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UNIT 4
SURPASS 3

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

Alexa: I've ① just joined our school orchestra, and I'm really excited. I always thought learning an instrument would be a challenge because I don't have natural talent for music. But the concert I went to last month really ② motivated me to join. It was amazing to see all the different instruments play together to create beautiful harmony. Among all the instruments, I liked the sound of the violin the best. The moment I heard the violin solo, I knew it was for me. (have / I / started / already) attending a group class for new orchestra members. I've learned so much ③ already in just four lessons. I'm planning ④ to practice three times a week. I'd like to develop enough skills to successfully contribute to the orchestra. I also have a personal goal. It is to be able to play in the annual school recital next year in May. I ⑤ have decided which piece to perform yet, but when I do, I will devote as much time and energy to it as possible.

1 Which is NOT mentioned in the monologue?
① how the writer feels about joining the school orchestra
② what motivated the writer to join the orchestra
③ how many members there are in the school orchestra
④ what instrument the writer decided to learn
⑤ how often the writer is planning to practice

2 Put the words in parentheses in the correct order.

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3 Write the noun form of contribute by changing the suffix.

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4 Which is grammatically incorrect among ①~⑤?
① just joined ② motivated
③ already ④ to practice
⑤ have decided

[5-9] Read the passage and answer the questions.

What do you think of when you see a long, sandy beach? Most people imagine sunbathing and swimming in the ocean with their friends. Jim Denevan has a different (A) _____. He views every beach as a large, empty canvas waiting to be covered with art. Denevan is a chef, surfer, and world-famous artist from California in the United States. He uses a variety of natural materials to produce art. (a) He draws enormous pictures on sand, soil, and ice. Amazingly, he never uses measuring tools or devices. He creates his masterpieces with sticks, rakes, his hands and feet, or sometimes his truck.

(b) In fact, he (B) _____ his artistic talents by chance. In the 1990s, he was working as a chef. At the same time, his mother was suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Denevan was struggling with a lot of anxiety and stress. (c) He needed a way to clear his mind and relax.

One day in 1996, he took a walk along a beach in California. Suddenly, he had the desire to draw pictures in the sand. (d) He used his finger to create a fantastic 6-meter-long fish and many other shapes. "Before long I had covered the beach in animals, cars, volcanoes ... you name it!" he said. (e) Drawing in the sand calmed him down and made him feel better. He decided to (C) _____ himself to art and use the Earth as his canvas.

5 Which is the best choice for blank (A)?
① personality ② motivation
③ choice ④ perspective
⑤ accomplishment

6 Where would the following sentence best fit?

Surprisingly, Denevan has not always been an artist.

① (a) ② (b) ③ (c) ④ (d) ⑤ (e)

7 Which is the best pair for blanks (B) and (C)?
① (B) produced – (C) develop
② (B) contributed – (C) challenge
③ (B) produced – (C) devote
④ (B) discovered – (C) challenge
⑤ (B) discovered – (C) devote

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8 According to the passage, which is NOT true about Jim Denevan?

① He has jobs other than an artist.
② He gets some of the materials for his artworks from nature.
③ His first work was drawn with his finger on a beach in California.
④ He doesn't use any measuring devices when he draws.
⑤ He hasn't created his works on surfaces other than sand.

9 How did Jim Denevan's feelings change before and after he started drawing in sand?

① excited → depressed
② bored → satisfied
③ stressful → relaxed
④ hopeful → terrified
⑤ grateful → disappointed

[10-13] Read the passage and answer the questions.

When Denevan completes a project, he takes ① pictures of his work. This way, his ② accomplishments can be included in exhibitions, books, and films. Then, he leaves his ③ creations behind to be erased by the tides and the wind. People around the world are always impressed with Denevan's work. But they are often surprised and disappointed that his ④ pieces are temporary. However, Denevan says that this is part of his art. "I love to complete a piece just as the tide comes in so that in that moment it is finished and destroyed," he says.

Many of Denevan's ⑤ works take hours or days to create. To complete one piece in a desert in the United States, he walked for more than 160 kilometers over a period of nine days. (A) _____, Denevan has not gotten tired of creating art yet. In fact, he (himself / has / given / just) an even bigger challenge. In the future, he hopes to work with NASA to develop a massive piece of art on Mars.

10 Which is NOT referring to the same thing?

① pictures ② accomplishments
③ creations ④ pieces
⑤ works

11 Write a word from the passage that matches the following definition.

[not lasting very long]

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

① Therefore ② However
③ Otherwise ④ For example
⑤ Likewise

13 Put the words in parentheses in the correct order.

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[14-15] Read the passage and answer the questions.

At first glance, highlining looks like tightrope walking. Highliners walk on a thin piece of material high in the air between rock formations. However, while a tightrope mostly stays still, a highline is extremely flexible and moves easily. Highliners need to balance on the moving line with each step. The sport began as slacklining, which is the same thing, but the rope is closer to the ground. Slackliners usually jump and do tricks, but highliners concentrate on overcoming their fear to walk across their lines.

The fear comes from being so high above the ground, but the sport is actually safer than it looks. Highliners wear a (A) _____ around their waist, and a leash attaches the (B) _____ to the line.

14 Which is NOT true according to the passage?

① Unlike a tightrope, a highline easily moves around.
② For slacklining, the rope is set closer to the ground.
③ Highliners need to focus to overcome their fear.
④ Highlining is more dangerous than people think.
⑤ Highliners wear equipment to ensure their safety.

15 Which is the best choice for blanks (A) and (B)?

① cable ② harness
③ life jacket ④ parachute
⑤ jumpsuit

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[16-18] Read the passage and answer the questions.

It was this woman's comments that helped me understand a highliner's mind. "If you don't stay in the moment, you will fall," she told me. "It takes complete concentration. When you walk, you are going to be scared, and you need to use your fear. The fear (A) _____ away. You just have to stop it from distracting you." I asked her to compare highlining to other experiences. "I (B) _____ skydiving before," she answered, "Highlining is much scarier, but I think it's more rewarding." Like others, she compared it to yoga and meditation. "It's a lot like yoga because it's more mental than physical."

While I'm not planning to try highlining anytime soon, my new goal is to think like a highliner. I learned that many highliners actually have a fear of (C) _____, but they turn their fear into a drive to succeed. They walk across a line just like we all walk through life. While we keep a thousand things in balance, we can't let our fear stop us from going forward.

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

① (A) wont' go – (B) have gone
② (A) won't go – (B) was going
③ (A) haven't gone – (B) have gone
④ (A) haven't gone – (B) will go
⑤ (A) didn't go – (B) was going

17 Which is the best choice for blank (C)?

① change ② heights
③ the dark ④ flying
⑤ crime

18 According to the passage, what does it mean to think like a highliner?

① be ready to try dangerous activities
② know how to reward yourself
③ be easily affected by your surroundings
④ be able to control your fear to accomplish things
⑤ be good at balancing different tasks

[19-20] Read the dialogue and answer the questions.

A Hey, Peter. How ① was summer break?
B It was awesome! I went skydiving. Have you ever ② gone skydiving?
A No, I haven't ③ yet. What was it like?
B Well, it was cold, even with a jumpsuit on. There was a lot of wind, so it was good that I was wearing goggles.
A Were you nervous?
B I ④ will be at first, but I felt so relieved when my parachute opened! Then I started enjoying the view.
A That's pretty cool. Maybe ⑤ I'll try skydiving next summer.

19 What is the dialogue mainly about?

① sports equipment for skydiving
② special events to participate in this summer
③ safety rules and procedures for skydiving
④ an interesting experience Peter had last summer
⑤ an exciting movie about extreme sports

20 Which is grammatically incorrect among ①~⑤?

① was ② gone
③ yet ④ will be
⑤ I'll try

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