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MID-TERM EXAM CONNECTIVITY -LEVEL 5



READING

1) Read the article. Then choose the correct answer to each question, according to the information.

READY FOR A VOCATION VACATION?

Many people fantasize about their dream job. But have you ever wondered what it would be like to actually do that work? It can take years to get the training and develop the expertise needed for a new career. What if, after all that preparation, you found that you didn't enjoy the job as much as you expected or just weren't cut out for it? One company has an enterprising solution: Pivot Planet has been connecting people with their passions by providing real career and life experience from experts in hundreds of exciting fields.

Before he founded Pivot Planet, Brian Kurth had been working a dead-end job. Although interested in becoming a dog trainer, he was anxious about switching to an occupation he had no experience with. To learn if the job was a good fit, he located a mentor—a dog trainer who could tell him about the work and everything it involved. Kurth learned a lot and his friends began asking him for help finding mentors for jobs they were interested in.

Kurth saw the value of this kind of service, so he decided to turn his idea into a business. In 2004, he started the first iteration of his company as Vocation Vacations. Clients (called "vocationers") were matched with a mentor and invited into their business for 2–3 days.

People could test-drive the job of their dreams and see what it was really like. By 2005, the company was offering experiences with over 75 interesting jobs around the world, including baseball team manager, radio DJ, and race car driver. In 2006, there was even a reality TV show based on Kurth's idea called *This Job Is a Trip!* Contestants were placed in their ideal profession and given a series of challenges to see if they could survive or were better suited for their existing jobs.

In 2012, difficult economic conditions led Kurth to reimagine his company; instead of having clients travel to a workplace, he connected them with mentors via more affordable video conferencing. Rebranded as Pivot Planet, the service continues to connect people looking to pivot to a new career with expert advisors who can answer questions and offer insights into hundreds of professions. While many clients seek advice about glamorous careers in music, film, and fashion, Kurth reports that the most popular requests are for more practical occupations: bakers, pet day-care owners, and bed and breakfast managers.

What's your dream job? Would you be interested in career counseling from an expert in that field?

1- What caused Kurth to start his own business?

- a. He wanted to change careers but was unsure if the new job would be a good match for him.
- b. He was inspired to try a new job while he was visiting a foreign country on vacation.
- c. He wanted to become a career counselor and thought this would be a fun way to do it.

2- What service did Kurth's first business, Vocation Vacations, offer?

- a. It allowed people to travel while learning more about their career options.
- b. It allowed people to start a new job without quitting their old job.
- c. It allowed people to spend a few days working in a career of their choice.

- 3- Why did Kurth reimagine his company in 2012?
- a. He realized people didn't want to travel to try out new careers.
 - b. He needed to make his service more affordable during a bad economy.
 - c. He thought video conferences were better than in-person counseling.
- 4- What service did Kurth's second business, Pivot Planet, offer?
- a. It allowed people to ask questions and get career advice from experts in the field.
 - b. It allowed people to travel internationally to try out new careers.
 - c. It allowed people to interview for new jobs in field they hadn't worked in before.
- 5- If you aren't cut out for something, you _____. (line 3 in the article)
- a. don't have the right qualities or abilities.
 - b. are chosen as the best person to try it.
 - c. are qualified but want to do something else.
- 6- Someone who is enterprising has the ability to _____. (line 4 in the article)
- a. identify the safest path to success and avoid risks
 - b. think of new ways of doing things and make them successful
 - c. recycle ideas that have worked well in the past.
- 7- When you test-drive something, you _____. (line 14 in the article)
- a. make a commitment to buy or use it.
 - b. travel a long distance to get to it.
 - c. try it for a short time to see if it's a good.
- 8- If a company pivots, it _____. (line 21 in the article)
- a. keeps doing the same things it has always done.
 - b. changes direction and focuses on something new.
 - c. makes small changes but stays focused on the same goals.



LISTENING

2) Listen to a podcast about job interviews. Then choose the correct answer to each question, according to the information.

1. What's an advantage of remote video interviews?
 - a. You don't have to worry about traveling to an unfamiliar office.
 - b. You can dress less formally than for an in-person interview.
 - c. You don't have to set aside as much time to prepare.
2. What should you do before your video interview starts?
 - a. go to a library or cafe where there is a strong Wi-Fi connection
 - b. test out the links to the platform and download any software
 - c. set aside time to travel to the interview location
3. What type of background is the best for video interviews?
 - a. a virtual background that matches your personality and sense of humor.
 - b. a shelf with books or artwork that shows your taste and intelligence.
 - c. a simple or blurred background that doesn't distract the interviewer's attention.
4. What's the best way to sell yourself during the interview?
 - a. Summarize all of your skills, experience, and accomplishments.
 - b. Give examples of how your skills and experience match the position.
 - c. Identify your professional goals and the type of position you're seeking.
5. When selling yourself in job interviews , it's important to:
 - a. Identify the five most convincing reasons why you would step into the job.
 - b. Identify your last five accomplishments in your previous job.
 - c. Identify five unique skills that best fit the job you're applying for.
6. What is the best way to answer questions about failure?
 - a. Give convincing reasons why these failures were not your fault.
 - b. Answer the question in a way that shows others were to blame.
 - c. Admit your mistakes and explain what you learned from the experience.



GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

3) Complete the story with the PAST SIMPLE, the PAST CONTINUOUS or the PAST PERFECT of the verbs in brackets.

My girlfriend has a lovely black kitten called Max. She **1** _____ (phone) me yesterday to say that she **2** _____ (lose) him in the morning before I got to my office. She told me on the phone that she **3** _____ (look) everywhere. I **4** _____ (go) to her house, of course, to help her find Max. When she **5** _____ (open) the door, I could see from her eyes that she **6** _____ (cry). We went into the garden to look for Max together. It was cold in the garden and it **7** _____ (rain) heavily. Twenty minutes later, we still **8** _____ (not find) Max, so we went back inside. We **9** _____ (have) a hot chocolate when we **10** _____ (hear) a sound. There was Max! He **11** _____ (lie) fast asleep in his basket!



4) PRESENT PERFECT TENSES & ADVERBS. Choose the best ADVERB to complete each sentence. There are 2 extra words that you don't need to use.

TWICE * STILL * EVER * ALREADY * YET * RECENTLY * NEVER * LAST YEAR

1. Have you _____ thought of enrolling in a teaching programme?
2. They've been rejecting a lot of applicants _____.
3. I _____ haven't applied for that assistant job, but I will soon.
4. I've _____ signed up for lifeguard training.
5. I haven't looked at the programs requirements _____.
6. My college has _____ offered a major in marine biology. This is the first year they will be offering it.

5) COLLOCATIONS FOR CAREER AND STUDY PLANS. Choose the correct PREPOSITION to complete the sentences.

1. Jane has decided _____ a career in fashion.
2. Vaughn changed his college major. He was studying math but switched _____ computer science because he found it more interesting.
3. Cara applied _____ a job at a coffee shop this summer. We hope she gets it!
4. Tim is passionate about conservation. It's no surprise that he's taken _____ environmental studies at the university.
5. Heather applied _____ a writing program at a university in London.
6. Max signed up _____ a coding class to improve his computer programming skills.
7. Jennifer was thrilled to be accepted _____ her first-choice university.
8. Diego was disappointed to be rejected _____ the theater program he'd applied to.

6) Complete the sentences with one word.

1. I spent all the weekend studying, but it was worth it- I _____ my English exam!!!
2. Unfortunately, the meeting has been _____ off as we're very busy.
3. John doesn't have a college degree, but I think he _____ what it takes to do the job.
4. Emily enjoys reading a lot, so working as a librarian would be right up her _____.
5. I must _____ down to some work this afternoon if I want to finish this report on time.
6. Peter is always _____ about his excellent marks .

