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QUIZ 1 U1

Mark

Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Listening:

Listen to the conversation. Then write the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.

1. Vera and Mark are talking about college _____
2. Vera already _____ a few computer courses.
3. Vera had planned to study architecture, but she _____ technology.
4. Vera is interested in _____ dance
5. Vera thinks she will take _____ dance class.
6. Mark thinks getting into medical school is _____
7. Vera wishes Mark _____ for getting into medical school.

Listen to the conversations. Then, write "yes" or "no" on the line.

Is the person confident about achieving his or her goals?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Reading:

Read the article. Then write the correct letter on the lines

1. What is Vocation Vacations? _____
 - a) a company for people who want to work with dogs
 - b) a company that lets people experience their dream jobs
 - c) a company that trains people in the career of their dreams

2. Why did Brian Kurth start Vocation Vacations? _____
 - a) because he saw the importance of exploring a job before getting training
 - b) because he hated his job and wanted to be his own boss
 - c) because he wanted to give people a break from their regular jobs

3. What do Vocation Vacations mentors do? _____
 - a) train people to take over their jobs
 - b) interview people for jobs
 - c) show people what their jobs are like

4. Which of the following is true about a Vocation Vacations experience? _____
 - a) You get a certificate.
 - b) The experience lasts for a week.
 - c) It costs money.

5. Which type of job experience might Vocation Vacations offer? _____
 - a) working at a factory
 - b) working as a sports announcer
 - c) working as a surgeon

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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to get your dream job? It can take years to get the education and develop the skills necessary for the perfect job. However, there is a way to experience your dream job without having to get the required training or degree. Since 2004, Brian Kurth's company, Vocation Vacations, has been connecting people with mentors who already have the jobs of their dreams.

Kurth had been working for a phone company before he started his own company. He didn't like his job, and he had a long time to think about it on his drive to and from work. He also often thought about his dream job while he was driving. He was interested in becoming a dog trainer, but he didn't want to take any chances and switch to a field he didn't have experience in. He really wanted to know what the job was like and if it was realistic for him to work towards his goal. So, he found a mentor—a dog trainer that could tell him about the job and everything it involved. After that, he helped his friends find mentors to explore jobs they were interested in. They thought it was helpful to talk to people who had their dream jobs before spending a lot of time and money getting the training they needed for those jobs.

Kurth saw how much this helped his friends, so he decided to turn it into a business. He started Vocation Vacations in 2004, and by 2005, the company was offering experiences with over 200 dream jobs. Today, about 300 mentors work with the company to share their knowledge about their jobs. Customers pay to experience the job of their dreams and work with these mentors to see what a



job is really like. A "job vacation" costs between \$350 and \$3,000 and can be for one to three days. Many people use Vocation Vacations to see if their dream job is a career path that they want to continue. Others do it just to experience the job of their dreams one time—even if it's only for a day or two!

Vocation Vacations jobs are in the fields of fashion, food, entertainment, sports, and animals. Many people want to try glamorous jobs. For example, they want to try working as actors, music producers, photographers, and fashion designers. According to Kurth, some other popular dream jobs are working as bakers, dog day-care owners, hotel managers, and wedding planners.

What is your dream job? Would you pay to take a vocation vacation and give it a try?

Writing:

Read the job ads below. Select one job and write a formal cover letter that will accompany your résumé when applying for this position. Use real or invented information about yourself.

Experienced pilot wanted. Must have commercial license and minimum 1,500 hours flight time. FCC license a plus. Ability to speak English and Spanish fluently. Apply to Mr. Jude Watson, Danson Airlines, P.O. Box 142, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

Math teacher. Minimum 2 years experience teaching grades 9-12. Must have excellent communication skills. Organized, motivated applicants only. Contact: Mrs. Shana Speers, Clinton High School, San Mateo, CA 94401.