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FINAL EXAM CONNECTIVITY -LEVEL 5



READING

1) Read the article. Then choose the correct answer to each question, according to the information.

READY FOR A VOCATION VACATION?

Many people fantasize about their dream job. But have you ever wondered what it would be like to actually do that work? It can take years to get the training and develop the expertise needed for a new career. What if, after all that preparation, you found that you didn't enjoy the job as much as you expected or just weren't cut out for it? One company has an enterprising solution: Pivot Planet has been connecting people with their passions by providing real career and life experience from experts in hundreds of exciting fields.

Before he founded Pivot Planet, Brian Kurth had been working a dead-end job. Although interested in becoming a dog trainer, he was anxious about switching to an occupation he had no experience with. To learn if the job was a good fit, he located a mentor—a dog trainer who could tell him about the work and everything it involved. Kurth learned a lot and his friends began asking him for help finding mentors for jobs they were interested in.

Kurth saw the value of this kind of service, so he decided to turn his idea into a business. In 2004, he started the first iteration of his company as Vocation Vacations. Clients (called "vocationers") were matched with a mentor and invited into their business for 2–3 days.

People could test-drive the job of their dreams and see what it was really like. By 2005, the company was offering experiences with over 75 interesting jobs around the world, including baseball team manager, radio DJ, and race car driver. In 2006, there was even a reality TV show based on Kurth's idea called *This Job Is a Trip!* Contestants were placed in their ideal profession and given a series of challenges to see if they could survive or were better suited for their existing jobs.

In 2012, difficult economic conditions led Kurth to reimagine his company; instead of having clients travel to a workplace, he connected them with mentors via more affordable video conferencing. Rebranded as Pivot Planet, the service continues to connect people looking to pivot to a new career with expert advisors who can answer questions and offer insights into hundreds of professions. While many clients seek advice about glamorous careers in music, film, and fashion, Kurth reports that the most popular requests are for more practical occupations: bakers, pet day-care owners, and bed and breakfast managers.

What's your dream job? Would you be interested in career counseling from an expert in that field?

1- What caused Kurth to start his own business?

- a. He wanted to change careers but was unsure if the new job would be a good match for him.
- b. He was inspired to try a new job while he was visiting a foreign country on vacation.
- c. He wanted to become a career counselor and thought this would be a fun way to do it.

2- What service did Kurth's first business, Vocation Vacations, offer?

- a. It allowed people to travel while learning more about their career options.
- b. It allowed people to start a new job without quitting their old job.
- c. It allowed people to spend a few days working in a career of their choice.

3- Why did Kurth reimagine his company in 2012?

- a. He realized people didn't want to travel to try out new careers.
- b. He needed to make his service more affordable during a bad economy.
- c. He thought video conferences were better than in-person counseling.

4- What service did Kurth's second business, Pivot Planet, offer?

- a. It allowed people to ask questions and get career advice from experts in the field.
- b. It allowed people to travel internationally to try out new careers.
- c. It allowed people to interview for new jobs in field they hadn't worked in before.

5- If you aren't cut out for something, you _____. (line 3 in the article)

- a. don't have the right qualities or abilities.
- b. are chosen as the best person to try it.
- c. are qualified but want to do something else.

6- Someone who is enterprising has the ability to _____. (line 4 in the article)

- a. identify the safest path to success and avoid risks
- b. think of new ways of doing things and make them successful
- c. recycle ideas that have worked well in the past.

7- When you test-drive something, you _____. (line 14 in the article)

- a. make a commitment to buy or use it.
- b. travel a long distance to get to it.
- c. try it for a short time to see if it's a good.

8- If a company pivots, it _____. (line 21 in the article)

- a. keeps doing the same things it has always done.
- b. changes direction and focuses on something new.
- c. makes small changes but stays focused on the same goals.



LISTENING

2) Listen to the radio show about having a moral compass. Then choose the correct answer to each question, according to the information.

1- How did Katrina's father influence her moral principles?

- a. He cared for people in hospitals with serious illnesses.
- b. He required her to spend time supporting others.
- c. He taught her the importance of being honest.

2- What shaped Joe's moral compass?

- a. He was inspired by friend who survived an illness and now volunteers.
- b. He was often sick as a child and spent most of his time in hospitals.
- c. He had a religious upbringing and prayed every night for guidance.

3- What incident taught Julie an important moral lesson?

- a. She refused to cheat on a French exam and aced the test.
- b. She was punished for cheating on a test in school.
- c. She disappointed her teacher by cheating on a test.

4- Echoing another person's words means ____.

- a. repeating them.
- b. saying the opposite.
- c. changing them.

5- If cancer is in remission, it means the patient is ____.

- a. getting sicker
- b. likely to die
- c. recovering

6- If someone aced a test, it means they ____.

- a. got a high score
- b. barely passed
- c. failed



GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

3) Complete the story with the PAST SIMPLE, the PAST CONTINUOUS or the PAST PERFECT of the verbs in brackets.

My girlfriend has a lovely black kitten called Max. She **1** _____ (phone) me yesterday to say that she **2** _____ (lose) him in the morning before I got to my office. She told me on the phone that she **3** _____ (look) everywhere. I **4** _____ (go) to her house, of course, to help her find Max. When she **5** _____ (open) the door, I could see from her eyes that she **6** _____ (cry). We went into the garden to look for Max together. It was cold in the garden and it **7** _____ (rain) heavily. Twenty minutes later, we still **8** _____ (not find) Max, so we went back inside. We **9** _____ (have) a hot chocolate when we **10** _____ (hear) a sound. There was Max! He **11** _____ (lie) fast asleep in his basket!



4) Complete each statement with the correct relative pronoun WHO, WHOM, WHOSE, WHICH, WHEN, or WHERE.

1. Community Gardens is a place _____ people can go for peace and quiet.
2. Mrs. Billow is the teacher _____ never lets her students get out of hand.
3. Victoria is a philanthropist _____ charity organization gives money to animal rescue centers.
4. Paul volunteers as a library tutor, _____ makes him feel like he's making a difference.
5. There has never been a time _____ we've needed activists more to fight for the rights of the homeless population.
6. The members of my online hobby groups are people with _____ I share common interests—but I'd hesitate to actually call them friends.
7. The art museum is a place _____ people can go to be inspired.
8. Ms. Ramirez is the manager _____ door is always open. Whenever anyone has a problem, she makes herself available to help.

5) COLLOCATIONS FOR CAREER AND STUDY PLANS. Choose the correct phrase to complete each statement.

1. Jane has _____ a career in fashion.
2. Vaughn changed his college major. He was studying math but _____ computer science because he found it more interesting.
3. Cara _____ a job at a coffee shop this summer. We hope she gets it!
4. Tim is passionate about conservation. It's no surprise that he's _____ environmental studies at the university.
5. Heather _____ to a writing program at a university in London.
6. Max _____ up for a coding class to improve his computer programming skills.
7. Jennifer was thrilled to be _____ by her first-choice university.
8. Diego was disappointed to be _____ by the theater program he'd applied to.

6) BUILDING CHARACTER. Choose the correct option in each sentence.

1. If you don't stop bothering, I'm gonna tell _____ you!
2. So far, no one has owned _____ to stealing the money from the safe.
3. Shelly made _____ an excuse about her dog being sick to explain why she couldn't complete her homework.
4. I'm sorry! I just got carried _____ by the excitement of the game.
5. Things got a little _____ of hand at the party and three windows were broken!
6. When Chelsea broke her father's glasses, she _____ the blame to her brother and he got in trouble for it.
7. Jane never admitted _____ making a mistake, even when it was clear she was at fault.
8. Oh, no! I forgot my mum's birthday! I'm gonna take her out for dinner to _____ things right.

