Comprehension

Listen to the recording (1:09 - 5:13). Read the following statements and write (T) True or (F) False.

1. If we compare hesitations to other spoken words we use daily, it can help us to decide if they have more meaning than it appears at first.
2. It's only the tone of someone's voice that gives hesitations any kind of meaning.
3. Linguists refer to hesitations as "filled hesitations".
4. Hesitations can communicate to listeners that significant information is about to be given.
5. Thoughtful speakers use discourse markers, such as "Firstly" and "For instance...", to aid listeners to fully understand what is being said.
6. The way the word "like" is used is very limited in practice.
7. A 2011 study showed that toddlers were confused by instructions containing hesitations.
8. As people become better at using a new language, the number of hesitations they use when speaking reduces.

Rephrasing

Read the sentence and choose the best option which means the same thing.

1. I love the film because it has so many layers of meaning
 a. I love the film because it can be watched repeatedly.
 b. I love the film because it can be interpreted in many different ways.
 c. I love the film because it is important to me.

2. As a young lawyer, Stacy had been imbued with a desire for justice.
 a. As a young lawyer, Stacy had been interested in working for justice.
 b. As a young lawyer, Stacy was indifferent to the need for justice.
 c. As a young lawyer, Stacy used to be filled with a desire for justice.

3. I'm going to the lakes this weekend; I need some time to catch up with myself
 a. I'm going to the lakes this weekend; I need to stop thinking so much.
 b. I'm going to the lakes this weekend; I need some time to think.
 c. I'm going to the lakes this weekend; I need to finish some tasks I've missed.

4. I see they fished a stolen car out of the river this morning.
 a. I see they found a stolen car in the river this morning.
 b. I see they lost a stolen car in the river this morning.
 c. I see they pulled a stolen car out of the river this morning.

5. Due to the Internet, we're constantly aware of new cultural phenomena entering our lives.
 a. Due to the Internet, we're constantly aware of new cultural fashions that everyone knows entering our lives.
 b. Due to the Internet, we're constantly aware of new cultural events that we don't fully understand entering our lives.
 c. Due to the Internet, we're constantly aware of new cultural dance crazes entering our lives.

6. You said earlier that you have a lot of experience in sales. Can you elaborate for me?
 a. You said earlier that you have a lot of experience in sales. Can you give me more details?
 b. You said earlier that you have a lot of experience in sales. Can you give me a definition?
 c. You said earlier that you have a lot of experience in sales. Can you give me an example?

7. Can you cue the team when you want them to come in?
 a. Can you phone the team when you want them to come in
 b. Can you text the team when you want them to come in?
 c. Can you signal to the team when you want them to come in?

8. There were some miscommunications to begin with, but I think we've managed to smooth it out.
 a. There were some miscommunications to begin with, but I think we know why they happened.
 b. There were some miscommunications to begin with, but I think we can communicate now.
 c. There were some miscommunications to begin with, but I think we resolved any problems.

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