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①	When you search and interact online, a **trail** of info is left behind.	⑥	Personal information or opinions sent to one person can be shared with a larger audience.
②	Elements of your digital footprint can be searched for or shared.	⑦	Googling yourself can be a worthwhile exercise.
③	Your digital footprints can be helpful or harmful to your reputation both now and in the future.	⑧	Old or inactive accounts should be disabled or deleted.
④	Once online, things can exist forever (even if deleted).	⑨	Keep personal details private and control the privacy settings on your accounts.
⑤	Always think before you post online.	⑩	Be mindful of the digital footprints of others (e.g. ask before taking photos).

( ) (1) Which is the best title for this table? (A) Tips for a Successful Live Broadcast (B) Being Careful with Your Digital Footprint (C) Google It! Searching Is Easy! (D) Never Reveal Personal Information Online

( ) (2) Which of the following statements is NOT suggested in the passage? (A) A digital footprint can do harm to someone's reputation. (B) What is posted online can be shared and searched for. (C) Think twice before you post anything on the web. (D) Anyone who posts photos is going to get trouble someday.

( ) (3) In the first point, what does "trail" refer to? (A) The action of following someone. (B) A path through the countryside. (C) The marks or tracks left by a person. (D) The action of dragging something.

( ) (4) Michael registered on a gaming website a long time ago but he is not interested in the site anymore. According to the information in the poster, which tip should you give him? (A) 3. (B) 7. (C) 8. (D) 10.

( ) (5) Ashley is about to post something on her Facebook page, and the following is shown on her smartphone screen. What is she trying to do?

Who can see my stuff?
Who can contact me?
How do I stop someone from bothering me?

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(A) Subscribe to a fun website. (B) Control her privacy settings. (C) Edit or alter old posts. (D) Abandon or remove a post.

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Jessica: To me, minimalism is a useful concept, but not that important. I've always been a fairly neat and tidy person, and I don't mind cleaning up my room when it's necessary. I don't need to follow anyone's rules or get rid of most of my possessions, though.

Joshua: I think minimalism is a great idea. I used to be a very disorganized person and could never find things when I was looking for them. Once I read an article about how to improve your life by getting rid of stuff, things changed for the better. Now, I follow the principles of minimalism at home, and I am much happier.

Freddy: I don't find minimalism either attractive or interesting. If you get pleasure from tidying up, then by all means do it. But my room has always been a messy place, and it has never bothered me, though my mom doesn't like it, of course. I'd hate to live in a boring, almost empty room, so minimalism isn't for me.

Amanda: A lot of people have been talking about this topic recently. I don't understand what the fuss is about. Of course, it's better to live in a tidy place than a messy one. But I don't need a book to teach me that!

( ) (1) What question are these four people most likely to be answering? (A) Why did you become a minimalist? (B) What is your opinion of minimalism? (C) Why do so many people like minimalism? (D) What is it like to be a minimalist?

( ) (2) Which of the four people is most enthusiastic about the topic? (A) Jessica. (B) Joshua. (C) Freddy. (D) Amanda.

( ) (3) What happened to Joshua? (A) He wrote an interesting article about minimalism. (B) He decided he didn't want to follow rules anymore. (C) He became a minimalist after reading about it. (D) His life became better when he stopped tidying up.

( ) (4) Why doesn't Freddy want to become a minimalist? (A) He doesn't think it is an interesting lifestyle. (B) He thinks it will make his mother angry with him. (C) He wants to get rid of most of his possessions. (D) He doesn't know why people are talking about it.

( ) (5) Which of the following best sums up Amanda's attitude to minimalism? (A) Very excited. (B) Quite interested. (C) Firmly opposed. (D) Not impressed.

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The Paiwan are one of Taiwan's fourteen indigenous tribes that have lived on the island for thousands of years. Many of their old customs have been dying out as the country has modernized and members of the tribe have joined **mainstream** society. Recently, some of the tribe's elders have been trying to keep various traditions alive.

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Among these is the practice of witchcraft.

It isn't the type of witchcraft you see in *Harry Potter* movies, however. It consists of rituals and ceremonies considered important to tribal culture. Witches were traditionally relied on to treat diseases, bless people, and pray for the community to protect it from evil spirits. In the past, witches had a high status within the tribe. They played an important role, especially on major occasions such as before a hunt or when the year's crops were being planted, or at a funeral.

To keep the tradition going, the Paiwan have opened a class in Pingtung County, where most of them live. The class has received financial support from the local government. It has more than ten students, and they are mainly housewives aged between 30 and 50. Among the lessons being taught are how to seek advice from the gods and communicate with dead ancestors.

( ) (1) What is this passage mainly about? (A) Where some indigenous tribes choose to live in Taiwan. (B) How the status of witches has changed in a few decades. (C) How the Paiwan's witchcraft differs from that in Harry Potter. (D) What the Paiwan are doing to revive their traditional customs.

( ) (2) Which of the following is NOT true about the class mentioned in the last paragraph? (A) It is about the practice of witchcraft. (B) It is sponsored by the local government. (C) Most of the learners go to the class after work. (D) Most of the learners are middle-aged females.

( ) (3) What was the reason for starting the class mentioned in the passage? (A) To help the Paiwan make a living. (B) To help keep old traditions alive. (C) To provide work for young people. (D) To teach women general job skills.

( ) (4) According to the passage, which of the following is the time LEAST likely for a Paiwan witch to offer help? (A) When someone has decided to go to college. (B) When someone's grandmother has died. (C) When someone is getting married. (D) When someone is going hunting.

( ) (5) Which of these words is closest in meaning to "mainstream" in Paragraph 1? (A) Regular. (B) Unique. (C) Lasting. (D) Old-fashioned.

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