Q SKILLS – 1 – READING/WRITING
UNIT 1 – 4 – MIDTERM EXAM - REVISION

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I. Reading Comprehension

A. **Read the interview about the video game industry. Then choose the correct answer for each question.**

The right person for the job?

Would you like to work in the video game industry? Here, Ganesh, the manager of a successful video game company, Creative Software, tells our reporter Ali about the people that his company employs.

Ali: Ganesh, thanks for talking to us. As you know, these days many people like playing video games and would like to work in the industry. Can you tell us something about the work that people do in your company?

Ganesh: Yes, of course. There are several different jobs that people can do, and the different jobs need different skills. For example, some people write the computer programs for the games. Some people test the new games. We have creative game designers who think of new games. (5)* _____. And of course, there are managers who look after the teams working on different games.

Ali: Well, those jobs all need different skills, I suppose? What abilities do you look for in your employees?

Ganesh: Well, we expect everyone coming into the company to have a good education. For example, to be a game developer, you should study computer programming in college. We want people who can write computer programs. But if

you've played a lot of games in your free time, and so have experience with games, that's also useful.

Ali: So where's a good place to start for people who are new to jobs in this area?

Ganesh: Well, many people start their careers as game testers. This is real work. It's not playing games all day. (6)* ____. The game tester looks for problems with a new game. It's a really important job. We don't want to sell games that don't work well.

Ali: So what type of person is suitable as a game tester?

Ganesh: We look for people who can focus for a long time, and who don't get bored quickly. You should also be able to write well. Writing reports on problems in games is quite difficult. (7)* ____. We want people who will work hard, and who like to work in a team. We want people who have a positive attitude.

Ali: And what about jobs higher up, then? What skills do you need?

Ganesh: After you have experience as a tester in our company, you can become a manager – what we call a "game producer." Game producers plan the work schedules and support their teams. The game producer must make sure the team has everything they need. To be a good producer, you need to have good planning skills. You should be able to communicate well. It's also useful if you're good with numbers as you have to look after the money.

Ali: Well, thanks, Ganesh. That is very useful information for people interested in working with video games.

1. What information does the interview aim to give you?
   A.   How to apply for a job in a video games company.
   B.   The skills needed to work at *Creative Software*.
   C.   How much people enjoy video games.

2. Which of these activities do people do at *Creative Software*?

A. Sell video games.

B. Study programming.

C. Create video games.

3. What kind of person is suitable for a job as a game tester?

A. Someone who prefers to work on their own.

B. Someone who has no experience in video game jobs.

C. Someone who likes to manage other people.

4. What kind of person is suitable for a job as game producer?

A. Someone who is organized.

B. Someone who is creative.

C. Someone who can write good reports.

B. **Read these supporting statements. The statements go in the places marked with a numbered * in the passage. Write the correct letter for each numbered *. There is one more statement than you need.**

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

a. It's not the same as writing on social media.

b. The producer makes sure everyone works together to develop a good product.

c. You learn a lot about video games.

d. We also have engineers who make the sounds and music.

C. **Match these skills with their jobs. There is one more job than you need.**

8. ____ Writing software programs

9. ____ Writing reports

10. ____ Making plans

a. game designer

b. game tester

c. game developer

d. game producer

II. Vocabulary

A. Match each word with the correct definition. There is one more definition than you need.

11. match	a. something important that happens
12. event	b. to stop someone or something from doing something
13. likely	c. to try to make someone believe something that is not true
14. benefit	d. connected with being with other people
15. interrupt	e. an advantage or useful effect that something has
16. social	f. to put together two things that belong together
	g. expected to happen

B. Complete the paragraph about teams with the correct words from the word bank. There is one more word than you need.
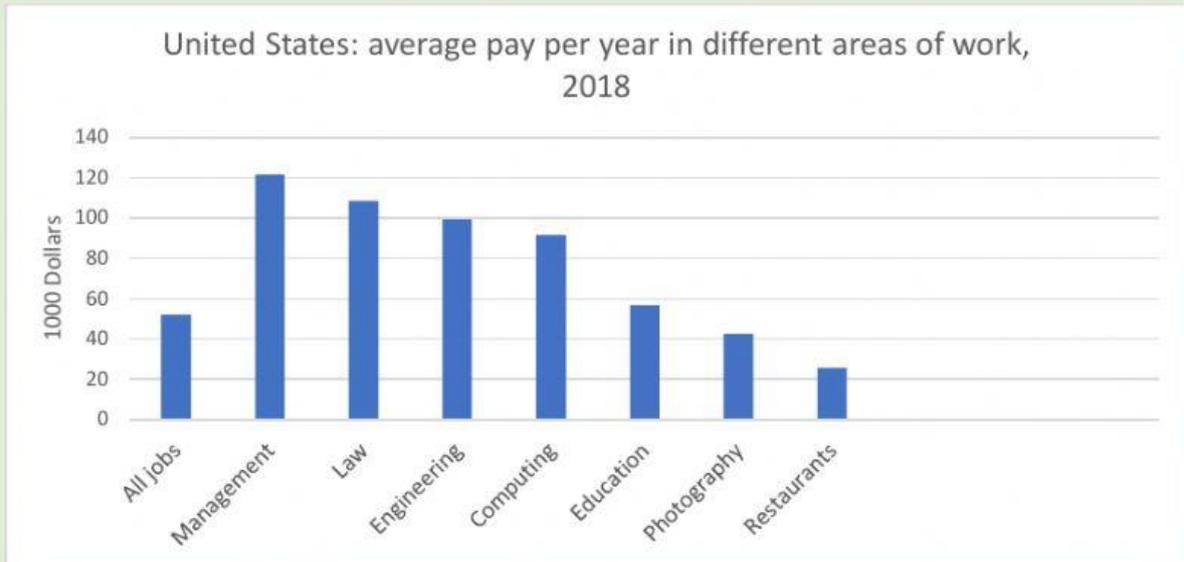
provide   decision   solution   serious   success   prevent   positive

There are several different types of people in the best teams. A researcher named Belbin called one type of person a "Monitor-evaluator." On the (17) _____ side, these are (18) _____ and thoughtful people. If there is a problem in the team, they will think carefully about a possible (19) _____. Their job is to try to (20) _____ anything bad from happening. On the negative side, they may be rather slow when making a (21) _____, and they may not be creative. But they work hard for the (22) _____ of the team.

III. Reading Skill: Identify the topic sentence; understand charts, graphs, and tables

23. Choose the best topic sentence for the paragraph about work in the United States, A or B. Then complete the paragraph using words or numbers from the bar graph.

> **A.** The bar graph shows how many people worked in several different areas in 2018 in the United States.
> **B.** The bar graph shows how many dollars people earned in different types of jobs in the United States in 2018.

United States: average pay per year in different areas of work, 2018

(23) _____. As we can see, the average pay for everyone was about (24) _____. The people who made the most money worked in (25) _____. Their average pay was (26) _____. After this were lawyers, who made over (27) _____. In some other jobs, pay was also above the average. Engineers' average pay was exactly (28) _____, while people in (29) _____ earned around $90,000. In education, pay was just a little more than the average, at just under (30) _____. The areas of work that had the lowest levels of pay were in restaurants and (31) _____. People working in restaurants made just over (32) _____ for the year.

24. _____

25. _____

26. _____

27. _____

28. _____

29. _____

30. _____

31. _____

32. _____

IV. Vocabulary Skill

   A. Complete the sentences with words from the word bank. There is one more word than you need.

      schedule   recognize   practice   research   multinational   memorize

33. I didn't _____ her because she was wearing sunglasses.

34. With a lot of _____, you will be able to improve your English language skills.

35. A _____ is a very big company that has offices all over the world.

36. At the moment I can't change my work _____, so I can't take a vacation.

37. It is a good idea to _____ online for jobs in your local area.

   B. The underlined word is not correct in these sentences. Write the correct form of the word.

38. You should always use sunscreen to <u>protection</u> against the sun.

_____

39. Video game companies are always looking for people who can <u>creative</u> new games.

_____

40. Learning is about making <u>connects</u> between different parts of the brain.

_____

41.I'm afraid this exercise is too <u>difficulty</u> for me.

_____

42.It is human <u>natural</u> to laugh at things that are funny.

_____

V. Writing Skill

A. Complete the paragraph about stress with the sentences below. There is one more sentence than you need.

(43) _____. It helps to keep them safe. When there is a dangerous situation, there is a physical response in the body. (44) _____. But too much stress is not good. It can cause problems for the system that protects against illness. (45) _____. It can also have a bad effect on the heart. People often complain about stress because it is not a comfortable feeling. (46) _____.

   a. They don't always understand that stress can have benefits, too.

   b. This helps the human or the animal to run away or to stay and fight.

   c. People may want to laugh when they are embarrassed.

   d. It can make people feel worried and tired.

   e. Stress is an important system for all animals, including people.

B. Complete the sentence with _but_ or _so_.

47. Many people believe that new babies do not smile, _____ research shows that this is not true.

48. Laughing with other people is a social activity, _____ parents like to play silly games with their children.

49. Some people believe it is possible to multitask, _____ actually they are quite wrong.

50. Learning a new language requires a lot of practice, _____ it takes a long time to speak it well.

VI. Grammar

A. Complete the paragraph about learning with the correct form of the word(s) in parentheses. Add words where necessary.

Last week Ibrahim (51) _____ (need) learn new words for his English course. But he (52) _____ (not/ want) spend time a lot of working. He (53) _____ (discover) some new research about the benefits of doing nothing for a short time when learning something. So he (54) _____ (sit) down quietly to meditate for 15 minutes. The results (55) _____ (be) very good, indeed. After the meditation, he (56) _____ (remember) all the new words easily.

51. _____

52. _____

53. _____
54. _____

55. _____

56. _____