UNIT 1 READING QUIZ

Read the essay. Then answer the questions that follow.

The Native American Land Conservancy

1 The Native Americans who live in present-day California are the descendants of the indigenous peoples who lived in the area before the arrival of European settlers. According to a recent United States census report, over 300,000 people living in California today have Native American heritage. Despite this, most areas in the state that have cultural and historical significance for Native American tribes are not owned or controlled by tribes. Ongoing plans made by property developers, as well as pollution, threaten to destroy places that have historically been important to native people. Because many Native American communities do not have access to their sacred sites and find it difficult to protect their own traditional cultures, groups like the Native American Land Conservancy (NALC) have been formed. The NALC started in 1998 as an inter-tribal group focused on protecting sacred sites in Southern California. A review of some examples of the work that the NALC does demonstrates the organization's importance and shows why it should have the support of all Americans.

2 In 2004, the NALC collaborated with tribal representatives and conservation groups to acquire and protect an area called Horse Canyon in the Santa Rosa Mountains. This area is part of the Colorado Desert, which contains evidence of the societies of early native peoples. This includes ancient trails, rock shelters, quarry sites, and examples of rock art. In the past, tribes would use the area for ritual hunting activities. If it were not for the support of the NALC, this area might now be a housing development.

3 The Cahuilla Fish Traps Program is another example of the good work that the NALC does. Working with an organization called the Trust for Public Lands, they monitor an ancient Native American site and act as tribal representatives. The Salton Sea is the name of a lake in Southern California where ancient fish traps were carved into the rocks by members of the Cahuilla tribe. This site has long been of cultural and historical importance to the local Native American community. However, because of the extensive use of off-road vehicles, the archeological evidence has been vulnerable to pollution. By monitoring this site, the NALC and other groups can both register and record those who use the area and encourage protective measures. They also maintain an informational facility on the property.

4 Finally, the NALC has been instrumental in conserving the area called Old Woman Mountains Preserve in San Bernardino County. This area surrounds a group of mountains, and it includes a large granite rock that is thought to resemble an old woman. The 2,560-acre preserve contains many places with historical and cultural ties to various Native American tribes. In 2002, the NALC purchased it with the goal of improving hiking trails, protecting the landscape, and running educational programs. They now conduct scientific surveys of the plants and animals found on the property. Especially important is the Learning Landscape program for tribal young people, which teaches them about their own cultural traditions.

5 It is plain to see that the NALC is helping to conserve both the environment and Native American culture with such projects just as the National Park Service preserves Alcatraz Island and Muir Woods for the good of the country. After all, the history of the native people in California is just as important as any other history of the region, and we must support groups like the NALC in their goals. It is abundantly clear that, without the assistance of groups like the NALC, places of cultural and historical importance to Native American tribes in California would not be maintained and conserved. All United States citizens must remember that the legacy of the native tribes and the land they have lived on is part of our shared history.

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PART A: KEY SKILLS

1 IDENTIFYING AN ARGUMENT Choose the best answer to each question.

1 What is the writer's main argument?
- a The NALC works with other organizations to protect important Native American sites.
- b The NALC deserves the support of all Americans due to its proven work of preserving tribal history, culture, and the environment.
- c Native Americans need organizations like the NALC to help them conserve their sacred land.

2 Why does the author mention that all Americans should support the NALC?
- a to emphasize that the issue of conserving land, culture, and history is not limited to Native Americans
- b to prove that the NALC has not had the support of many people in the past
- c to argue that tribes in California have been discriminated against and deserve financial compensation

3 Which argument is not presented in this essay?
- a Areas of importance to Native Americans should be preserved.
- b Land that is in danger of being polluted should be protected.
- c Developers should be allowed to construct buildings on land that is not sacred to Native Americans.

2 IDENTIFYING SUPPORTING DETAILS Match the paragraphs to the statements.

1 Paragraph 4 _____
2 Paragraph 2 _____
3 Paragraph 3 _____

- a An area of archeological importance was saved from the dangers of pollution.
- b An area containing evidence of historical Native American culture was saved from development.
- c An area that is important to Native Americans is now the site of an educational program for young people.

3 Choose all correct answers.

1 What reasons does the author give for the founding of the NALC?
- a More than 300,000 people now live in endangered areas.
- b Native American lands face threats from property developers.
- c Native Americans have fewer rights than other California residents.
- d Many Native Americans do not have access to their sacred historical sites.

2 Which example(s) does the writer discuss to support his thesis?
- a Muir Woods
- b Old Woman Mountains Preserve
- c Horse Canyon
- d Cahuilla Fish Traps Program

3 Which detail(s) about the NALC does the author include?
- a The NALC monitors recreational use.
- b The NALC sponsors hunting trips.
- c The NALC carries out scientific surveys.
- d The NALC takes legal action against land developers.
- e The NALC builds trails and rock shelters.
- f The NALC provides educational resources.

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4 Which idea is mentioned in the conclusion but not the introduction?
   a Conservation of certain land areas is important, and many people are not aware of this.
   b Native American heritage is something that all U.S. citizens share as a community.
   c The history of Native Americans in the state of California is especially important.

PART B: ADDITIONAL SKILLS

4 Choose the best answer to each question.

1 Which statement do you think the author would agree with most?
   a Preservation of Native American history and culture is the most important function of the NALC.
   b Protection of the natural environment in Southern California is the most important contribution of the NALC.
   c The NALC's work preserving Native American history and culture, and protecting the environment are equally important.
2 How would you describe the overall tone of this essay?
   a sarcastic
   b informative
   c disappointed
3 What was the author's main purpose for writing this essay?
   a to educate the reader about an organization he admires
   b to criticize the government of California and offer solutions
   c to describe some different Native American tribes of Southern California
4 In paragraph 2, why does the author mention "ritual hunting activities"?
   a He is against the hunting of animals.
   b He thinks that knowing this information can help us understand more about past cultures.
   c He wants to emphasize that Native Americans hunted based on specific rules.
5 How does the author end the essay?
   a with a call to action or suggestion
   b with a prediction
   c with a warning

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UNIT 1 LANGUAGE QUIZ

Name: _____ Date: _____

PART A: KEY VOCABULARY

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

affordable	deteriorate	developer	facility	maintain	prosper	renovation	vacant

To Whom It May Concern:

A property (1) _____ in our town has identified buildings that are currently (2) _____ – in other words, not being lived in. Several of these buildings in the garden district of our town are in bad condition and are (3) _____ quickly. She (4) _____ that her company would be able to make the buildings livable again through a series of (5) _____ . Her plan is to create new homes with community (6) _____ , such as playgrounds and running trails. She is requesting financial support from our office so that these homes could serve as (7) _____ housing for families with low incomes. Having decent homes will help all members of our community (8) _____ , not just the middle and upper classes.

Sincerely,
The Office of Community Development

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

capacity	deliberate	emerge	memorabilia	practice	prompt	recover	vulnerable

Using sustainable methods for growing crops is an environmentally beneficial (1) _____ .This has (2) _____ many agriculturalists to study more ways to farm sustainably. They are also studying ways to grow crops without harming the surrounding ecology, including fish and other marine life that are (3) _____ to the damaging effects of contaminated lake water. In many cases, contaminating water is not a (4) _____ act; farmers may not even know that their practices are harmful. Nevertheless, if there is too much pollution in a lake, the fish population may never (5) _____ , and could eventually die off.

In recent years, several private organizations have (6) _____ with the goal of conserving traditional Native American land in North America. In addition, they focus on maintaining tribal history by collecting historical documents and (7) _____ , and using them to educate the public through museums and school programs. These groups have the (8) _____ to make a difference in our society.

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PART B: LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

3 TIME EXPRESSIONS Complete the sentences with the correct expressions in the box.

at one time	at the turn of the century	for the time being	out of date	slowly but surely

1 We would like to buy a new car but cannot afford one right now, so _____ we have to continue using our old one.

2 The first few times I took my son skating he had trouble even standing on the ice. However, _____, he learned to skate, and this year he was selected for the local ice hockey team.

3 _____, many years ago, there was a forest here instead of a town.

4 If the medicine in your cabinet is _____, you should get rid of it because it may not be safe to use.

5 In 1900, there were approximately 1.65 billion people on earth. One hundred years later, _____, there were over 6 billion.

4 COMPOUND ADJECTIVES Choose the correct compound adjectives to complete the sentences.

1 Beyoncé is a *well known / well-known* singer of empowering pop music.

2 Although he is quite wealthy now, he grew up in a *low income / low-income* family.

3 It is often true that *fast growing / fast-growing* countries experience environmental problems.

4 The project plan to conserve more state forests is intended to be *long term / long-term*, so we hope it will survive the current administration's budget cuts.

5 I try to stay *up to date / up-to-date* by reading several respectable news sources.

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