Unit 1 Achievement Test

General Test

Part 1

Listen to the conversation. Then circle the correct answers.

1. Carla would most likely describe Dan as a

a. tyrant.

b. people person.

c. workaholic.

2. Dan thinks his boss is a

a. tyrant.

b. workaholic.

c. team player.

3. Dan thinks that his co-worker Harry is a

a. pain in the neck.

b. people person.

c. team player.

4. According to Dan, Harry is

a. hardworking.

b. outgoing.

c. modest.

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Part 2. Listen to the conversation. Then circle the correct answers.

5. Kei is

a. an optimist.

b. a pessimist.

c. a realist.

6. Sandra and Kei are discussing

a. political corruption.

b. drug trafficking.

c. public sanitation.

7. What did Kei probably say to Sandra next?

a. Aren't you going a little overboard?

b. It is what it is.

c. Better safe than sorry.

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Part 3. Listen to the conversation. Then circle the correct answers.

8. Idalia is a(n)

a. optimist.

b. pessimist.

c. realist.

9. Idalia and Susan are discussing

a. public sanitation.

b. the spread of disease.

c. poverty.

10. What did Idalia probably say to Susan at the end of the conversation?

a. I guess I was just getting a little freaked out.

b. It's out of control.

c. It's even more contagious.

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Part 4
Circle the word that best describes each person.

11. I think Susan would make a really good salesperson.

She is so **(outgoing / modest / considerate)** and has no problem talking to people she doesn't know.

12. Brad never talks about all the important things he has done.

He is **(trustworthy / modest / easygoing)**.

13. Every report that Mario writes is complete, correct, and delivered on time.

He even does extra work sometimes. Mario is **(serious / hardworking / considerate)**.

14. Sometimes it's hard to get off the phone when I am talking to my mother.

She's a bit **(outgoing / easygoing / talkative)** and always has a lot to tell me.

15. Last week when I was so sick, Miki stopped by and brought me some chicken soup and some beautiful flowers. She is so **(considerate / trustworthy / modest)**.

16. I always ask Felipe to take the money to the bank when we close the store at the end of the day.

He is **(serious / trustworthy / easygoing)**.

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Part 5

Circle the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

17. Tomorrow is our anniversary—did you remember **(to ask / asking)** your boss for the afternoon off?

18. I considered **(to leave / leaving)** him a voicemail but instead I waited to speak to him in person.

19. I didn't expect **(to like / liking)** her so much, but she is really a sweetheart.

20. We are not permitted **(to make / making)** private phone calls from work.

21. She doesn't mind **(to stay / staying)** late at the office if we have a big project due.

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Part 6. Put the words and phrases in the correct order.

22. to join / my sister / us / for dinner / I invited

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23. her boss / to work late / Unfortunately, / is forcing / her

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24. us / something to eat / She asked / to bring her

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25. I warned / so hard / her / not to work

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Part 7. Read the blog post. Then answer the questions. Circle the correct answers.

Did you make a New Year's resolution last year? Perhaps you would like to be more outgoing, more considerate, or more of a team player. If you're like most people, you probably made your resolution about one of just a few topics. People everywhere seem to share the same goals. Everyone wants to lose weight, stay healthy or even get healthier, organize their lives, and save more money. Sound familiar? If so, are you still hopeful?

Most people start the year as optimists, hoping to keep their resolutions. Unfortunately, only about half of those people are successful in keeping their resolutions for more than six months. So, is making resolutions useless? Absolutely not! If you don't make them, you can't keep them! One study showed that people who make clear resolutions are ten times more likely to change their behavior than people who don't.

So, how can you improve your chances of keeping your resolutions? There are creative and effective strategies that can help you stay on track.

- ✓ Set clear and specific goals. Instead of saying, "I will lose weight," say how much weight you will lose and by what date.
- ✓ Start with small steps and be practical. Instead of planning to save $100 a week, plan to save just $20. It is more likely you will continue a program if you start with less ambitious goals.
- ✓ Roll with the punches. Sometimes things happen to prevent you from reaching your goal. Even the best plans don't work out all the time. Allow yourself to be disappointed, but don't give up!
- ✓ Ask a friend to join you. If you are an easygoing people person, you are more likely to continue exercising or losing weight if you do it with a partner.
- ✓ Keep a record. Knowing how much progress you have made will encourage you to keep going.
- ✓ Go public. Many people find that it is helpful to tell other people about their resolutions. Post your plans on Facebook. Let your friends know how hardworking you are! They will support you.

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26. Which statement expresses the main idea of the blog post?

a. Most people don't keep their New Year's resolutions.

b. Specific strategies can help you keep your New Year's resolutions.

c. The best way to change your behavior is to make a resolution.

27. Which statement is true according to the passage?

a. Most people keep their New Year's resolutions.

b. The most popular resolutions are related to relationships.

c. Sharing your resolutions can help you reach your goal

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Part 8

Guess the meaning from context. Circle the answers that have the same meaning as the words in the reading.

28. stay on track

a. continue to make progress

b. get better and better

c. make a plan

29. be practical

a. make goals you can keep

b. don't spend too much money

c. make many goals and try to keep a few

30. roll with the punches

a. do not accept difficulties and challenges

b. deal with life's difficulties and move on

c. exercise and stay physically fit

31. keep a record

a. listen to how other people are achieving their goals

b. try to remember your goals

c. write down the things you do

32. go public

a. keep your resolutions when you are near other people

b. tell lots of people about your resolutions

c. do things outside to keep your resolutions

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