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A. VOCABULARY: criminology

Complete the text with the words in the box.

mundane reality | tap into | moral dilemmas | curiosity | examine
piecing together | sense of control | novelty | darker impulses

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True crime has become one of the most popular forms of entertainment, from podcasts and documentaries to books and streaming series. But why are people so fascinated by stories about real crimes?

One explanation is _____. Humans naturally want to understand unusual or threatening situations. True crime allows us to _____ human behavior, including the _____ that can lead people to commit terrible acts.

There is also a psychological appeal to _____ clues. Viewers can follow an investigation and form their own theories before the final explanation is revealed. In this sense, true crime can provide a _____: the more we understand a dangerous situation, the less unpredictable it seems.

Another factor is_____. Everyday life can be predictable and sometimes boring, so unusual stories may offer an opportunity to escape our _____. At the same time, true crime often raises difficult _____. We may find ourselves asking whether criminals are completely responsible for their actions, whether the media should cover certain cases, or whether watching real suffering can ever be considered entertainment.

Ultimately, true crime seems to _____ several human needs at once: curiosity, the search for explanations, the desire for control and our fascination with behavior that is very different from our own.

B. GRAMMAR: Question words with -ever

Complete the sentences. Match 1–6 with a–f.

1	You should do	b	a it's far from here.
2	We can leave	___	b whatever you want.
3	I'll get the money for school	___	c make sure you tell him the news.
4	Wherever he lives,	___	d didn't leave a message.
5	However you contact him,	___	e whenever you're ready.
6	Whoever called you	___	f however I can.

Complete each sentence with the correct question word from the box.

however | whatever | whenever | wherever | whichever | whoever

1 I see that woman _____ I go! She's everywhere!
2 I don't think you should do it. It's a bad idea _____ you look at it.
3 Look at that guy over there. _____ he is, he looks just like your brother.
4 Are you still trying to decide which school to go to? _____ school you choose, I'm sure you'll enjoy college.
5 I've applied to ten different jobs in the last month. _____ I do, I just can't get a job!
6 I can't ride in the back of the car. _____ I do, I get sick.

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