, but I (1) _____ to have an old-fashioned style. I can't (2) _____ disagreeing when people say that it's impossible to dress well on a small budget; it just takes more work. Not having much money doesn't (3) _____ me from shopping – it just makes me use my imagination more when I shop! Fortunately, I (4) _____ wearing quirky color combinations, and it's easy to find inexpensive things in different colors.

D Check (✓) the expression that best completes each sentence. [5 POINTS]

1. Harold wrote a fascinating movie script. It was _____.
☐ a. formulaic
☐ b. riveting
☐ c. clichéd
2. I let my brother handle my finances because I know he's completely _____.
☐ a. trustworthy
☐ b. sinister
☐ c. intense
3. Rosa said she didn't know about our party, but that sounds _____ to me.
I talked to her about it several times.
☐ a. credible
☐ b. convincing
☐ c. fishy
4. We watched an interesting late-night _____, where the host interviewed three famous actors.
☐ a. soap opera
☐ b. drama series
☐ c. talk show
5. I enjoy listening to music with _____. Slow songs make me feel calm and relaxed.
☐ a. soothing rhythms
☐ b. a frenetic pace
☐ c. an exhilarating tempo

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

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| 1. Sandra tends _____ | a. a vegetarian diet is the healthiest choice. |
| 2. She decided to _____ | b. trying a vegetarian restaurant again. |
| 3. Her friends encouraged _____ | c. was that all of the food on her plate was raw. |
| 4. They said it is claimed that _____ | d. to eat too much junk food. |
| 5. What she noticed right away _____ | e. her to eat at a vegetarian restaurant. |
| 6. She probably won't consider _____ | f. change her eating habits. |

F Check (✓) the expression that best completes each conversation. [5 POINTS]

1. A: I'm not crazy about hip-hop music.
B: Oh. In that case, you _____ won't enjoy the new CD I bought.
☐ a. mainly ☐ b. surprisingly ☐ c. probably
2. A: What do you think of the new Norah Jones CD?
B: I think it's _____ a great album that I plan to buy it!
☐ a. such ☐ b. so ☐ c. more
3. A: I think children should be required to study music.
B: I agree. _____ children start studying music, the better they'll understand it.
☐ a. Soon ☐ b. As soon ☐ c. The sooner
4. A: I hear Ms. Denning's music class is very popular.
B: Yes, it's _____ popular that there's a waiting list to get in.
☐ a. such ☐ b. so ☐ c. more
5. A: Have you seen Sarah recently?
B: Yes. I _____ at a concert just the other day.
☐ a. ran into ☐ b. ran into her ☐ c. ran her into

G Put the words in order to make sentences about Bob. Sometimes more than one answer is possible. [4 POINTS]

1. parents / him / Bob's / to watch / would like / less TV

2. he watches, / time / the more / for other things / the less / TV / he has

3. he'd / rather / not surprisingly, / watch TV / than / his homework / do

4. to watch / what / game shows / likes / he / is / sitcoms and

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

1. Have finished watching a drama series, Carol decided to start watching comedies.

2. When Lee borrows something, he doesn't hang it on to for very long.

3. The novel was such popular that producers wanted to turn it into a movie.

4. Best movies are the ones you keep thinking about after you see them.

5. It is reporting that people who are empathetic have strong friendships.

6. When I was younger, I will go to concerts almost every weekend.

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

It has long been believed that certain individuals have special powers to perceive things that none of the rest of us can observe. Belief in this process, sometimes called extrasensory perception, or ESP, was especially strong in the nineteenth century. But can the existence of ESP be verified?

The psychologist and philosopher William James, brother of novelist Henry James, was one of the first to investigate ESP scientifically. Beginning in 1885, he and several colleagues studied a woman in Boston named Mrs. Piper. It was claimed that Mrs. Piper could give accurate details about events she had never witnessed. Although James and his colleagues studied Mrs. Piper for more than 20 years, they were unable to completely prove or disprove the truth of the claims.

Joseph Banks Rhine, a psychology professor at Duke University, was another investigator of ESP. In 1930, Rhine started a laboratory for the study of psychic phenomena. At his center, Rhine studied people who were said to have special powers of perception. To aid him with his investigations, Rhine devised a set of cards printed with special symbols. Concealing the cards from his subjects' view, he had them guess which symbols were on the cards. It appeared that certain subjects were able to guess the correct symbols more often than other people. From these results, Rhine concluded that these individuals had ESP. However, not everyone agreed with his conclusions. Some critics later charged that some of Rhine's subjects had been able to guess the symbols because of other marks they saw on the cards.

Recent investigations, which have involved the use of computers and other modern technology, have still not established the existence of ESP. From the thousands of studies of psychic phenomena that have been completed, not one offers proof that is acceptable to the scientific community. Nevertheless, many people continue to believe in ESP.

1. What is the best title for this article?
☐ a. "Does ESP Exist?"
☐ b. "What Does ESP Mean?"
☐ c. "I Believe in ESP."
2. According to the article, people have believed for a long time that _____.
☐ a. some people have special powers
☐ b. ESP cannot be studied
☐ c. ESP was more common in the nineteenth century
3. Which statement about William James isn't true?
☐ a. He was a psychologist and a philosopher.
☐ b. He investigated Mrs. Piper for over two decades.
☐ c. He proved that Mrs. Piper was telling the truth.
4. Joseph Banks Rhine _____.
☐ a. worked in William James's laboratory
☐ b. used special cards in his experiments
☐ c. believed that most people had ESP
5. Recent investigations of ESP have _____.
☐ a. shown the value of computers in studying ESP
☐ b. failed to prove its existence
☐ c. surprised the scientific community

J Read the thesis statements and supporting examples. In each item, one supporting example does not belong. Check (✓) the inappropriate example.

[4 POINTS]

1. *Thesis statement:* While I was growing up, a number of people had an important effect on my life.
 - ☐ a. my father, who taught me how to run a business
 - ☐ b. a childhood friend, who got me interested in music
 - ☐ c. my children, whom I am teaching to follow my example
 - ☐ d. a high school teacher, who encouraged me in my studies
2. *Thesis statement:* People have many concerns about privacy when using the Internet.
 - ☐ a. figures that show the top issues people worry about when online
 - ☐ b. technology that has made the Internet faster
 - ☐ c. people's level of discomfort when using unprotected sites for purchases
 - ☐ d. worries people have about using social networking sites
3. *Thesis statement:* There are a variety of superstitions regarding plants and animals.
 - ☐ a. lettuce, which was believed to make people fall in love
 - ☐ b. lucky and unlucky days of the week in different cultures
 - ☐ c. sailors' superstitions about the albatross, a sea bird
 - ☐ d. black cats, which have been considered unlucky
4. *Thesis statement:* A survey of TV viewing habits indicates that Americans are watching more TV than ever before.
 - ☐ a. the figures that show how much TV Americans watch
 - ☐ b. the types of programs that have broken viewing records
 - ☐ c. the corresponding decline in hours spent on other activities
 - ☐ d. the many young Americans participating in team sports