

Unit 1. LIFE STORIES

PART 4: WRITING

I. Indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

1. Only with careful environmental planning can we protect the world in which we live.
 - A. Careful environmental planning protects the world we live in.
 - B. Planning the environment carefully, we can protect the world in which we live.
 - C. Protecting the world we live in, we plan the environment carefully.
 - D. We can protect the world we live in only with careful environmental planning.
2. You should take regular exercises instead of sitting in front of the television all day.
 - A. Taking regular exercises is better than sitting in front of the television all day.
 - B. Sitting in front of the television all day helps you take regular exercises.
 - C. Sitting in front of the television all day and taking exercises are advisable.
 - D. Don't take regular exercises, just sit in front of the television all day.
3. Wouldn't it be better to let them know about the alternatives to the plan?
 - A. Why haven't they have been informed about the new development?
 - B. Shouldn't they have been consulted before the scheme was changed?
 - C. Don't they think they should be informed about the changes in the plan?
 - D. We'd better ask them to change the plan, hadn't we?
4. Don't take any notice of all his complaints about his health; there's nothing wrong with him.
 - A. You can ignore all his talk of being ill; he's actually perfectly healthy.
 - B. Try to avoid the subject of his health as I am tired of hearing all about his complaints.
 - C. Don't listen to him talking about his health; it's his favorite subject.
 - D. If you let him, he would talk only about his ill-health though actually he is quite healthy.
5. We had planned to walk right round the lake, but the heavy rain made this impossible.
 - A. In spite of the heavy rain we managed to walk half way round the lake as planned.
 - B. The heavy rain nearly prevented us from walking right round the lake.
 - C. We would have walked right round the lake even if it had rained heavily.
 - D. If it hadn't rained so heavily, we would have walked right round the lake.
6. There won't be peace in the conflict if both sides do not really desire it.
 - A. It is only if both sides actually want the conflict to end peacefully that it will happen.
 - B. As both sides in the conflict apparently desire peace, it is likely that there will be peace soon.
 - C. The main problem in the conflict seems to be that neither side really desires peace.

D. There has been a lot of fighting in the conflict because both sides seem to want it that way.

7. The accident happened as a result of the driver's not paying attention to the road.

- A. If the driver would have paid attention to the road, the accident hadn't happened.
- B. Had the driver been paid attention to the road, the accident wouldn't have happened.
- C. If the driver had been paying attention to the road, the accident wouldn't have happened.
- D. Had the accident not happened, the driver would not have had to pay attention to the road.

8. "Shall I help you do the dishes, Carlo?" said Robert.

- A. Robert suggested helping Carlo with the dishes.
- B. Robert suggested to help Carlo do the dishes.
- C. Robert offered Carlo to help do the dishes.
- D. Robert offered to help Carlo do the dishes.

9. If I hadn't had so much work to do I would have gone to the movies.

- A. Because I had to do so much work I couldn't go to the movies.
- B. I would go to the movies when I had done so much work.
- C. A lot of work couldn't prevent me from going to the movies.
- D. I never go to the movies if I have work to do.

10. "Why don't you get your hair cut, Gavin?" said Adam.

- A. Adam advised Gavin to cut his hair.
- B. Gavin was suggested to have a hair cut.
- C. It was suggested that Adam get Gavin's haircut.
- D. Adam suggested that Gavin should have his hair cut.

II. Indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of the following sentences.

1. He did not remember the meeting. He went out for a coffee with his friends then.

- A. Not remember the meeting, he went out for a coffee with his friends.
- B. Not to remember the meeting, he went out for a coffee with his friends.
- C. Not remembered the meeting, he went out for a coffee with his friends.
- D. Not remembering the meeting, he went out for a coffee with his friends.

2. They left their home early. They didn't want to miss the first train.

- A. They left their home early so as to not miss the first train.
- B. They left their home early for fear that they wouldn't miss the first train.
- C. They left their home early so as not to miss the first train.
- D. They left their home early in order that not to miss the first train.

3. The traffic is so heavy. It will take us at least an hour to get there.

- A. Unless the traffic is heavy, it will take us at least an hour to get there.
- B. As the traffic is so heavy, it will take us at least an hour to get there.
- C. The traffic was so heavy that it took us an hour to get there.
- D. We will spend more than an hour to get there to avoid heavy traffic.

4. There was no poor performance. Moreover, that of the Russian dancers was certainly the best.

- A. The best performance was the one of the Russians while some of the others were poor.
- B. The Russian dancers were well-worth watching but the others weren't.
- C. All the dancers but the Russian performed poorly.
- D. They all danced well, but the Russian did the best.

5. I started training to be an accountant six months ago. I've got more months to go and then I have to take exams.

- A. By the time I've taken my exam, I will have started training to be an accountant for a year.
- B. By the time I take my exam, I will have been in training to be an accountant for a year.
- C. By the time I took my exam, I would have trained to be an accountant for a year.
- D. By the time I've taken my exam, I will be training for a year.

6. Why did Danny decide to enter the marathon? Danny's totally unfit.

- A. Why did Danny decide to enter the marathon who's totally unfit?
- B. Why did Danny, whose totally unfit, decide to enter the marathon?
- C. Why did Danny decide to enter the marathon, who's totally unfit?
- D. Why did Danny, who's totally unfit, decide to enter the marathon?