

NAME: _____

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SCORE: _____ /50

A  Listen to an interview with Alan. Then read the statements and decide if they are True or False.

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| 1 Alan had plans to go on vacation with one friend from school. | T / F |
| 2 Alan chose to volunteer at the project in Costa Rica. | T / F |
| 3 Alan only worked with the whale sharks after June. | T / F |
| 4 Alan didn't think that the experience was completely disappointing. | T / F |
| 5 Some of Alan's vacations were not as pleasant as this one. | T / F |

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Match the words to the definitions.

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| EXAMPLE preserve | <u>H</u> | A to watch and check something or someone carefully over a period of time |
| 1 atmosphere | _____ | B the outside part or layer of something |
| 2 surface | _____ | C to finish something so there is none left |
| 3 species | _____ | D valuable or important natural substances, such as water or gold |
| 4 resources | _____ | E to send a spacecraft into space or a ship into water |
| 5 monitor | _____ | F the act of traveling to or searching a place in order to learn about it |
| 6 use up | _____ | G a group of living organisms that are similar |
| 7 launch | _____ | H to keep something in a certain state, as it is |
| 8 exploration | _____ | I the mixture of gases that surrounds a planet; the air |

_____ / 8 (1 points each)

C Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

creature endangered habitat origin plant life pond **territory** volcano

EXAMPLE Some wild animals defend their **territory** by walking around and watching other animals that may be a danger to them.

- 1 Animals living in the wild usually drink water from the nearest _____.
- 2 Most of the tourists come here to climb to the top of the _____ and look inside it.
- 3 Giant pandas are one of the most _____ species on the planet and need to be protected.
- 4 The temperate forest is the natural _____ of the Siberian tiger.
- 5 When we think of _____, we usually think of dry land. But there is also a lot in rivers, lakes, and oceans.
- 6 Some scientists believe that the _____ of all life was in the ocean.
- 7 The blue whale is the largest _____ on the planet.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE Personally, I find space exploration more interesting **than** / to ocean exploration.

- 1 I prefer to read about marine biology *to* / *rather than* space exploration.
- 2 They understand *less* / *fewer* about chemistry than about physics.
- 3 There are *more* / *less* rats here than in any other area of the city.
- 4 My family tends to prefer dogs *to* / *than* cats.
- 5 It's harder to make a reservation on Saturday *to* / *than* during the week.
- 6 I don't think it's *warm enough* / *warmer than* to swim today. Let's wait until the weather is better.
- 7 Since we started using electric cars, there is much *less* / *fewer* pollution than a few years ago.
- 8 When I'm on vacation, I like to go sightseeing *to* / *rather than* lying on the beach.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

E Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE Argentina is one of the ____ I have ever visited.

A best places that

B most fascinating country

C extremely great nations

1 We believe this is the ____ way to protect the sea life here.

A least perfect

B totally good

C worst

2 The people who work here said that these snakes are ____ of all.

A a little rare

B the least dangerous

C less common snakes

3 In the summer, the water in this lake is ____.

A really warm

B the most awful

C absolutely nice

4 The vacation was ____! I'd definitely like to go there again.

A completely interesting

B very fantastic

C absolutely wonderful

5 They told us that ____ endangered species are found in Ecuador.

A some of the most

B the very

C least

6 This was the ____ we found here.

A most exotic plant

B less beautiful flower than

C totally single tree that

7 We didn't realize that the bear was ____ until we saw the two little bear cubs following her.

A a little huge

B female

C utterly cute

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F Read the online posts. Then complete the sentences with numbers based on information from the text.

Some people are content to live in places with extreme temperatures; some prefer milder weather. What is the weather like where you live? Are you happy with it? Or would you prefer to live somewhere else?

Nina Gomez | 2 hours ago

Most people seem to want to live in a hot climate, but I can tell you that there are many disadvantages. I live in a tropical region, which means that the average temperature all year round is above 70F and that it's usually pretty hot and humid. This is why I'm much happier when I travel to areas where the temperatures are lower and the climate is drier. You can get so much more done in such places!

Sally A | 3 hours ago

I live in Montreal and the weather here varies along the year – temperatures can go down to -14C in January but reach 26C in July. For me, that is perfect, because I enjoy the variety and, above all, the different seasons. My favorite is fall because of the colors and the feeling of change in the air. I also think that seasons affect how we feel, and for me there is something about fall that makes me feel more alive.

Mark Beck | 4 hours ago

Where I live, the winters can be absolutely horrible! And I simply hate cold weather! I find that, during the winter months, I don't do very much. I basically stay at home and spend a lot of money on heating. While, in the summer, I spend more time outside, see more people, play more sports – feel healthier and happier. If it were possible, I'd live in a place with no winter and where the temperature never goes down to freezing!

Mathias Olsen | 5 hours ago

Well, sometimes the weather we choose is not a matter of preference, but of necessity. After all, the weather can influence what we wear, what we eat, and even our health. Last year, I found out I had Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). In Norway, where there is very little sunlight in the winter, this type of depression can affect about 15% of the population. I felt tired a lot and had difficulty concentrating, so I decided that the best solution was to move to a sunnier place.

- 1 The percentage of Norwegian people with the problem described in the text is _____.
- 2 In the summer, according to the text, the temperature in Montreal can go up to _____.
- 3 _____ out of the four people who posted comments seemed happy with the local climate.
- 4 _____ of the people decided to make a life change because of the weather.
- 5 One of the people enjoys visiting places where the temperature is lower than _____.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)