AIOE ADVANCED – UNIT 3 AND 4

Name:

1 Complete the text with the words and phrases in the box. There are two extra.

amusement	awe-inspiring	bustling	highwaymen	hordes	in-your-face	magic	make way
on top of one another	put a finger	scarring	tacky				

Spectacularly situated at the foot of the mountains, the city is full of contrasts and contradictions, and it's difficult to (1) _____ on exactly what makes it so extra-special. The first thing that strikes the first-time visitor is the sheer (2) _____ energy of the place. As you fly into the city's airport, you can catch a truly (3) _____ glimpse of modern skyscrapers, their glass and metal sides glitering in the sunlight. There (4) _____ towers are in the city's financial district. (5) _____ day and night with business people rushing and losing fortunes. Sadly, thirty years ago, many old houses were cleared in this area to (6) _____ for the new. However, to the south of the river is the old part of the city, where you'll find a (7) _____ collection of narrow streets and ancient buildings, where people live (8) _____ in crowded and vibrant neighborhoods. This is the city's most popular tourist area, and parts of it (or even beds are crammed with stalls selling (9) _____ souvenirs. (of the city's most famous sieve. If you take the time to wander off the beaten track, very soon the city will start to work its (10) _____ on you.

2 Select the correct words.

a) We saw some **food-ups / eateries / street musicians** in the subway tunnel. They sounded awful!

b) If you're looking for a great nightclub, the Ultrasonage is probably your best **sleg / song and dance / bet.** It's so much fun!

c) Hey! Let's **bowl / eyeball / check out** this café over there. It looks interesting.

d) After **gorging / enjoying / feeding up** ourselves on pizza, we didn't feel like dessert.

e) The hotel is **easily / handily / conveniently** located near all the nightlife of the city.

3 Match the hedging expressions (a–e) with their equivalents (1–5).

a) It is not known	1) There is strong evidence
b) There's no question	2) There is fairly strong evidence
c) It is commonly accepted	3) There is worldwide evidence
d) It is uncertain	4) There is weak evidence
e) There is some doubt	5) There is no evidence

4 Replace the underlined words with hedging expressions that include the words in parentheses.

a) There is very strong evidence that the economy is now recovering from recession. (appear)

_____

b) The results of our survey may provide evidence that many people have in fired a drop in income. (seem)

_____

c) Most people think that public transportation is currently overstretched. (recognized)

_____

d) We don't think there are any opponents to this initiative. (not believed)

_____

5 Complete each sentence so that it means the same as the sentence above.

a) It's unusual for me to take the bus to work.
Rarely
_____

b) You will not have had such a fun meal before.
Never before
_____

c) You shouldn't miss seeing a Broadway show while you're in New York.
On no account
_____

d) She took my car, and she drove it all the way to Paris, too!
Not only
_____

e) When they arrive, they will appreciate the beautiful location of the hotel.
Not until
_____

6 Complete the conversation by writing phrases using the correct form of the words in parentheses and adding other words if necessary.

Paul: What do you think of the new office building?

Jane: It's so ugly. What I really (1) _____ (not / like / about) is that it looks as if it's inside out. All the pipes are on the outside!

Paul: Well, I didn't like it at first either, but it's really grown on me.

Jane: Really? Not me. The (2) _____ (building / like / best) is the city hall.

Paul: Hmm. I m not sure that's my favorite, but it's very impressive.

Jane: I love everything about it, but (3) _____ (thing / like / most) its boldness.

Paul: (4) _____ (do / dominate) the skyline somewhat. A lot of people were outraged when it was built!

Jane: Yes, (5) _____ (do / attract) a lot of comment at the time. Well, whatever you think of it, it's a real statement!

7 Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

a) Oliver Wendell Holmes's axes of Boston has changed very little. ____
b) Boston in Holmes's time was less dirty and crowded than today. ____
c) People didn't use to realize that many diseases were spread by germs. ____
d) Holmes's son was a famous doctor. ____
e) Holmes's house was destroyed during the American Revolutionary War. ____

"At heart of the world beats under the three hills of Boston," So said Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., the American doctor and writer who created the "Brahmian Table" essays about life in Boston, published in the 1930s. But, even he also today, would Holmes say the same thing about his beloved city? It is unlikely that he would even recognize the modern development and office blocks that have sprung up in the area around his old home at 8 Montgomery Place – even the name of his street has changed, to "Bowditch Street". So, what was Holmes's Boston like?

Even then, the city of Boston was a bustling, thriving commercial center and port. Not only was it the largest city in the USA at that time, but it was also a literary and culture hub. Famous writers from the Boston area, some of whom were Holmes's friends, included Benjamin Franklin, Edgar Allen Poe, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Robert Lowell, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Holmes contributed to (and came up with the name for) the literary magazine The Atlantic Monthly, which continues to this day.

While Holmes was a fairly well-off gentleman, and lived in a part of the city that boasted wide avenues and leafy squares, brownstone, and coffee houses, for the city's less fortunate residents, life was very different indeed. This was a time of increasing migration, with many people coming from the countryside to the city in search of work, as well as immigration, with thousands of Europeans, particularly the Irish, moving to the city during this industrial period of factories, mills, and railroad construction. The consequence of this was that the city became heavily populated, and living conditions for the poor were overcrowded and unsanitary.

At the time, it was widely believed that diseases were spread by bad air, but Holmes wrote an essay in 1843 arguing that a certain type of fever, which killed many women after childbirth, was being spread by doctors to other women by physical contact. He was one of the first supporters of sterilizing medical equipment and clothing, and wearing masks between patients.Of course, Boston was important long before Holmes's time, too. It is considered to be the "birthplace of the American Revolution," and several key events took place there in the 1700s, including the "Boston Massacre" and the "Boston Tea Party." There is some evidence that these two events were chiefly responsible for uniting the rebellious British colonists and starting the Revolutionary War.

It is unlikely that modern-day residents of Boston would recognize much of Holmes's city, let alone the colonial city before the Revolutionary War. After the city began to decline in the 1950s, factories and mills closed down and became empty, derelict eyesores. During the mid century, many historic buildings were demolished and replaced by new public housing developments and high-rise office buildings. Today, Boston's soaring skyline is second only to that of New York City in the north-eastern United States.

Although Holmes's home has changed beyond recognition, you can still see the house where his son, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., lived, in nearby Beverly, Massachusetts. Holmes Junior was an famous in his father, graduating from Harvard Law School and going on the well-known expression "a clear and present danger" while serving as a US Supreme Court justice.

While it is not known what Holmes, Sr. would have made of Boston today, the city he loved is just as great, inspiring, appealing, and culturally and intellectually important now as it ever was.

Listening

[Track 06]

8 Listen to Andy and Sara talking about where they live. Select the correct words.

a) Andy thinks Detroit **is a great place to live / a good place for going out and having fun / a bad place to be when you haven't got any money.**

b) The thing Andy enjoyed most about living in the city was **the exciting pace of life / he earned a lot of money / having plenty to do.**

c) Andy has **taken a short time to adjust to life in the countryside / ended not ever living in a city again / resigned himself to the neighbors' gossip.**

d) Sara **doesn't like peace and quiet / on the whole enjoys life where she lives / can't wait to move to a bigger city.**

e) In the town where she used to live, Sara **thought the people were arrogant / didn't really fit in / enjoyed gossiping with the other villagers.**

9 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. There are two extra words.

anecdote	fable	fairy tale	legend	mystery	myth	news story	short story

a) Many _____ are about children finding themselves alone in a magical forest.
b) Do you know the _____ of the rabbit and the fox? It teaches us not to tell lies.
c) Rick told us a very funny _____ about the time he missed the bus.
d) In Norse _____, Odin is the Father of the Gods. Thor is his son.
e) His collection of _____ were made into a series of TV dramas.
f) A local _____ says that the king is buried in this hill with 1,000 horses.

10 Select the correct alternative.

a) They didn't believe a word of his **cock-and-bull story / old wives' tale.**
b) She told us all about **short story / sob story** about why her sister-in-law has been so curdles.
c) Somebody at work is a real **turtle-tale / tell-tale**. Mike's been found out he's been leaving early, and he's in big trouble.
d) How did I make my fortune? Well, it **cut a long story short / it's a long story.**
e) Another Edsel romance. It's the **story of my life / a sob story.**

11 Replace the underlined words with the correct form of the words in the box. There are two extra words.

cynical	gullible	make-out	plausible	swallow	trick	unscrupulous

a) His story wasn't really that credible. I didn't believe it, anyway!
b) Do you think Lisa is so naive that she would be taken in by someone like Roy?
c) My parents completely fell for my excuse.
d) I have always suspected that Josh would be capable of dishonest behavior.
e) The boys tried to pretend that they didn't know about the broken window.

12 Select the correct alternative.

a) I was just about **stepping / to step / to have stepped** off the curb when I saw the car.
b) I didn't realize it at the time, but it **was to be / was to have been / was being** one of the best decisions I ever made!
c) They were hoping **arriving / to arrive / to have arrived** on time, but they were two hours late.
d) Eve **thought / had been thinking / had thought** about quitting her job when she was offered a promotion.
e) It **was / was to be / was to have been** the biggest event of the year, but it was canceled at the last minute.
f) Clyde was on the verge of **to have signed / signing / signed** the papers when he received news that his offer had been accepted.

13 Complete the text using the words and phrases in the box.

for example	in other words	in particular	likewise	or at least	so	such as	too

Across the many countries of the world and in different cultures, traditional fairy tales often share common elements and have similar themes. (1) _____, what are these themes, and what do they mean? The conflict of good and evil, often embodied by a struggle between a hero or heroine and some darker force, recurs in many tales. In iconic stories, (2) _____, the one about Cinderella, this is represented as a bad parent; and in the story of Snow White, it's a wicked witch. Dangerous creatures, (3) _____ snakes, dragons, and wolves, also feature in many stories. (4) _____, animals or people that take on a different form or disguise themselves. These shape-shifters often have magical properties, (5) _____ that maybe the strongest theme of all is the triumph of the little people over figures of authority. (6) _____, a poor girl marrying a prince; a poor boy discovering he is the rightful heir to a vast fortune or a kingdom; neglected and hungry children finding a new home with loving parents, (7) _____ a well-stocked pantry. (8) _____, the poor and disadvantaged rise above their station in life to find health, wealth, and happiness. And they all live happily ever after.

14 Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box. There are two extra.

How scary!	I don't blame you!	Lucky you!	That's unlucky.	What a nightmare!
What a relief!	What a shame!			

John: What's the matter?

Louise: You remember I had my purse victim last weekend? It lost my keys and my wallet in it, credit cards, phone, everything. ... Anyway, I just found out someone used my credit-card number to buy lots of expensive electronic equipment on the internet.

John: Oh, no. (1) _____

Louise: Yuck. But because I reported the card as stolen, I won't be liable for the money.

John: (2) _____

Louise: And, another thing, I thought that someone was trying to get into my house last night, you know, with my keys.

John: (3) _____ You must have been terrified!

Louise: Yuck. But I'm getting the locks changed this morning.

John: (4) _____

Louise: Anyway, at least I'm going on vacation next week, and can just sit by the pool and relax.

John: (5) _____ Wish I could come with you!

Listening

[Track 08]

15 Listen to Jess telling Paul a story. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

a) Jess has never been to Busch Gardens. ____
b) The dad noticed one of the boys was missing while they were getting ready to leave. ____
c) The dad was furious when they finally found the lost boy. ____
d) The children were all tired after their long day. ____
e) Paul doesn't believe the story. ____

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