FINAL EXAM ADVANCED 4 – TOUCHSTONE 4 - UNIT 11

Name: _____

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PART I. LISTENING

A. Instructions: Listen to four people talk about the things they do to help the environment. Circle the correct answer.

1. In order to use less gas, Bob _____ .
   a. does not drive on weekends
   b. uses public transportation
   c. bought a smaller car
2. In order to save electricity, Melissa tries to _____ .
   a. turn off lights
   b. use fewer gadgets
   c. not use the computer
3. Jason saves water by _____ .
   a. taking fewer showers
   b. cleaning his driveway less often
   c. watering the yard once a week only
4. Annette helps the environment by _____ .
   a. cleaning less often
   b. buying organic produce
   c. growing her own vegetables

PART II. GRAMMAR:

B. Instructions: Rewrite the sentences using the passive forms of the underlined verbs.

(1) Fishing companies <u>are catching</u> fewer wild fish. (2) As a result, they <u>have created</u> a new business called aquaculture. (3) They<u>'re raising</u> shrimp, salmon, and other types of seafood on big fish farms.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(4) Lawmakers <u>have required</u> cities to adopt new regulations for disabled people. (5) They<u>'re forcing</u> developers to change the way they build. (6) They<u>'re designing</u> new offices and stores so people in wheelchairs can use them.

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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C. Instructions: Match the two parts of the sentences. Write the letters. Then link the ideas with instead of, because, because of, in spite of, although, so that, and in order to. There is one extra part.

1. I turn down the air-conditioning _____
2. I'm going to take shorter showers _____
3. Packaging can take years to decompose _____
4. People are still not driving less _____
5. Use environmentally friendly cleaning products _____
6. We are experiencing a severe drought _____
7. Energy-saving appliances will save you money, _____

a. _____ increasing air pollution.
b. _____ they can be more expensive than regular ones.
c. _____ ones with toxic chemicals.
d. _____ the lack of rain.
e. _____ save electricity.
f. _____ they can make dangerous gases.
g. _____ I can lower my water consumption.
h. _____ most plastics are not biodegradable.

D. nstructions: Complete the conversation with expressions to refer back to things people said.

Example: *Paul* Hey, guys. Have you read this article on recent health trends? It looks really interesting.

Andy I haven't read it yet. But *as / like you said* , Paul, it looks interesting. How do you guys think our health habits have changed?

Marge I think people are much more conscious about their health these days. _____ (1) to some friends yesterday, it seems like everybody is eating healthier foods.

Paul Absolutely. And people are exercising so much more.

Andy That's true, too. But _____ (2), Marge, I've been noticing how people are being a lot more careful about the things they buy. Like, they're shopping at health food stores.

Paul Yeah, I agree. But, Marge, _____ (3) earlier people, are being more health conscious, too. And I guess that's my point. Don't you know a lot of people who are really into exercise? All my friends work out.

Marge Well, some of my friends do, but others don't. However, _____ (4), I think that more and more people realize that they have to do regular exercise to be healthy.

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PART IV. R[ ]DING

E. Instructions: Read the article. Add the missing sentences. Write the letters in the blanks. There is one extra sentence.

Why do companies outsource?



When a company outsources, it hires an outside organization to take over something the company would typically do for itself. (It is also called *offshoring* when a company hires an organization located in a foreign country.) Outsourcing has become a hot trend in the economic marketplace, and there are excellent reasons why.

- ***Better focus.*** In many companies, managers often get caught up in unimportant but necessary details that take up a lot of their time and energy. 1. ____
- ***Lower cost.*** Companies can often save a lot of money by outsourcing relatively routine business tasks such as the preparation of payroll checks or the handling of customer questions and complaints. 2. ____ The resulting savings get passed on to the outsourcing company.
- ***Greater efficiency and speed.*** When work is outsourced to companies in different time zones, the company can still be getting work done when most employees in the home company are away from their jobs. 3. ____
- ***Access to unavailable expertise.*** Outsourcing may enable a company to gain access to skills it does not currently possess. 4. ____ Often, a company that outsources its work would find it very difficult and expensive to develop these abilities on its own.

a. For example, by hiring the services of companies based in Ireland and India, a U.S. company can take advantage of a 24-hour work cycle.

b. Some organizations that provide outsourcing services have world-class reputations and have built up capabilities in many specialized areas.

c. Many of these companies lose money and decrease in productivity.

d. These services cost less to outsource because the companies that provide them often have far lower labor expenses.

e. By outsourcing these day-to-day functions, a company can let its employees concentrate on the jobs they do best.

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