MOON ENGLISH HOME/ READING- VOCABULARY QUESTION

PRACTICE 1:

Taking over as president of Harvard in 1869, Charles W. Eliot **pioneered** a break with the traditional **curriculum**. The usual course of studies at U.S. universities at the time **emphasized** classical languages, mathematics, rhetoric, and ethics. Eliot initiated a system under which most **required** courses were dropped in favor of elective courses. The university increased its offerings and stressed physical and social sciences, the fine arts, and modern languages. Soon other universities all over the United States were following Harvard's lead.

Question 1. Find the word or phrase in the passage that is closest in meaning to the word **pioneered**.

Question 2. Find the word or phrase in the passage that is closest in meaning to the word **curriculum**.

Question 3. Find the word or phrase in the passage that is closest in meaning to the word **emphasized**.

Question 4. Find the word or phrase in the passage that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the word **required**.

Practice 2

Although business partnerships enjoy certain advantages over sole proprietorships, there are **drawbacks** as well. One problem that may afflict partnerships is the fact that each general partner is **liable** for the debts incurred by any other partner. Moreover, he or she is responsible for lawsuits resulting from any partner's malpractice. Interpersonal **conflicts** may also **plague** partnerships. All partnerships, from law firms to rock groups, face the problem of personal disagreements. Another problem is the difficulty of dissolving partnerships. It is much easier to **dissolve** a sole proprietorship than it is to terminate a partnership. Generally, a partner who wants to leave must find someone—either an existing partner or an outsider acceptable to the remaining partners—to buy his or her interest in the firm.

Question 1. Find the word or phrase in the passage that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the word **drawbacks**.

Question 2. Find the word or phrase in the passage that is closest in meaning to the word **liable**.

Question 3. Find the word or phrase in the passage that is closest in meaning to the word **conflicts**.

Question 4. Find the word or phrase in the passage that is closest in meaning to the word **plague**.

Question 5. Find the word or phrase in the passage that is closest in meaning to the word **dissolve**.

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PRACTICE 3:



All birds have feathers, and feathers are unique to birds. No other major group of animals is so easy to **categorize**. All birds have wings, too, but wings are not **peculiar to** birds. Many adaptations are found in both feathers and wings. Feathers form the soft down of geese and ducks, the long **showy** plumes of ostriches and egrets, and the strong flight feathers of eagles and condors. Wings vary from the short, broad ones of chickens, who seldom fly, to the long, **slim** ones of albatrosses, who spend almost all their lives soaring on air currents. In penguins, wings have been modified into flippers and feathers into a waterproof covering. In kiwis, the wings are almost impossible to **detect**.

Yet **diversity** among birds is not as **striking** as it is among mammals. The difference between a hummingbird and a penguin is immense, but **hardly** as startling as that between a bat and a whale. It is variations in details rather than in **fundamental** patterns that have been important in the adaptation of birds to many kinds of ecosystems.

Question 1. Find one word in the passage that is closest in meaning to **peculiar to**.

Question 2: The word **categorize** is closest in meaning to

(A) appreciate (B) comprehend (C) classify (D) visualize

Question 3: The word **showy** is closest in meaning to which of the following?

(A) ornamental (B) graceful (C) colorless (D) powerful

Question 4: Find one word in the passage that is opposite in meaning to the word **slim**.

Question 5: The word **detect** is closest in meaning to_____.

(A) utilize (B) extend (C) observe (D) describe.

Question 6. Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word **diversity**?

(A) function (B) heredity (C) specialty (D) variety

Question 7. Find one word in the passage that is closest in meaning to **striking**.

Question 8. The word **hardly** is closest in meaning to_____.

(A) definitely (B) not nearly (C) possibly (D) not always

Question 9. The word **fundamental** is closest in meaning to_____.

(A) basic (B) shifting (C) predictable (D) complicated.

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