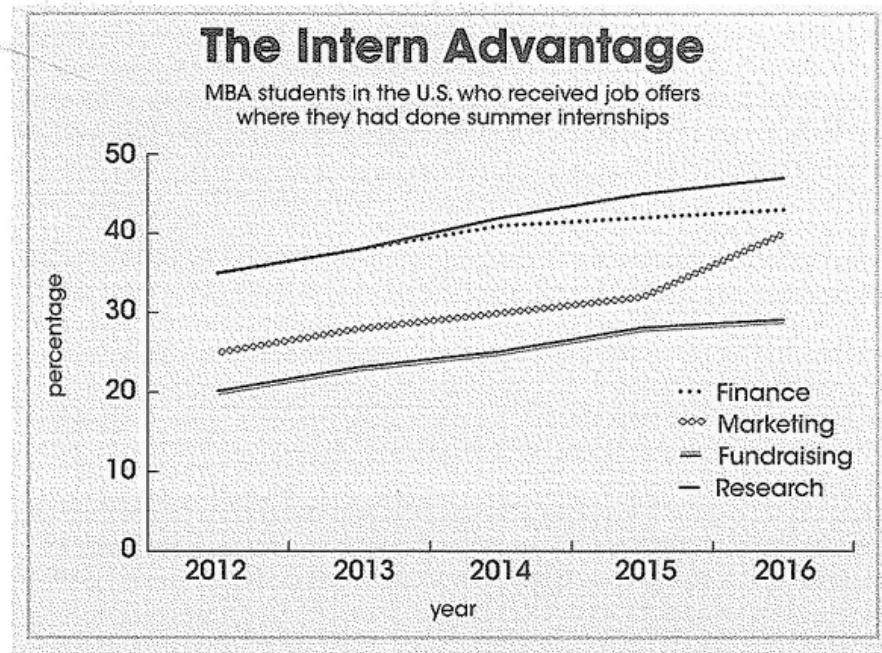


UNIT 6 READING QUIZ

PART A: KEY SKILLS

1 **INTERPRETING GRAPHICAL INFORMATION** You are going to read an essay about internships. Look at the graph. Answer the questions based on the information in the graph.



- 1 What year did all four sectors record the highest percentage of full-time job offers for interns? _____
- 2 Which sector experienced the greatest increase in full-time job offers for interns between 2012 and 2016? _____
- 3 Interns hired for which sector received the highest percentage of job offers? _____
- 4 What happened to job offers for marketing interns between 2015 and 2016?

- 5 What is true about the percentage of job offers to former interns in the finance and research sectors from 2012-2013?

- 6 What general trend is shown by the graph?

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2 Read the essay. Then answer the questions that follow.

The Value of Unpaid Internships

- 1 College students looking to the future and thinking about their careers often consider the practical aspects of a job like salary, benefits, and opportunities for promotion. But for those who are in the process of getting their degrees, finding work in a competitive chosen field upon graduation can be difficult. One way to gain an advantage prior to finishing their studies is for students to consider using their breaks – winter, spring, and summer vacations or gap years – for internships, even if they are unpaid. Although the idea of working for free might not appeal, the benefits of these internships are clear. They provide students with work experience that would be hard to find otherwise, they help students become accustomed to the working world, and they give invaluable networking opportunities.
- 2 The fact is that for many careers, there is no substitute for real-world work experience. For example, students who plan to work in business, finance, or marketing cannot get the same kind of experience in a classroom that they can get by working for a company. Having actual responsibilities that affect the success of a project or organization is much better preparation for the working world than merely writing case studies or reading textbooks. This alone justifies the value of an unpaid position. After all, an intern generally does not bring experience to his or her role in a company. So, in reality, the company is giving the intern more than the intern is giving the company, at least initially. The interns, on the other hand, get first-hand knowledge and experience in a specific company and role for free.
- 3 The value of unpaid internships goes beyond work experience in one firm. More generally, many students find the transition from the daily routine of college life to the daily routine of a career to be a shock that can be softened by previous internships. Dressing appropriately for work, arriving to work on time, and following the pattern of a daily job are difficult to prepare for in a classroom. Furthermore, a professional work environment requires a person to follow instructions from supervisors and learn how to communicate and negotiate duties with coworkers. An internship can help people understand and learn these "soft skills" before entering the workplace.
- 4 Last, and perhaps most importantly, internships provide students with the opportunity to make valuable contacts – business associates who can help them in their future careers. Interns who work hard and demonstrate potential and ability in their chosen field will find colleagues who are willing to advocate for them and provide recommendations, perhaps even hire them after graduation. While recommendations from professors are helpful, from a future employer's perspective, there is no substitute for professional recommendations and connections.
- 5 The idea of working for free during vacations may be distasteful, but once the benefits are taken into account, the value is clear. While a good education is obviously important, it is not sufficient to prepare students for the competitive working world. An internship can help address that knowledge gap and build students' expertise before they start their careers. Excelling at an internship should be like getting good grades in school – something every student should strive for and take seriously.

PART B: ADDITIONAL SKILLS

3 Choose the best answer to each question.

- 1 What is true about the essay?
 - a The author admits that unpaid internships may seem unfair on the surface.
 - b The author focuses on the benefits and future advantages of unpaid internships.
 - c The author prefers unpaid internships to paid internships.
- 2 What does the essay suggest about unpaid internships?
 - a All students understand why it is a valuable experience.
 - b Some students may not see the value and dislike working for free.
 - c Most students do unpaid internships during their summer break.
- 3 What is the meaning of *networking* in paragraph 1?
 - a a computer system that connects people in the same office
 - b an exchange of ideas
 - c building a set of personal connections
- 4 What is the focus of paragraph 4?
 - a the relationship between interns and coworkers
 - b the relationship between teachers and students
 - c the relationship between managers and employees
- 5 How would you characterize the style of this essay?
 - a an explanatory synthesis of various sources
 - b an argumentative essay with a point of view
 - c an objective description of a phenomenon

UNIT 6 READING QUIZ

UNIT 6 LANGUAGE QUIZ

PART A: KEY VOCABULARY

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

alternative ambiguity boast dispute persistent potential qualified survey

- 1 My brother still _____ that he was the best basketball player in his high school, but I think his best friend was better.
- 2 We are hopeful about our financial future because the new governor's policies have the _____ to improve the state's tax system.
- 3 After three weeks I finally went to the doctor for some medicine to cure this _____ cough.
- 4 Jana was much more _____ than the other applicants, which is why she got the job.
- 5 The information in the graph is based on an online _____ of more than 10,000 social media users.
- 6 I had to ask Anita to clarify her plan because of the _____ of some of the details.
- 7 The company charged in the lawsuit is not _____ that they did something wrong, but they are questioning the actual damage that resulted from their actions.
- 8 We had planned to have a picnic in the park, but because it was raining we had to make a(n) _____ plan.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

assertive chronic diminish expertise extend founder illustration prospective

- 1 Some illnesses, such as diabetes, are _____, and require patients to manage them their entire life.
- 2 Jim has a lot of _____ in website design, which is why he was chosen to lead the Media department.
- 3 In addition to the job interview, all _____ applicants will have to undergo a day of psychological and mathematical testing.
- 4 The problems we have been having with our delivery service are a(n) _____ of why we need to improve our customer service.
- 5 The bank agreed to _____ the deadline for my loan by six months.
- 6 The recent rainfall does not _____ the fact that the region is still in the middle of a severe drought.
- 7 Elon Musk is the _____ and driving force behind a number of companies, including SpaceX, Tesla Inc., and SolarCity.
- 8 His _____ personality enabled him to convince others and make the necessary changes.

PART B: LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

3 COMPLEX NOUN PHRASES

Choose a word or phrase from each box to complete the sentences.

job information training
work-life household

balance income market
program technology

- 1 My new job provides a better _____ than the last one, because now I can be home for dinner with my family every night.
- 2 The vocational school has an excellent _____ at a local hospital for people studying to be nurses.
- 3 My degree in computer science helped me find a position in the bank's _____ department after graduation.
- 4 According to a government website, the country's median _____ was \$51,939 in 2014.
- 5 The global recession and the weak _____ in 2008 made it difficult for many college students to find work after graduating.