Module Test 4

Vocabulary

1 Academic verbs for thoughts and beliefs
Complete the text with the words in the box. There is one extra word.

acknowledge assume conceive consider contradict convince define speculate

Fifty years ago, people would have found it impossible to 1 _____ of a society that discards perfectly sound products in order to obtain the newest model. But today, most people will 2 _____ that we 3 _____ ourselves as a throw-away society. Once, we expected the products we purchased to last for years, yet today, manufacturers 4 _____ long-lasting products as monetary losses. As a result, they employ a strategy of producing products that will only last a short time. Producers 5 _____ that everyone wants to replace products frequently and spend billions on advertising to 6 _____ consumers of this need. Perhaps, not surprisingly, feedback from consumers is beginning to 7 _____ the belief that they want to constantly replace products. In fact, research suggests that people want to return to the time when quality mattered.

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2 Impersonal style in writing and speaking
Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1 There is a _____ (lack/aware) about environmental protection in some industries.
2 It is _____ (wide/accept) that valuable mineral resources are disappearing fast.
3 There is an _____ (underlie/believe) that waste products just magically disappear.
4 It is a _____ (common/assume) that eating a balanced diet will lead to a longer life.
5 It has been _____ (universal/agree) that people need to reduce the amount of waste they produce.

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3 Collocations for thoughts and beliefs
Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from each box.

have open pass resign take

faith into consideration judgement themselves to new ideas

1 Few people _____ in the ability of companies to provide good customer service.
2 It's not fair to _____ on something you know very little about.
3 When building factories, governments have to _____ the environmental impact.
4 I guess they'll have to _____ to the fact that they won't be able to buy a house.
5 I was surprised by his talk on our throw-away society but as I'm always _____ I found it very interesting.

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4 Signposting words
Choose the correct options in *italics* to complete the text.

1 *Although/Despite/However* efforts by governments to encourage more recycling, the world cannot keep up with the volume of rubbish being produced. 2 *Therefore/In addition/Whereas*, it's vital that more is done to spread the message. There are dedicated groups around the world campaigning for more recycling but changing entrenched attitudes is challenging. 3 *In conclusion/Nevertheless/Finally*, it is not an option to give up if we want our world to be a better place. 4 *However/Whereas/Although*, it would seem that the worst culprits are countries where throw-away consumerism flourishes 5 *consequently/despite/due* to the country's wealth. In poorer nations, people frequently recycle goods as many are unable to purchase luxuries or even basic essentials. 6 *On the contrary/For instance/In particular*, sandals made out of motor tyres are a common sight in many parts of Africa, 7 *whereas/despite/nevertheless* they would be considered unacceptable in some wealthier societies. 8 *In addition/Initially/In conclusion*, it seems that throw-away consumer societies have forgotten how to recycle.

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5 Form clauses
Match the sentences (1–5) with the errors (A–E).

1 Experts are agreeing that over-consumption of the world's resources cannot continue in the way it has been for the past few decades. _____
2 The majority of these natural resources are found in poorer countries, which unable to benefit from these materials. _____
3 Because they are primarily extracted for the production of goods sold to and used by a minority of the world's population. _____
4 The worst thing is that many of the materials we consume are finite resources cannot be replenished. _____
5 Sustainability is therefore a key factor in preserving the planet's resources without modern lifestyles cannot continue. _____

A no verb
B wrong tense
C object needed
D a missing clause
E a missing conjunction

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6 Subordinate clauses
Match the subordinate clauses (1–6) with the main clauses (A–F).

1 Whereas most people enjoy going shopping to buying presents, _____
2 When I feel tired at the end of a long day, _____
3 If a vital appliance like a washing machine, cooker, dishwasher or fridge breaks down, _____
4 Because we can only wear one outfit at a time, _____
5 Although my friends love clothes shopping, _____
6 Whenever someone asks me to go shopping, _____

A I feel a total lack of desire to look at stuff which will only clutter my home environment.
B then I will replace it but you won't catch me buying a new one.
C I can't see the point of it.
D most of our clothes stay in the wardrobe and are hardly ever worn.
E the last thing I want to do is tidy up.
F I find it a huge chore.

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7 Express opinions with *that*
Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 many organisations / that / take into consideration / economic resources / We must / to make / by environmental laws / do not have enough / the changes required /.
_____
2 that / will collapse / much of the world / without sustainable growth / Some / as we know it / economists speculate /.
_____
3 the future is bleak / that / disagree / the planet / and believe / can be saved / Many people /.
_____
4 and cannot be ignored / have acknowledged / are irrefutably true / the findings in the report / Top experts / that /.
_____

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8 Pronoun referencing
Match the pronouns in bold (1–10) to the words they are referencing (A–J).

Recent surveys indicate that consumers are now doing more than half of **1 their** shopping online and that **2 this** market is worth around £645 billion in the UK, US, China and Germany. The phenomenal rate of growth, most of **3 which** is driven by the ever-increasing power of the smartphone, looks set to continue at a phenomenal rate. It seems that another reason for **4 this** is that online shops are encouraging consumers to shop with **5 them** by offering free returns and low prices, **6 which** traditional bricks and mortar shops are finding hard to compete with. So what are the main advantages of shopping online? Firstly, **7 it** has to do with the prices, **8 which** are generally lower online because consumers can compare them on many different sites. Secondly, there is the convenience of shopping whenever you like, **9 which** is ideal for working people who can't get to stores during **10 their** working hours.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____
6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____

A online shops
B online
C working people
D consumers
E prices
F phenomenal rate of growth
G convenience
H phenomenal growth rate
I free returns and low prices
J advantages of shopping online

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