

2ND QUIZ ADV 2

Section 1: Vocabulary Fill-in-the-Blanks

Directions: Complete each sentence by filling in the blank with the correct vocabulary word. The first letter has been provided as a clue. Do not use contractions.

1. She bought a c_____ necklace that was very heavy, thick, and made of large stones.
2. The antique ceramic vase is purely d_____ and cannot be used to hold water.
3. Her summer dress was made of a f_____ fabric that tore easily during the first wash.
4. The identical twins wore i_____ outfits to the school graduation ceremony.
5. This rare painting by the master artist is p_____ and can never be replaced if it is destroyed.
6. The chef decided to s_____ the sauce by adding a spoonful of organic honey.
7. Failing the final evaluation will s_____ the students who studied diligently all semester.
8. To understand advanced academic texts, you must e_____ your vocabulary knowledge.
9. Many modern corporations now c_____ innovative ideas from large online communities.
10. Employees who regularly work overtime are often t_____ and have no time for leisure activities.

Section 2: Vocabulary Matching

Directions: Match the vocabulary words on the left (1–10) with their correct definitions on the right (A–J).

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| 1. Contactless | a. Well-informed about or highly proficient in the use of modern digital technology. |
| 2. Tech savvy | b. A photograph that an individual has taken of themselves, typically with a smartphone. |
| 3. Binge watch | c. Able to express oneself easily, accurately, and articulately in a foreign language. |
| 4. Paywall | d. A natural ability, talent, or aptitude for doing something exceptionally well. |
| 5. Selfie | e. An intense, powerful desire or enthusiasm for a specific hobby, career, or activity. |
| 6. Flair | f. A digital system that prevents internet users from accessing webpage content without a paid subscription. |
| 7. Fluent | g. Managing, dealing with, or overcoming a difficult situation or stressful environment successfully. |
| 8. Coping | h. The combined education, knowledge, training, or experience that a person possesses. |
| 9. Passion | i. To watch multiple episodes of a television program or series in rapid chronological succession. |
| 10. Background | j. Involving digital technologies that allow the transfer of money or data without physical connection. |

Section 3: Grammar Multiple-Choice

Directions: Choose the correct option (A, B, C, or D) to complete each sentence. Do not use contractions.

1. Michael Landy is the contemporary artist _____ art project involved destroying all his personal possessions.

- A. which
- B. whose
- C. who
- D. that

2. The old sheepskin coat _____ had belonged to his father was completely destroyed in the public exhibition.

- A. who
- B. whose
- C. which
- D. where

3. Last year, the employees _____ wear formal uniforms, but this year the policy is entirely voluntary.

- A. must
- B. were allowed to
- C. had to
- D. cannot

4. You _____ enter the high-security laboratory without protective gear because it is strictly forbidden by the administration.

- A. do not have to
- B. must not
- C. need not
- D. had better

5. The historic town _____ I grew up has changed significantly over the last decade due to urban development.

- A. which
- B. that
- C. where

D. whom

6. We _____ buy tickets in advance because our generous uncle had already purchased them for the entire family.

A. did not need to

B. must not

C. cannot

D. need not

7. This is the main corporate office _____ my mother works as a senior systems analyst.

A. which

B. in which

C. that

D. whose

8. Candidates who apply for this engineering position _____ have a degree in computer science; it is an absolute requirement.

A. do not have to

B. must

C. are not allowed to

D. might

9. The new smartphone, _____ was released worldwide last week, has already sold out in local retail stores.

A. that

B. which

C. who

D. where

10. Students _____ cheat during the final examination will be disqualified from the course immediately.

A. which

B. whose

C. who

D. whom

Section 4: Grammar Fill-in-the-Blanks

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses or the correct relative pronoun. Do not use contractions.

1. You _____ pay for the museum entry because it is completely free for all visitors on Sundays.
(not have to)
2. Yesterday, she _____ complete the financial report before she was allowed to leave the office. (have to)
3. The woman _____ daughter won the national chess competition is extremely proud of her achievement. (relative pronoun)
4. This is the expensive laptop _____ I purchased during the Black Friday sale last November.
(relative pronoun)
5. Commercial pilots _____ use mobile phones while they are flying the aircraft. (not allow to)
6. He _____ bring an umbrella because it did not rain at all during his walk home. (not need to)
7. The telecommunications company _____ provides our internet connection is undergoing emergency maintenance. (relative pronoun)
8. Visitors _____ feed the wild animals in the nature reserve; it is strictly prohibited by law.
(obligation/prohibition)
9. Arequipa is the beautiful city _____ my relatives live and work. (relative pronoun)
10. You _____ register online before you can attend the international pedagogical seminar. (must)

Section 5: Reading Text (Level B2 - Advanced 2)

The Shift from Materialism to Digital Freedom

In the early twenty-first century, personal success was heavily measured by the acquisition of tangible items. People accumulated bulky, chunky furniture, designer apparel, and endless rows of compact discs to showcase their economic status. However, a significant cultural paradigm shift has occurred, particularly among young professionals who find themselves increasingly time poor due to demanding careers. The contemporary generation values unique experiences over physical ownership, leading to the rapid rise of minimalism and the digital nomad lifestyle.

This transformation has drastically altered the concept of personal possessions. For instance, instead of collecting physical books or vinyl records, individuals now rely entirely on digital streaming services and cloud storage. While this shift reduces physical clutter in the home, it introduces entirely new challenges, such as navigating complex online paywalls or managing the endless flow of unwritten digital rules. Social interactions have also migrated to online spaces, where individuals must be exceptionally tech savvy to maintain relationships through animated gifs, emojis, and carefully curated selfies.

Furthermore, this digital evolution heavily influences the professional landscape. Modern jobs require workers to possess strong problem-solving skills and a solid background in digital communication. Many professionals are now

willing to question everything about traditional office spaces, opting instead for remote work arrangements that allow them to travel the globe. Consequently, their entire lives must fit into a single backpack. Items must be selected based on utility rather than decorative value. A flimsy smartphone cover or an impractical, oversized gadget has no place in the luggage of a modern traveler. Therefore, the true value of an object is no longer determined by its expensive price tag, but by its ultimate versatility and functionality.

Section 6: Reading Comprehension (True / False / Doesn't Say)

Directions: Based on the text, decide if the statements are True (T), False (F), or Doesn't Say (DS).

Do not use contractions.

1. In the early twenty-first century, people preferred physical items over digital ones to demonstrate their status.
2. The text states that young professionals have more free time today than they did in the past.
3. Minimalists completely avoid buying high-quality clothing because it is too expensive.
4. Digital storage has successfully eliminated all forms of stress for modern individuals.
5. Being tech savvy is necessary for managing contemporary online relationships.
6. The text mentions that traditional office spaces are becoming more expensive to rent.
7. Modern remote workers choose items for their practical use rather than how they look.
8. A flimsy smartphone cover is considered highly useful for a digital nomad.
9. The author believes that expensive items are always superior to cheap items.
10. The concept of personal success has changed over the last few decades.

Section 7: Reading Comprehension Multiple Choice

Directions: Choose the correct option (A, B, C, or D) based on the text. Do not use contractions.

1. According to the text, why has minimalism become popular among young professionals?

- A. Because they want to save money on expensive furniture.
- B. Because they are increasingly time poor and value experiences over ownership.
- C. Because physical items are no longer available for purchase in stores.
- D. Because they prefer traditional lifestyles and old traditions.

2. What is one challenge mentioned in relation to the digital shift?

- A. The high cost of purchasing modern digital devices.
- B. The difficulty of learning a foreign language online.
- C. Navigating online paywalls and unwritten digital rules.
- D. The complete lack of stable internet connectivity worldwide.

3. What does the word "chunky" in the first paragraph imply about past furniture?

- A. It was small and easy to carry.
- B. It was bright pink and modern.
- C. It was heavy, bulky, and substantial.

D. It was cheap and poorly made.

4. How do modern remote workers view traditional office spaces?

- A. They believe offices are essential for daily productivity.
- B. They are willing to question their necessity entirely.
- C. They prefer them over working from remote locations.
- D. They want to redesign them with decorative items.

5. What criteria do modern travelers use to select their possessions?

- A. The popularity of the designer brand name.
- B. The historical value of the antique item.
- C. The versatility and functionality of the item.
- D. The decorative and sparkly appearance of the object.

6. The phrase "time poor" suggests that individuals:

- A. Do not have enough money to buy clocks.
- B. Have a lot of leisure time but no hobbies.
- C. Lack sufficient time due to their busy routines.
- D. Prefer working in the evening.

7. What has replaced physical books and records for many people?

- A. Antique collections.
- B. Digital streaming services and cloud storage.
- C. Decorative vases and mirrors.
- D. Public library memberships.

8. Which word from the text describes a smartphone cover that is weak or easily damaged?

- A. Chunky
- B. Decorative
- C. Flimsy
- D. Identical

9. What determines the value of an object in the contemporary minimalist view?

- A. Its expensive price tag.
- B. Its weight and size.
- C. Its utility and versatility.
- D. Its popularity on social media.

10. What is the main purpose of the text?

- A. To criticize people who use social media and selfies.
- B. To describe the historical development of the Internet.
- C. To explain the shift from material possession to digital minimalism.
- D. To provide instructions on how to pack a backpack efficiently.

Listening

6 [Track 113] You will hear five different people talking about people in their family they admire. For questions 1–5, choose from the list (A–F) what each speaker is doing. Use each letter only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

Speaker 1 ____

Speaker 2 ____

Speaker 3 ____

Speaker 4 ____

Speaker 5 ____

This speaker describes a relative who

A he or she would like to be more similar to.

B they no longer have a close relationship with.

C is good at meeting new people.

D they have become closer after a specific event.

E has helped him or her to achieve career ambitions.

F has a similar personality to him or her.