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4B Homework

1 READING

a Read the article and number the paragraphs in the correct order.

b Read the article again. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).

1 Most people think that boys take more risks than girls. *T*
2 In the past, men had to pay more than women to insure their cars. ___
3 A third of the girls in the survey said that they replied to text messages while driving. ___
4 In general, girls use cell phones when they are driving more than boys. ___
5 The second survey involved both men and women. ___
6 New mothers are the safest drivers of all. ___
7 Women now have to pay higher insurance rates than men in some countries. ___

☐ **A** What is more, cell phone use while driving is not confined to young women. A child protection group in the US recently did a survey of the habits of new mothers in the car. The results of this survey are similarly shocking. Of the 2,396 mothers who took part, 78 % admitted talking on the phone when they were driving with their babies in the car. Twenty-six percent said that they regularly texted or checked their emails. Not surprisingly, nearly 10 % of the mothers interviewed had been involved in a car crash. These results show that new mothers behave almost as badly on the road as teenagers.

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[1] **B** It is widely accepted that boys are bigger risk takers than girls. More men than women take part in risky sports and men are more likely to be responsible for reckless driving. Until now, this factor has been reflected in car insurance policies, which have always required men to pay higher rates than women. However, recent research has shown that this belief may no longer be correct.

[ ] **C** With statistics like these, it is hardly surprising that insurance companies are reconsidering the policies they offer. And they are being backed by some countries around the world. The European Court of Justice, for example, has recently passed a measure that prohibits insurance companies from taking gender into account when calculating the cost of an insurance policy. The change serves to make one thing very clear: a distracted driver is a dangerous driver, no matter what sex they are.

[ ] **D** A survey of 2,000 young drivers about the risks they take on the road revealed some surprising figures. More than a third of the girls who took part admitted that they regularly read text messages from friends and family members while driving. More than a quarter of these girls admitted answering the texts while they were behind the wheel. In contrast, the boys did not seem so concerned about who was trying to contact them. A much smaller number admitted to reading texts on the road, and only 10 percent said that they would try to respond to the message before stopping the car.

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c Look at the highlighted words and phrases in the text and try to figure out their meaning. Then use them to complete the sentences.

1 Some people have different personalities when they're _____ of a car.
2 I didn't _____ to your text message because my phone battery died.
3 The police arrested everyone who had been _____ in the fight.
4 The banks are raising interest _____ from 1.5 % to 2 %.
5 The cuts are _____ education. There will also be less money for health care.
6 An example of his _____ is when he drove on the freeway doing 110 miles per hour.
7 My parents _____ me in my choice of career.
8 Zane wears shorts all the time _____ how bad the weather is.

2 VOCABULARY expressions with *take*

Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

1 My mother takes good c*are* ____ of herself and still looks great for her age.
2 Katie believes in women's rights. She takes gender equality very s_____.

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3 My son loves drama, so he always takes p_____ in the school play.
4 My husband takes a_____ his father – they're both passionate about basketball.
5 My girlfriend is very sensible. She doesn't like taking r_____.
6 You don't have to finish this today. There's no hurry. You can take your t_____.
7 I'm taking u_____ yoga because I need to learn to relax.
8 Let's take ad_____ of the nice weather and have a barbecue.
9 We didn't take the rush hour traffic into acc_____, so we almost missed our flight.
10 The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival usually takes p_____ over two weekends in the middle of April.

b Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

1 *Bring* your swimsuit if you want to use the pool. (bring)
2 Don't call them now. They _____ lunch. (have)
3 I _____ if those people don't stop talking. (complain)
4 If you tell me what's wrong, I _____ anything. (not say)
5 If everything goes according to plan, we _____ work early today. (finish)
6 I won't be able to talk to you if I _____ when you call. (drive)
7 If you _____ Dan Brown's new book yet, I'll buy you a copy for your birthday. (not read)
8 You'll get wet if you _____ an umbrella with you. (not take)

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c Fill in the blanks in each sentence so that it means the same as the sentence (or sentences) before. Use a time expression from the box and no more than two other words.

after	as soon as	before	
incase	unless	until	~~when~~

1 I'll go to New York and I'll stay with some friends.
I'll stay with some friends _*when I go*_ to New York.

2 My boyfriend will arrive at his hotel. He'll call me immediately.
My boyfriend will call me _____ at his hotel.

3 We'll arrive in time for lunch if the traffic isn't bad.
We'll arrive in time for lunch _____ is bad.

4 I'm going to call my husband. He might forget his doctor's appointment.
I'm going to call my husband _____ his doctor's appointment.

5 She's going to pack her suitcase. Then she'll go to bed.
She's going to pack her suitcase _____ to bed.

6 They'll get married and then they'll live together.
They won't live together _____ married.

7 I'll do my Pilates and then I'll take a shower.
I'll take a shower _____ my Pilates.

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USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

addicted to /ə'dɪktəd tə/
a sense of /ə sɛns əv/
at the last minute /æt ðə læst 'mɪnət/
break the speed limit /breɪk ðə spid 'lɪmət/
fatal (accident) /'feɪtl/
for charity /fɔr 'tʃærəti/
get caught (by the police) /gɛt kɔt/
get straight to the point /gɛt streɪt tə ðə pɔɪnt/
in advance /ɪn əd'væns/
potentially /pə'tɛnʃli/
risky /'rɪski/
take a risk /teɪk ə rɪsk/

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