

Unit 3 General quiz

Name: _____

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Total Score

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A  Listen to a man and a woman talking about living at home. Check (✓) True or False for each sentence.

1. The woman wants to leave home because of an argument with her parents.
2. The woman's parents would like her to pay them rent.
3. The woman is not discussing her plans with her parents at the moment.
4. The man left home after finishing college.
5. They both agree their views may change in the future.

True False

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A _____ / 10 points (2 points each)

B Complete the conversation. Write participle clauses, using the verbs in parentheses.

A When I was at school, I remember everybody talking about this new TV series. I couldn't join in the conversations, though, _____ (not see) it. I felt really left out of things.

B So it bothered you?

A Yeah, it did. My parents, you know, _____ (be) serious academics, never let us watch much TV. And certainly not any of the popular shows.

B That must have been hard. My family loved TV shows, but _____ (have) four older brothers and sisters, I invariably had to watch their favorite shows.

A I wish I'd had a large family. I mean, _____ (live) with just my mom and dad, I was often lonely.

B But you had friends, right?

A Yeah, but _____ (not know) about all the latest fashions and stuff, I was never one of the cool kids at school.

B Well, you presumably had other advantages. _____ (be) one of the so-called cool kids when I was at school, I now wish I'd focused on my schoolwork a bit more!

B _____ / 6 points (1 point each)

C Replace the paraphrases in bold with expressions from the box. There is one expression that you do not need to use.

take advantage of take credit for take heart take stock of take part in take precedence over
take refuge in take responsibility for take steps take note of take the initiative

My friend Jon took a break from his career last year, feeling he needed time to **think about and assess** _____ some aspects of his life and **do some positive things**

_____ to change what he didn't like about it. Having worked as a sales consultant since leaving college, he found his work tended to **take priority over**

_____ everything else, leaving him little free time.

Jon's employer had asked his staff to take unpaid leave. So Jon decided to **make use** of _____ the situation and do something different for a year. He loves sailing, but rarely had time to **participate in** _____ competitions. So he volunteered at a sailing center, and now he's been offered a job as an instructor.

Jon's story allows me to **have courage** _____ when my work gets me down. I know I can **take control of** _____ my own life rather than **hide in** _____ the safety of my regular job. He's taught me that I need to **do something before others suggest it** _____ and change my life if I need to. I really think he should **accept praise for** _____ inspiring me!

C _____ / 10 points (1 point each)

D Complete the sentences with *even*, *only*, *so*, and *such*.

- Our lives have changed _____ much that our great-grandparents wouldn't recognise many of the things we take for granted.
- I didn't tell my grandparents I was planning to go traveling by myself. They'd _____ worry about me.
- Some people love routine and _____ making the smallest changes in their lifestyle can be a huge challenge for them.
- I often feel overwhelmed with work, but I can't do everything. There are _____ so many hours in a day.
- There's _____ a wide range of subjects you can study at college that it's sometimes hard to choose.
- Not everyone is academic. Some people don't _____ want to go to college, but feel they have to because everyone else is going.
- It's _____ hard for some people to resist peer pressure that they just do what their friends are doing.
- Starting college is hard, but starting a new job can be _____ more stressful.
- The first few days of college can be _____ exhausting that you'll need to get some extra sleep.
- A lot of people say that it's _____ natural to feel anxious the first few days of work or school.
- My friends are _____ kind people that I couldn't imagine life without them!

D _____ / 11 points (1 point each)

E Match the comments on the left with the contrasting views on the right. Write the letters on the lines. There is one contrasting view that you do not need to use.

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| 1 Nobody seems to have time to talk these days. _____ | a. Then again, the countryside can be so boring! |
| 2 Most people don't get enough exercise. _____ | b. Having said that, a lot of my friends are going to fitness classes. |
| 3 It's great that people can communicate so easily online. _____ | c. But then, that's apparently the best way to do it. |
| 4 Living in a big city gets me down sometimes. _____ | d. But then, the public transportation system is really pretty bad. |
| 5 People should not be allowed to drive in the city. _____ | e. Then again, people are always chatting with their friends online. |
| | f. Even so, you have to take steps to protect your privacy. |

E _____ / 5 points (1 point each)

F Read the course descriptions. Then read the questions. Which course covers each question? Write the course letter (A, B, or C).

Spring Semester Courses in Sociology

Course A

Sociology of Work

The purpose of this course is to examine how work has evolved over the past 30 years and how it has been affected by radical recent changes in the U.S. economy. These changes have been so enormous that understanding the full extent of their impact on our daily lives is a challenge. They affect family life, individual life chances, and personal identity within the wider community. There have also been consequences for American culture as a whole, and the course will consider these, too.

Course B

Sociology of Language

There is such a close connection between language and society that discussing diversity in language can be almost meaningless if we do not also consider how it relates to culture. Variations in language frequently reflect social and cultural diversity. When someone does not use language in the same way as we do, do we feel prejudiced toward them? This course will introduce the linguistic diversity in the U.S., as well as look at how we respond to people who speak in different ways.

Course C

Sociology of Culture

In the field of sociology, "culture" includes areas such as how people spend their free time, what they buy, how they dress, and how they interact with the arts. In this course, we look at how our social status affects the choices we make concerning things like leisure activities, friends, and personal style. We will look at the way society influences our cultural behavior, and how we distinguish between ourselves and those we consider "different."

1. What factors influence a person's choice of clothes? _____
2. Do people's accents affect the way they are treated by others? _____
3. Does the economy play a role in people's sense of identity? _____
4. Does social status influence people's choice of friends? _____

F _____ / 8 points (2 points each)