MID TERM EXAM – ADVANCED 2 – UNIT 4 – TOUCHSTONE 4

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PART I. LISTENING

A. Instructions: 🔊 **Instructions:** Listen to Greg and Alison talk about superstitions in the U.S. Circle True or False for each sentence.. (2 marks)

1. There's no street between Twelfth and Fourteenth Streets on Greg's map because many Americans think 13 is an unlucky number. **True** **False**
2. Alison's old apartment was really on the thirteenth floor. **True** **False**
3. In Alison's old building, the ground floor was called the plaza level. **True** **False**
4. Alison agrees with Greg that Americans are superstitious. **True** **False**

PART II. GRAMMAR

B. Instructions: Complete the story about a strange coincidence. Use either the simple past or the past perfect. Sometimes both are possible. (2 marks)

A few weeks ago, my friend Jean moved into a new house across town. I was really happy when she _____(1) (ask) me to come over last week because I _____(2) (not have) the chance to see the place yet. It took me a while to get there because I _____(3) (not go) to her new neighborhood very often and I _____(4) (get) a little lost. But luckily, Jean _____(5) (send) me careful directions. Anyway, when I finally _____(6) (arrive) at the house, it _____(7) (look) so familiar. I was sure I _____(8) (be) there before. Then I realized that I had! I _____(9) (date) someone who _____(10) (live) there. I _____(11) (be) in the house several times before. It was weird. I _____(12) (not think) of that guy in twenty years! When I _____(13) (tell) Jean about it, she _____(14) (not believe) me at first. What a coincidence!

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C. Instructions: Select the best alternative Write responses for each statement. Use so or neither to show you are the same.

1. I'm not very superstitious. _____
2. I have a couple of superstitious friends. _____
3. I'm afraid of black cats. _____
4. I didn't know breaking a mirror was bad luck. _____
5. I don't believe seven is a lucky number. _____
6. The last time I found a coin on the street, I picked it up. _____
7. I've always carried a lucky charm. _____
8. I've never heard of any Chinese superstitions. _____

PART III. VOCABULARY

D. Instructions: Match the comments about dreams to make the meanings clear. Write the letters. Then underline the word(s) in each comment with the same or similar meaning. There is one extra comment.. (2 marks)

Example:

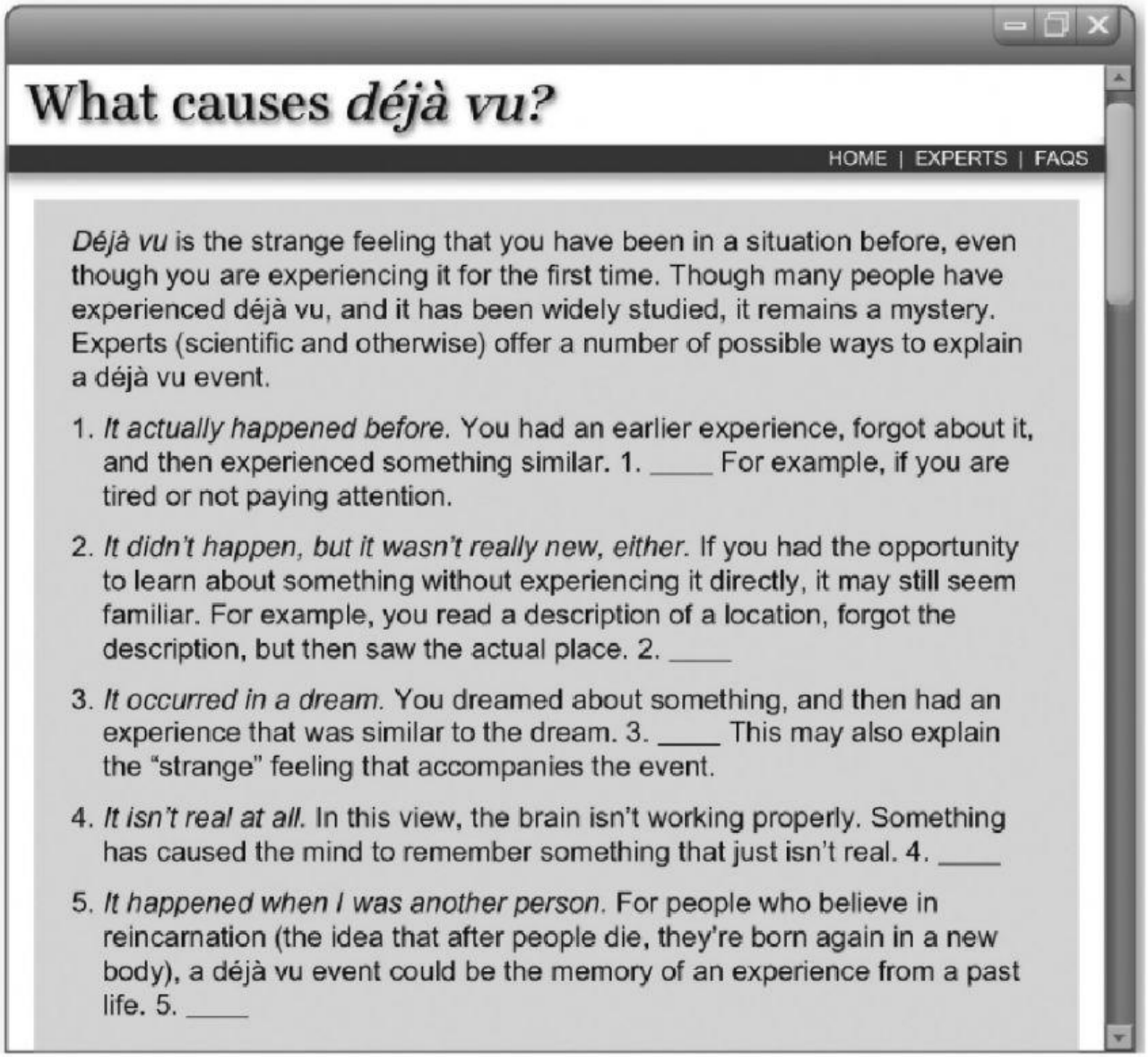
1. I sometimes have these *strange* dreams. __a__
2. I have these really funny dreams. _____
3. People can learn a lot from their dreams. _____
4. I can't remember my dreams. _____
5. Kids often have scary dreams. _____
6. I often dream about wild animals. _____

a. I mean, they can be really *weird*.
b. I usually forget them right away.
c. I mean, I frequently dream I'm in the jungle.
d. They're just hilarious.
e. They can help you understand yourself.
f. I never have nightmares.
g. Dreams that can be really frightening.

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PART IV. READING

E. Instruction: Read the blog. Answer the questions. (2 marks)



What causes *déjà vu?*

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Déjà vu is the strange feeling that you have been in a situation before, even though you are experiencing it for the first time. Though many people have experienced déjà vu, and it has been widely studied, it remains a mystery. Experts (scientific and otherwise) offer a number of possible ways to explain a déjà vu event.

1. *It actually happened before.* You had an earlier experience, forgot about it, and then experienced something similar. 1. ____ For example, if you are tired or not paying attention.
2. *It didn't happen, but it wasn't really new, either.* If you had the opportunity to learn about something without experiencing it directly, it may still seem familiar. For example, you read a description of a location, forgot the description, but then saw the actual place. 2. ____
3. *It occurred in a dream.* You dreamed about something, and then had an experience that was similar to the dream. 3. ____ This may also explain the "strange" feeling that accompanies the event.
4. *It isn't real at all.* In this view, the brain isn't working properly. Something has caused the mind to remember something that just isn't real. 4. ____
5. *It happened when I was another person.* For people who believe in reincarnation (the idea that after people die, they're born again in a new body), a déjà vu event could be the memory of an experience from a past life. 5. ____

a. You remembered the situation very well.
b. Because it occurred during sleep, this explains why the original experience can't be remembered properly.
c. It is, literally, all in your head.
d. There are many religions that accept this explanation.
e. In some cases, the original experience may even occur just seconds before the déjà vu event.
f. The location looks familiar because you have already studied it.

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