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StartUp4 Unit 2 Test

LISTENING

Listen. Choose the correct answer to each question.

(**Audio Track:** StartUp4_Unit02_Test_01)

____ 1. What is the purpose of the reports?
a. to warn people about the rain
b. to tell people about the traffic
c. to advise people what to do in an emergency
d. to explain the best ways to stay dry

____ 2. What does the second part of the announcement focus on?
a. the weekend weather
b. international weather
c. weather safety
d. the weather for next week

____ 3. What does the speaker tell local businesses to do?
a. turn off the electricity
b. listen to the news
c. stay inside
d. close for the day

PRONUNCIATION

A. Listen to the pronunciation of *-th* in the words.

____ 4. Choose the word that has an unvoiced /th/ sound.

(**Audio Track:** StartUp4_Unit02_Test_02)

a. neither
b. them
c. thirty
d. those

____ 5. Choose the word that has a voiced /th/ sound.

(**Audio Track:** StartUp4_Unit02_Test_03)

a. authentic
b. month
c. something
d. than

B. Listen to each conversation. Choose the words that are stressed.

6. (**Audio Track:** StartUp4_Unit02_Test_04)

A: Have you ever driven in the snow?

B: No, I haven't.

7. (**Audio Track:** StartUp4_Unit02_Test_05)

A: The streets have flooded in my neighborhood.

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GRAMMAR

A. Choose the correct modal to complete each sentence. There may be more than one answer.

____ 8. It's starting to rain pretty heavily and all the players are leaving the baseball field. The game _____ (*be*) cancelled.

a. may be
b. must be
c. could be
d. might be

____ 9. Scott was coughing and sneezing a lot yesterday and today he's not here. He _____ (*be*) feeling very well.

a. must not be
b. might not be
c. could not be
d. may not be

____ 10. We _____ (*need*) to bring our umbrellas to the festival tomorrow. I heard there's a 60% chance of rain.

a. might need
b. must need
c. could need
d. may need

B. Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect or present perfect continuous form of the verb in parentheses.

11. It _____ (*snow*) since late last night.

12. The weather service _____ (*ask*) people to stay off the roads until the snow is cleared.

13. The city management and local news _____ (*inform*) people for two days on how they can prepare for the upcoming storm.

C. Complete each sentence with *so* or *such*.

14. The fire in the movie theatre was _____ bad that the theatre will have to be rebuilt from nothing.

15. We had _____ a difficult time driving on the roads because of the ice that we got out of the car and walked the rest of the way home.

16. There was _____ a small amount of rain in our town this summer that all the lawns of my neighborhood are now brown in color.

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VOCABULARY

A. Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentences.

____ 17. _____ earlier these days. It's only 4:00 and the sun is already gone.
a. There's a storm
b. The sky is getting dark
c. There's thunder
d. It's starting to snow

____ 18. It's going to be nice this afternoon. _____ .
a. It's getting cloudy
b. It's starting to rain
c. It's clearing up
d. It's getting windy

____ 19. After it's finished raining, I like seeing _____ . The colors are just so pretty.
a. lightning
b. thunderstorms
c. a snowstorm
d. a rainbow

B. Complete the sentences with the correct phrase.

a. icy roads
b. strong winds
c. flooding
d. heavy rain
e. blizzard

____ 20. If it rains too much, _____ can occur.

____ 21. Be careful driving. It's still very cold outside, so there may be some _____.

____ 22. I don't think your umbrella will be very useful. You might want to wait for the _____ to finish.

C. Complete the sentences with the correct phrase.

a. Stores were closed
b. Homes were damaged
c. The roads were closed
d. The roads were icy
e. We lost power

____ 23. _____ because their owners weren't able to get any new products.

____ 24. I'm sorry I didn't call you last night. _____ so I couldn't charge my phone.

____ 25. You might have to take a different way to get there. _____ yesterday because of damage from the storm.

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CONVERSATION

A. Choose the best phrases to complete the conversation.

a. I'll go out for lunch today
b. The storm must be over
c. They make me nervous too
d. There might be a storm coming

26. A: Let's go out for lunch.

B: The sky is getting dark. _____.

A: Did you hear that? Sounds like thunder.

B: I know it's silly, but thunderstorms make me nervous.

A: They can be so loud. _____.

B. Choose the best phrases to complete the conversation.

a. Sounds like it was dangerous!
b. I'm glad to hear that.
c. What about you?
d. We were lucky.

27. A: Have you ever been in an earthquake?

B: Yes, when I lived in California.

A: Oh, no! _____

B: Most of them were small. However, there was one that was pretty bad.

A: I hope you weren't nearby.

B: Homes were damaged, but mine wasn't one of them 14thank goodness.

A: _____

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READING

Read the article. Choose the correct answers.

LIVING THE CALIFORNIA DREAM?

Imagine you have millions of dollars to build your dream home. You find the perfect place for it on a cliff with views of the ocean. There's sunshine for most of the year. However, there are also earthquakes and wildfires. And then there is the rain and the landslides that sometimes push million dollar homes into the ocean. Would you still build it there?

It may sound crazy, but there are many people who have done just that. They live in Malibu, California, a city that experiences regular earthquakes, fires, and landslides. But it's also a city with beautiful beaches, beautiful weather, and an easy drive to Los Angeles.

Why is there so much shaking, burning, and sliding?

The mountains are one of the reasons that make Malibu so beautiful. However, the force that created those mountains also causes earthquakes. Thankfully, many of them are so small that no one ever feels them. And, the earthquakes people do feel haven't caused much damage yet.

Malibu's wildfires, on the other hand, have caused damage in the past. In summer, the weather gets hot and dry. Many of the local plants, like chaparral, can survive this weather, but they dry out as well. This makes them perfect fuel for a wildfire. Strong Santa Ana winds, along with the dry chaparral, make it difficult to fight fires when they do start. The Corral Fire in 2007 was the last one that did a lot of damage; it destroyed 53 homes and damaged another 35.

Many people might welcome rain after a fire; however, because of Malibu's steep mountains, large amounts of rain can lead to landslides. After a fire, there is an even greater chance of landslides because there are fewer plants to keep the wet ground from sliding down the mountains. During one ten year period, Malibu experienced four landslides that damaged some homes.

They keep coming back

However, all the earthquakes, fires, and landslides haven't kept people away. There are about 13,000 people who live in Malibu, including many Hollywood stars. Some have lost expensive homes in fires or landslides, but they have still chosen to stay and rebuild their homes. For these 13,000 people, the beauty of Malibu is more powerful than the weather.

____ 28. Which statement best describes the main idea of the article?

a. People are finding new ways to stop the effects of dangerous weather.
b. People should stop living in Malibu because of the weather.
c. Some people choose to live with the effects of dangerous weather.
d. Some people don't understand the power of weather.

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____ 29. Which events have damaged homes in Malibu?

a. earthquakes
b. fire
c. landslides
d. rain

WRITING

Choose the idea that best describes the purpose of each passage.

a. greeting
b. how the weather affects plans
c. details about the weather
d. closing

____ 30. I can't wait to see you in a couple of weeks. I hope you and your mom are enjoying the sunshine!

Sophia

____ 31. It turned out to be a very windy day, so Ben and I decided not to sail because the waves were too high.

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