

BOOK – 4 READING/WRITING
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I. Reading Comprehension

A. Read the article *Advice from the Famous*. Then choose the best answer for each question.

Advice from the Famous

Section 1

1 The word *advice* comes to English from the Old French word *avis* meaning opinion, view, judgement. *Avis* came to French from the Latin phrase *mi est visum*, meaning "in my view." In English, *advice* means an opinion or recommendation offered to someone about what they can or should or shouldn't do.

Section 2

2 Sometimes we can all use a little inspirational advice in our lives. There are many sources of advice available. We may seek advice from family, friends, or people we work with. Some people turn to newspapers for advice. There is a special section in many newspapers called the advice column. People write to the advice columnist, who responds in a way that all the readers can see.

These days, many people look for advice from the Internet. There are collections of advice available there from some of the world's most recognizable people.

Section 3

3 Many of these well-known people warn us not to be afraid of risk and not to give up when we encounter problems. For example, Mark Zuckerberg, one of the founders of Facebook, said "The biggest risk is not taking any risk. In a world that is changing quickly, the only strategy guaranteed to fail is not taking risks." Basketball superstar

Michael Jordan was quoted as saying, "If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." Former U.S. President Clinton also advised people to continue despite difficulties. He said, "If you live long enough, you'll make mistakes. But if you learn from them, you'll be a better person. It's how you handle adversity, not how it affects you. The main thing is never quit, never quit, never quit."

Section 4

4 Another common theme was living in the here and now. Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu wrote, "If you are depressed, you are living in the past. If you are anxious, you are living in the future. If you are at peace, you are living in the present." Actor Liam Hemsworth remarked, "Tomorrow doesn't exist, yesterday is gone. The more I remind myself of that, the stronger I feel." Apple Computer pioneer Steve Jobs once said, "For the past 33 years, I have looked in the mirror every morning and asked myself: 'If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?' And whenever the answer has been 'No' for too many days, I know I need to change something."

Section 5

5 Naturally, many people want advice about their jobs or careers. In fact, one of the most commonly heard quotes deals with choosing a career: "Do what you love and you'll never work another day in your life." Oddly enough, it is not known for sure who first gave this advice. Some people think it was said quite recently, by performer Marc Anthony. Others attribute it to Mark Twain, the 19th-century American author. Still others believe it was first said some 2,500 years earlier by Chinese teacher and philosopher Confucius. Regarding his work, entertainer Jon Stewart said, "I want to look back on my career and be proud of the work, and be proud that I tried everything."

Greek philosopher Plato would probably have disapproved of Stewart's idea. Plato said, "All things will be produced in better quantity and quality, and with greater ease, when each man works at a single occupation making use of his natural gifts, without bothering with anything else."

Section 6

6 Another common theme to look for advice on is friendship. British author C. S. Lewis wrote, "Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another: 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one.'" Jennifer Aniston, star of the US TV show *Friends*, appropriately has an upbeat view of friends. "Where would you be without friends? The people to pick you up when you need lifting? We come from homes far from perfect, so you end up almost parent and sibling to your friends—your own chosen family. There's nothing like a loyal, dependable, good friend. Nothing."

Section 7

7 Sometimes people misunderstand the advice that they have been given. The writer and comedian Paul Steinberg recalls the time when he was a young child and his grandmother said to him, "Don't get too close to people. You'll catch their dreams." He thought her advice meant, "Always stay somewhat separate from everyone around you as a kind of self-protection. Don't get so close to people that their dreams become your dreams." Her advice became a guiding principle in his life. Many years later, he went to visit his grandmother and told her how important her advice had been to him. She said, "I never said that."

"What? Of course you did! I remember it well."

"I didn't say anything about catching dreams. What I said was, 'Don't get too close to people. You'll catch their germs.' I didn't want you to get sick."

1. Another possible translation for the Latin phrase *mi est visum* might be ...
 - A. I recommend.
 - B. This is a judgement.
 - C. It seems to me.
 - D. You shouldn't do this.

2. The author does NOT mention _____ as a source of advice for people.
 - A. people they may know
 - B. newspaper columns
 - C. the Internet
 - D. books

3. Which of the following is NOT another piece of advice the author might have added to Section 3?
 - A. "Plan ahead, or you'll be sorry."
 - B. "Don't give up no matter what happens."
 - C. "No risk, no success."
 - D. "Bounce back when you hit a wall."

4. What would the author say about the first quote in Section 5?
 - A. It is not really appropriate advice these days.
 - B. Confucius could not have been the first to say it.
 - C. No one really knows who first said it.
 - D. It certainly was first spoken by Mark Twain.

5. If Plato could give advice to Jon Stewart, what would he probably say?

- A. "You shouldn't have become an entertainer."
- B. "You should have focused on one field."
- C. "You should look forward, not backwards."
- D. "You are not using your natural gifts."

6. The word *upbeat* in line 4, section 6 is closest in meaning to ...

- A. positive
- B. old-fashioned
- C. common
- D. unrealistic

B. Read the statements. Write T (true) or F (false).

_____ 7. Mark Zuckerberg warns against taking unnecessary risks.

_____ 8. Liam Hemsworth essentially agrees with Lao Tzu.

_____ 9. C. S. Lewis believes friendship begins when people realize they have some common trait or belief.

_____ 10. Paul Steinberg based his personal philosophy on something he misheard.

II. Reading Skill: Making inferences

A. Read the sentences. If the information can be inferred from the article *Advice from the Famous*, mark them I. If the information cannot be inferred from the article, mark them X.

_____ 11. Advice may point out what might be bad ideas as well as what might be good ones.

_____ 12. The author thinks the Internet is the best place to go for advice.

_____ 13. Michael Jordan has been able to overcome some negative developments in his life.

_____ 14. There were a number of days when Steve Jobs looked in the mirror and decided he was unhappy with his life.

_____ 15. The author believes that Jennifer Anniston wrote about friends to promote her TV show.

_____ 16. Paul Steinberg regrets that he built his life around his grandmother's advice.

III. Vocabulary

A. Choose the word or phrase from the word bank that best completes these sentences.

anxiety	empathy	extensive	fit in	pitch in	refrain	tragic	work ethic
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17. I always thought Paul lacked _____. He proved it to me when I told him about our friend's accident, and he said, "So what? I don't really care."

18. Because of the flood, the building will require _____ repairs.

19. Ken has a very poor _____. The assignments he works on are poorly done and he never turns them in on time.

20. In order to _____ with the other players on the team, she bought a pair of athletic shoes that were just like the ones that they wore.

21. We asked Teera to _____, but she said she was too busy to help us with our project right now.

B. Match each word with the correct synonym or definition.

- _____ 22. barrier
_____ 23. courage
_____ 24. encounter
_____ 25. hesitation
_____ 26. negotiate

- A. meet; come across
B. try to reach an agreement by discussing
C. wall or fence; something that prevents access
D. need; requirement
E. brave behavior or character
F. strength; power
G. pause; delay

IV. Vocabulary Skill: Prefixes and suffixes

A. Use the prefixes below to form single words to replace the phrases below.

anti-	extra-	in-	inter-	mid-	re-	mis-
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27. between continents _____
28. design again _____
29. pronounce incorrectly _____

B. Use the suffixes below to change the words to the indicated part of speech.

-ance/-ence

-ant/-ent

-ate

-ful

-ize

-tion

30. resist → noun _____

31. color → adjective _____

32. material → verb _____

V. Writing Skill: Varying sentence patterns

Use words from the list below to join the two short sentences.

and

because

even though

on the other hand

therefore

which

33. The package was damaged when it was shipped. I sent it back to the seller.

34. Stefano was just a beginner skier. He skied down a difficult slope.

35. The curtain went up. The speakers stepped onto the stage.

36. I found the article quite difficult. Professor Torres recommended it.

VI. Grammar: Using the past perfect and past perfect continuous

A. Use the word in parentheses to join the two short sentences. Use the past perfect or past perfect continuous.

37. My friends invited me to eat with them. I already ate dinner. (but)

38. I never left my country. I graduated from college. (until)

39. I went to the library to find a book I needed. I found out someone already checked it out. (when)

40. We arrived at the meeting. The CEO left. (by the time)

41. He was performing really well at work. He got a promotion. (because)
