

Units 1–8 TEST A

Name: _____

Date: _____

Score: _____

A

Listen to the phone conversation. Check (✓) the correct answers. (2 POINTS)

1. In the morning, Rob was _____.
 cleaning his apartment
 feeding his fish
 packing his suitcase
2. Next week, Kate is going to _____.
 take care of Rob's apartment
 be out of town on vacation
 go on a trip with Rob

B

Listen to the people talking. Check (✓) the correct answers. (2 POINTS)

1. Grace is a person who _____.
 likes to have fun
 talks about politics
 is too serious
2. Sonia prefers it when people _____.
 don't talk about their problems
 can talk about different things
 keep changing the subject

C

Check (✓) the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence. (5 POINTS)

1. Keiko really wanted to go to Mike's party, so she _____ his invitation.
 turned down received accepted
2. Zach doesn't usually brag about his accomplishments. He tends to be pretty _____.
 modest inflexible egotistical
3. Valeria thinks the climate is changing. She's concerned about _____.
 global warming government corruption violence
4. My TV remote isn't working right. The buttons keep _____.
 sticking skipping flickering
5. I can't believe our team won the championship game. What a _____ for all the players on the team.
 disaster coincidence triumph

D

Circle the incorrect word in each sentence. Then write the correct word or words on the blank. (6 POINTS)

1. I think worked with children would not be a lot of fun. _____
2. A part-time tutor is not as well paid than a teacher. _____
3. If you work as a tour guide, you're expecting to like travel. _____
4. Would you rather meeting a politician or a journalist? _____
5. A good way to keep a job is by have a good attitude. _____
6. Melanie has worked as a server for two years before she became a chef. _____

E

Complete the paragraph with the correct words. (5 POINTS)

My old car has some problems that need to be _____ (fixed / fixing). First, one of the doors
 (1)
 is _____ (damage / damaged) where I had an accident last year. Inside, the seats are
 (2)
 _____ (tear / torn) in several places and need _____ (replacing / replaced). Finally,
 (3) (4)
 there is a _____ (leak / leaking) in one of the tires. With all these problems, I should probably
 (5)
 just buy a new car!

F

Match the parts to make logical sentences. (6 POINTS)

1. I like students _____	a. is to go to a lot of parties.
2. I can't stand it _____	b. that I'd like to know better.
3. I'd rather watch a DVD at someone's house _____	c. who are excited about learning.
4. The best way to meet new people _____	d. than staying at home.
5. Going out with friends is more interesting _____	e. when my friends don't answer my texts.
6. Jeremy is a person _____	f. than go out to the movies.

G

Read about the nuclear disaster at Fukushima. Then circle T (true) or F (false). (5 POINTS)

Fukushima Nuclear Disaster

Many people worry about the dangers that nuclear power plants pose for people and the environment. Nuclear power systems are designed to include many safety features, and almost all nuclear power plants work safely and efficiently. But natural disasters can happen.

One of the world's most recent and serious nuclear disasters occurred at a power plant in Fukushima, Japan. On March 11, 2011, several nuclear reactors at the Fukushima plant were damaged by a massive 8.9-magnitude earthquake and a huge 33-foot-high tsunami. After the earthquake struck, the reactor's cooling system lost power. When the cooling system failed, pressure in the reactor kept on rising, and radiation inside the plant rose to 1,000 times its normal level. The destroyed reactors were flooded with seawater in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent a nuclear meltdown.

Newspapers reported that approximately 160 people were exposed to radiation, and that three plant workers suffered from full radiation sickness. Over 200,000 people had to be evacuated from the area surrounding the site. Radiation from the nuclear plant even spread north and west toward the West Coast of the United States. It was detected by scientists in Sacramento, California, ten days later.

Fifty Fukushima plant workers remained on-site at the nuclear reactor after 750 other workers were evacuated. The jobs of these remaining workers were to prevent fires, keep the nuclear core cool with seawater, and install new power lines. These brave workers were limited to working in blocks of 15 minutes in high-radiation areas. All the workers wore special suits and masks to keep them as safe as possible.

1. T F Most nuclear power plants work safely and efficiently.
2. T F Only one reactor was damaged in the earthquake.
3. T F Nuclear radiation does not usually travel very far.
4. T F The Fukushima reactors avoided nuclear meltdown.
5. T F The plant workers didn't work in high-radiation areas.

H

Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb. (4 POINTS)

1. The streetlights _____ (repair) by city volunteers.
2. One way _____ (reduce) garbage is to recycle more.
3. Acid rain _____ (cause) by pollution from factories.
4. We can protect ourselves from skin cancer by _____ (limit) our exposure to the sun.

I

Complete the paragraph with the correct form of the verbs. (5 POINTS)

A thief stole my car last week while my wife and I _____ (shop) at a department store. (1)

I was very upset because I _____ (buy) the car the day before. Luckily, we _____ (2) (3)

(get) the car back right away because the police _____ (4) (catch) the thief while he

_____ (5) (program) the GPS system in the car!

J

Complete each response with the correct form of a verb from the box. (6 POINTS)

adjust	break	listen
ask	leave	study

1. A: Did you catch your plane last week?
B: No, I didn't. When I got to the airport, the flight _____ just _____.
2. A: The computer screen is very dark.
B: Hmm. Maybe the brightness control needs _____.
3. A: What's the matter with the light?
B: The switch is _____.
4. A: Would you rather take a biology or an earth science course?
B: I think I'd rather _____ earth science.
5. A: How can I learn vocabulary?
B: By _____ people about words you don't understand.
6. A: Would you like to be a music critic?
B: Why not? I'd love _____ to great music played by amazing bands!

K

Check (✓) the correct word or phrase to complete each request. (4 POINTS)

1. _____ you mind if I use your pen for a minute?
 Can Do Should
2. Could you tell Isabella not _____ rude to the guests?
 to be be being
3. Please ask Derek _____ we can do to help.
 if what whether
4. I wonder _____ you could take me home now.
 that when if