PRACTICE 2

Choose the best main idea to complete each paragraph.

1 ..... First, you have to plan your meals. Then, you have to shop for the ingredients and cook. This takes time and effort. When you eat at a restaurant, on the other hand, all you have to do is choose your restaurant and then go there.

A Many people feel that cooking at home is inconvenient.
B There are a lot of people who don't know how to cook.
C Many families these days eat most of their meals at restaurants.
D Restaurants have become very popular places to eat for several reasons.

2 ..... First, there were no batteries even though the box clearly stated, "Batteries included." Also, the surface was scratched in several places. On top of that, there was a large dent on the side.

A I saw that a number of items were missing when I opened the package.
B The product is not the same size or color as the one that I ordered.
C When I removed the product from the box, I discovered several problems.
D I will not buy any products from your company in the future.

3 ..... More people would be able to live closer to the center of their activities. More people would be able to walk or use public transportation to get to work, go shopping, or go out for an evening with friends. Then, fewer people would need to drive cars on a regular basis and the streets would be emptier.

A Many city residents find that life without a car is not only inexpensive but also convenient.
B The construction of more apartments in downtown areas would do a lot to relieve traffic congestion.
C Modern people have busy lives filled with a variety of work and leisure activities.
D Residential neighborhoods in downtown areas are popular places to live despite their high cost.

4 ..... We don't need a large house as it will just be my wife and myself. We would, however, like to be as close to the beach as possible. Also, we like to cook, so we would want a place with a nice kitchen. We would also like to be in a quiet neighborhood if possible. We would need the house for two weeks in August.

A The last time I took a vacation was almost two years ago.
B We always spend our summer vacation at the beach.
C I am looking to buy a house close to where I work.
D I hope you can help us find a suitable house to rent for our vacation.

5 ..... The driver of a car needs to keep all his attention on the road, but a phone conversation distracts him from this. First, he has to take his eyes off the road to pick up the phone and dial the number. Even if he is using a handheld device, the conversation itself distracts the driver's attention from the road and the traffic around him. This endangers not only the driver and his passengers but other people on the road as well.

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