

Unit test 1

Name _____ Date _____

[1-2] Read the monologue and answer the questions.

Emma: Hi, I'm Emma, and I'm a senior at Maple High. I'll be starting college next year, and I want ① to major in computer science. I'm thinking of ② applying for a summer internship at a software company after my first year. I first ③ learned programming in middle school, and I've been into it ever since. I really like ④ trying out new apps and tools. Someday, I hope ⑤ developing my own software.

- 1 Which is NOT mentioned in the monologue?
① what grade Emma is in
② what Emma wants to major in college
③ the name of the college Emma will apply for
④ when Emma first learned programming
⑤ what Emma's future goal is
- 2 Which is grammatically incorrect among ①~⑤?
① to major ② applying
③ learned ④ trying out
⑤ developing

[3-7] Read the passage and answer the questions.

Choosing a major can be a difficult decision. Many students think of ① choosing common majors like computer science, education, history, or literature. However, some students with special interests decide ② taking unconventional paths with unique majors. After graduation, they can go on to explore career opportunities ③ that are more personal and specialized. Here's a peek into the world of colorful majors.

Self-Designed Majors: Enigmatology

Did you know that some universities allow students ④ to create their own majors based on courses available at the university? Will Shortz studied enigmatology, or the study of puzzles, at Indiana University. His (A) _____ degree included courses in English, math, journalism, philosophy, and linguistics.

In 1974, Will Shortz completed his self-designed degree. Since then, he has worked making, selling, editing, and

promoting puzzles in many ways. For example, he was the editor of *Games* magazine for fifteen years. He went on ⑤ to work for the *New York Times* as an editor of the crossword puzzles section. Additionally, he became the "puzzle master" for National Public Radio. He has been a host on the weekly Sunday Puzzle program since 1987.

If you have a good mind for puzzles or some other unique skill, you could follow a career like Will Shortz's.

- 3 What is the purpose of the passage?
① to highlight the importance of studying various fields
② to inform students of the most popular majors
③ to show career opportunities for college students
④ to give tips on how to relate your job to your hobby
⑤ to provide information about a unique major
- 4 What is the best choice for blank (A)?
① common ② customized
③ typical ④ public
⑤ traditional
- 5 Which is NOT mentioned in the passage?
① who made the enigmatology courses
② at what university enigmatology is offered
③ in which section Will Shortz worked for the *New York Times*
④ when Will Shortz got his degree in enigmatology
⑤ what time Will Shortz's radio show airs
- 6 Which is grammatically incorrect among ①~⑤?
① choosing ② taking
③ that ④ to create
⑤ to work
- 7 Write a word from the passage that matches the following definition.
[able to be used or can easily be bought or found]

[8-11] Read the passage and answer the questions.

Surf Science and Technology

Do you love to surf? Are you interested in a career in sports? If so, you might want to look into the surf science and technology major. It's offered at Plymouth University in the UK. Their courses deal with surfing in a variety of areas such as business, culture, environment, psychology, and technology.

When it was founded in 1999, critics thought the major was merely a "hobby degree." They believed it would make the university look academically weak. (A) _____, it has been running for about twenty years, and graduates seem to have no trouble going into the professional world.

Those who completed the program (B) _____ gone on to be professional surfers in some instances. More commonly, successful graduates work in marketing or (C) _____ their own businesses. Others are now teaching in the program. If you're considering a career in the sporting goods industry, why not try out surf science and technology?

- 8 What does They refer to?
① professors ② graduates
③ critics ④ college students
⑤ professional surfers
- 9 Which is the best choice for blank (A)?
① Therefore ② However
③ For example ④ Moreover
⑤ Similarly
- 10 According to the passage, which is NOT true about the surf science and technology major program?
① You can take it in the UK.
② It started in 1999 at Plymouth University.
③ Critics didn't see its value as a degree at first.
④ Graduates with the major have little trouble getting a job.
⑤ Graduates most commonly become professional surfers.
- 11 Which is the best pair for blanks (B) and (C)?
① (B) has - (C) run ② (B) have - (C) ran
③ (B) has - (C) running ④ (B) have - (C) run
⑤ (B) have - (C) running

[12-16] Read the passage and answer the questions.

Do you often find yourself stuck on a task for days without even getting a start? This can be extremely frustrating. But don't worry. There are plenty of ways to break the habit. Check out the following tips and you'll learn how to get everything done without any unnecessary delays.

1. Break Tasks Down

Don't think about completing the whole task at once.

(A) Instead, divide the task into manageable pieces.

(B) Then, carry out your plan step by step.

(C) This can overwhelm you and make it harder to get started.

Avoid telling yourself, "I need to finish my history essay by next week." Think in steps instead and tell yourself, (to / going / I'm / finish) researching, make an outline, write a rough draft, and edit it."

2. Stick to Your Schedule

After you break down your task into smaller steps, set a time limit for each step. Try to stick to the original schedule even if you are not completely satisfied with what you are working on. When the time is up, (D) _____. Keep your focus on getting everything done. Correcting small mistakes can be done later.

3. Prioritize Your Tasks

Make a list of all the tasks you have to do. Identify which ones are most important. Then think about when it is the best time of day for you to work. Plan ahead so you can work on these tasks at that time. Schedule the less important tasks for other times.

- 12 What is the passage mainly about?
① ways to develop good habits
② things that successful people have in common
③ tips for getting things done without delays
④ how to maintain good relationships with people at work
⑤ psychological reasons behind why you put off things
- 13 What is the best order for sentences (A), (B), and (C)?
① (B) - (A) - (C) ② (C) - (A) - (B)
③ (A) - (C) - (B) ④ (B) - (C) - (A)
⑤ (C) - (B) - (A)

Unit test 2

Name _____ Date _____

[1-4] Read the passage and answer the questions.

One of the greatest role models of the 20th century was Mohandas Gandhi. Gandhi is often known as “Mahatma,” which means “great soul.” Mahatma Gandhi is remembered as someone who changed the world through the strength of his ideas. ① His courage and creativity have inspired many other leaders, including Steve Jobs. The young Jobs hoped to find inspiration (place / in / where / the) Gandhi and other great teachers had lived, so ② he traveled to India in 1974. His experiences there deepened ③ his appreciation for Gandhi’s work and way of life. Jobs was inspired by Gandhi to change the world by thinking differently. In 1976, ④ he co-founded the technology company Apple. It grew to be one of the most successful companies in the world thanks to Jobs’s confident leadership. His (A) _____ Gandhi continued. In an interview in 1999, Jobs referred to Mahatma Gandhi as ⑤ his choice for the Person of the Century. In his later years, he even wore distinctive round glasses that looked like Gandhi’s.

- 1 What is the passage mainly about?
 - ① the life of Mahatma Gandhi
 - ② how Apple was established
 - ③ how to think out of the box
 - ④ Apple’s advertising strategies
 - ⑤ the influence of Gandhi on Steve Jobs
- 2 Put the words in parentheses in the correct order.

- 3 Which is the best choice for blank (A)?
 - ① confidence in ② honesty toward
 - ③ generosity toward ④ admiration for
 - ⑤ patience for
- 4 Which is NOT referring to the same person?
 - ① His ② he
 - ③ his ④ he
 - ⑤ his

[5-8] Read the passage and answer the questions.

① Sitting on a sidewalk in New York City with a radio tied around his neck, Craig Castaldo might look homeless. He once was. But today he ② is a friend to many celebrities and has made over 100 cameos in movies like *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, *The Departed*, and *Shutter Island*. This is his story.

Because of the radio around his neck, Craig Castaldo is better known as “Radioman.” It’s a unique name ③ that fits his unique life. Every day, Radioman (A) _____ around New York City on his bicycle, visiting movie sets. When he arrives, directors and actors ④ recognize him at once. He’s a short, bearded man with a round, smiling face. But his personality is what really stands out. Radioman is confident and sociable, and he ⑤ is having an interesting way of showing his love for celebrities. He often shouts insults and curses at them, laughing the whole time. Then he helps himself to food from their catering table. Some actors, including George Clooney and Leonardo DiCaprio, understand his sense of humor and (B) _____ having him around. Others feel annoyed when he shows up.

- 5 Which of the following words is NOT used to describe Radioman?
 - ① confident ② unique
 - ③ humorous ④ sociable
 - ⑤ typical
- 6 Which is the best pair for blanks (A) and (B)?
 - ① (A) is riding - (B) is liking
 - ② (A) is riding - (B) like
 - ③ (A) ride - (B) likes
 - ④ (A) rides - (B) like
 - ⑤ (A) rides - (B) is liking
- 7 What is NOT mentioned about Craig Castaldo in the passage?
 - ① what his nickname is
 - ② what movies he has acted in
 - ③ how much he gets paid for acting
 - ④ what celebrities think of him
 - ⑤ where he got his nickname from

8 Which is grammatically incorrect among ①~⑤?

- ① Sitting
- ② is
- ③ that
- ④ recognize
- ⑤ is having

[9-10] Read the passage and answer the questions.

No matter how the celebrities react, Radioman remains calm. His (A) _____ attitude has taken him a long way in the movie world. It all started years ago when Radioman was homeless and addicted to alcohol. Living on the streets, he started to notice the many movie sets around New York. From the start, he treated the actors just like (B) _____ people. On separate occasions, he saw Bruce Willis and Robin Williams playing homeless men. Both times, Radioman went up to the stars and told them their acting was all wrong. He kept spending time at movie sets, and eventually directors started to hire him as an extra. Over the years, Radioman became a sort of "good luck charm" for New York movies, and many celebrities started to think of him as a friend. Today, he never drinks alcohol, and he makes enough money to rent a small apartment.

9 Which is the best pair for blanks (A) and (B)?

- ① (A) selfish - (B) famous
- ② (A) selfish - (B) average
- ③ (A) easygoing - (B) famous
- ④ (A) easygoing - (B) average
- ⑤ (A) easygoing - (B) special

10 According to the passage, which is NOT true about Craig Castaldo?

- ① He used to live on the streets.
- ② He told Robin Williams that his acting wasn't right.
- ③ Directors eventually began to hire him as an extra.
- ④ He still suffers from drinking problems.
- ⑤ He makes enough money to pay rent.

[11-13] Read the passage and answer the questions.

Liz Murray is a best-selling author and award-winning motivational speaker with a very inspirational story. She had a difficult start in life but eventually became famous for entering Harvard. Here is the amazing story of how she did it all.

Liz was born on September 23, 1980 in the Bronx, New York City. Her parents were addicted to drugs and they spent most of their money on their addiction. This meant that Liz and her sister often went hungry. When asked about her youth, Liz says, "We ate ice cubes because it felt like eating. We split a tube of toothpaste between us for dinner."

(A) _____ their addiction, Liz insists that her parents were not bad people. On the contrary, she describes them as being very loving. "People are surprised by the poverty and think that I wasn't cared for," she says, "But that wasn't the case—I was deeply loved." Liz adored her parents, despite all the hardship their addiction put the family through.

Eventually, however, these hardships destroyed the small amount of family life she had. Her mother spent the last part of her life in and out of hospitals. (a) Her father ended up in a homeless shelter. (b) Liz dropped out of school and slept in subways, parks, and friends' apartments. (c) She had completely given up on herself. (d) She swore she wouldn't repeat her parents' mistakes. (e)

11 Which is NOT mentioned about Liz Murray?

- ① what she has achieved
- ② where she went to college
- ③ when she was born
- ④ how close she was to her sister
- ⑤ what her parents were like

12 Which is the best choice for blank (A)?

- ① Because of
- ② In spite of
- ③ According to
- ④ In addition to
- ⑤ Due to

13 Where would the following sentence best fit?

But even then, she found herself avoiding drugs.

- ① (a)
- ② (b)
- ③ (c)
- ④ (d)
- ⑤ (e)

