UNIT 4. PARAPHRASING – PRACTICE

Task 1. Read the essay question and then complete Paraphrases A and B with the correct words from the box.

Question: *When a country develops its technology, the traditional skills and ways of life die out. It is pointless to try and keep them alive.*

attempting developments disappear futile lifestyles preserve survive worthwhile

Paraphrase A: It is not _____ trying to _____ a country's traditional skills and ways of life as these _____ as a result of technological _____.

Paraphrase B: _____ to maintain a nation's traditional skills and _____ is _____ since they do not _____ technological progress.

Task 2. Which strategies are used to paraphrase the text in these situation.

1. **Original text**: Some people believe that getting a degree from university is the best way to guarantee getting a job.

Paraphrased text: Certain people think that graduating from higher education is the optimum way to assure getting a top job.

A. Using synonyms *B. Changing the order of words and phrases*

C. Using indirect speech *D. More than 2 strategies.*

2. **Original text**: Some people believe that getting a degree from university is the best way to guarantee getting a job.

Paraphrased text: The optimum way to assure getting a top job is by graduating from higher education, according to certain people.

A. Using synonyms *B. Changing the order of words and phrases*

C. Using indirect speech *D. More than 2 strategies.*

3. **Original text**: Many small shops are closing as they are unable to compete with large supermarkets in the area here.

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Paraphrased text: A large number of less well-known outlets are shutting due to competition from established superstores in the locality.

A. Using synonyms *B. Changing the order of words and phrases*

C. Using indirect speech *D. More than 2 strategies.*

4. **Original text:** I kept wondering: which way woud I have gone if I had not waited? (Jackson 18).

Paraphrased text: Jackson (18) ends his story by wondering how his life might have been different without the experience of waiting in the drugstore.

A. Using synonyms *B. Changing the order of words and phrases*

C. Using indirect speech *D. More than 2 strategies.*

Task 2. Paraphrase these sentences as suggested.

1. While studying abroad provides an opportunity to broaden one's experience, it also presents the danger of negative influences from the host culture. **(use synonyms and change the order of words and phrases)**

2. The government should increase social benefits to alleviate poverty. **(use synonyms)**

3. Countries which rely exclusively on the tourist trade will be badly affected by a world economic downturn. **(use synonyms and change the order of words and phrases)**

4. The mobile phone has reduced the need for written communications. **(use synonyms)**

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