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**Answer Key**

**Unit 01**

Sweden’s ABBA Museum to Open

**Vocabulary**

1. e

2. b

3. i

4. a

5. c

6. f

7. j

8. h

9. g

10. d

11. o

12. k

13. n

14. m

15. l

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. behind-the-scenes

2. hinting at

3. spitting image

**Finding Details**

1. b

2. d

3. a

4. b

5. a

6. c

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. Ulvaeus, now a 68-year-old grandfather, rejected suggestions the opening could coincide with the band reuniting.

2. Only the four band members have the number, and they promise occasionally to call it and speak to surprised visitors.

3. Stockholm has been struck by a bout of ABBA fever in the buildup to the opening.

4. The group sold around 370 million records in total and are part of a rich Swedish pop tradition which includes Roxette, Ace of Base, Europe, and Kent.

B.

1. rumors

2. dedicated

3. revive

4. connected

5. occasionally

**Summary**

1. outlandish
2. dedicated
3. rumors
4. reunion
5. hinted at
6. quashed
7. behind-the-scenes
8. red phone
9. occasionally

10. nostalgia

**Unit 02**

Safe Water

**Vocabulary**

1. e

2. j

3. a

4. i

5. b

6. c

7. l

8. k

9. g

10. d

11. h

12. f

13. o

14. m

15. n

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. point out

2. To this end

3. so-called

**Finding Details**

1. d

2. b

3. a

4. c

5. c

6. d

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. Susan Murcott believes that part of the answer for providing water to poor countries is new technologies to increase water efficiency.

2. Erik Peterson says that in many places water is a transboundary issue.

3. Claudia Sadoff distinguishes between physical scarcity and economic scarcity.

4. David McAlary reports that the goal of sufficient safe water remains elusive as world population grows.

B.

1. b

2. d

3. e

4. c

5. a

**Summary**

1. marked

2. plight

3. sanitation

4. abundant

5. point out

6. basins

7. daunting

8. decentralized

9. portable

10. sporadically

**Unit 03**

NASA Explores Technology to Face Asteroid Danger

**Vocabulary**

1. j

2. d

3. g

4. b

5. h

6. a

7. l

8. f

9. c

10. k

11. e

12. i

13. n

14. m

15. o

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. once every five years

2. fourfold increase

3. key part

**Finding Details**

1. a

2. b

3. d

4. c

5. c

6. b

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. A key part of the planned mission, Bolden underscored, is to show that an asteroid’s path can be diverted.

2. Holdren says an asteroid even a fraction of that size could undo life as we know it.

3. “The first and most important thing, of course, is having the capability to find them early,” Johnson explained.

4. Part of the reason people were injured in Chelyabinsk, he said, is that they did not know what to expect.

B.

1.

2. **√**

3. **√**

4.

**Summary**

1. asteroids
2. administrator
3. key part
4. vicinity
5. meteor
6. once every 10,000 years
7. probability
8. collaborative
9. bolster

10. fivefold increase

**Unit 04**

World Population Growth

**Vocabulary**

1. j

2. h

3. a

4. l

5. b

6. e

7. c

8. k

9. f

10. g

11. i

12. d

13. m

14. o

15. n

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. talked up

2. spells/spelled disaster

3. a jump from

**Finding Details**

1. b

2. a

3. b

4. d

5. b

6. c

**Exploring Content**

A. [Sample answers]

Benefits of Urbanization

• Generation of a larger workforce

• Creation of a bigger consumer base

• Promotion of economic growth

• Better educational opportunities

• Better medical care

Drawbacks to Urbanization

• No one to work farmland

• Higher crime rates

• Greater chance of disease spreading

• Competition for homes and/or overcrowding

• Slum conditions due to overcrowding

• Greater competition for jobs along with unemployment problems

B.

1. nation

2. concerned

3. goal

4. prevalent

5. success

**Summary**

1. trends

2. spell disaster

3. industrialized

4. contraception

5. shrink

6. alternative

7. surge

8. empowerment

9. urbanization

10. epidemics

**Unit 05**

Global Warming Trend “Unmistakable,” UN Says

**Vocabulary**

1. f

2. d

3. g

4. k

5. b

6. h

7. a

8. e

9. c

10. j

11. i

12. o

13. n

14. m

15. l

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. across the board

2. round of talks

3. record-breaking

**Finding Details**

1. b

2. d

3. a

4. c

5. c

6. b

**Exploring Content**

A.

1.

2. **√**

3.

4. **√**

a. When it came to the ozone layer problem, the world came together to fix it.

b. As a nation, Australia mostly relies on cheap coal for its energy needs.

B.

1. d

2. a

3. b

4. e

5. c

**Summary**

1. climate

2. round of talks

3. vigorous

4. assert

5. rally

6. across the board

7. depletion

8. vulnerable

9. frequent

10. reliance

**Unit 06**

Human Rights Watch Campaigns Against “Killer Robots”

**Vocabulary**

1. g

2. c

3. e

4. j

5. b

6. f

7. a

8. h

9. i

10. d

11. k

12. m

13. n

14. o

15. l

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. Lethal force

2. cross-border

3. remote-controlled

**Finding Details**

1. c

2. b

3. b

4. c

5. b

6. d

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. Militaries are embracing drones and unmanned vehicles because they believe these make war safer and more effective.

2. Drones provide surveillance and can identify targets, but they cannot deliver lethal force without an operator giving the go-ahead.

3. The campaign is seeking a deal to ban autonomous weapons similar to past agreements banning the use of landmines and cluster bombs.

4. Rosemont believes that robots could do the world plenty of good in the years to come.

B.

1. fully

2. sense

3. strike

4. prevent

5. wider

**Summary**

1. autonomously

2. embraced

3. cross-border

4. humanitarian

5. treaty

6. equation

7. inconsistent

8. non-combatants

9. lethal force

10. circumstances

**Unit 07**

Africa: Poverty, Politics, and Disease

**Vocabulary**

1. f

2. i

3. a

4. k

5. l

6. g

7. b

8. e

9. d

10. j

11. h

12. c

13. o

14. n

15. m

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. Time after time

2. stamp out

3. Armed conflict

**Finding Details**

1. b

2. a

3. a

4. d

5. c

6. b

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. **√**

2.

3. **√**

4.

a. The polio virus spread from Nigeria to Chad and then to Sudan.

b. The first major outbreak of AIDS in Africa occurred in southern Uganda.

B.

1. c

2. f

3. e

4. b

5. a

6. d

**Summary**

1. poverty

2. eradicate

3. vaccine

4. sterility

5. rebounded

6. vulnerable

7. stamp out

8. volatility

9. immunization

10. armed conflict

**Unit 08**

“New Europe” Goes Global

**Vocabulary**

1. a

2. o

3. m

4. h

5. b

6. f

7. d

8. e

9. n

10. g

11. c

12. i

13. k

14. j

15. l

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. Iron Curtain

2. make inroads

3. Captains of industry

**Finding Details**

1. b

2. c

3. a

4. d

5. b

6. b

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. Two things that have strengthened Central Europe’s financial prowess are EU accession and the accompanying infusion of Western capital.

2. Hugh Barnes claims that one sign of a country’s economic maturity is outflow of capital to other countries.

3. Businesses or governments in some Eastern or Southern European countries may favor entrepreneurs from former Soviet-bloc countries.

4. Some economic sectors have been slow to restructure because the entitlement system inherited from the communist era has yet to be fully overhauled.

B.

1. tackle

2. sharpening

3. setting up

4. know-how

5. critical

**Summary**

1. Iron Curtain

2. honing

3. to tackle

4. infusion

5. captains of industry

6. accession

7. prowess

8. eyeing

9. make inroads

10. emerging

**Unit 09**

Bioengineered Kidney a Possible Solution to Donor-Organ Crisis

**Vocabulary**

1. b

2. g

3. f

4. m

5. o

6. c

7. a

8. k

9. e

10. d

11. n

12. l

13. j

14. h

15. i

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. wake-up call

2. fast-track

3. waiting list

**Finding Details**

1. c

2. b

3. a

4. a

5. d

6. c

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. Although about seventeen thousand people in the US receive kidneys from donors each year, that is only a fraction of the patients on waiting lists for transplantable kidneys.

2. Ott’s team used a detergent in their experiments to completely cleanse the rat kidney of living tissue.

3. Blood stem cells from marrow are necessary in regenerative medicine to animate the organ scaffold, making it function.

4. When it is aware of a serious, unmet medical need, the FDA can expedite its review through a fast-track approval process.

B.

1. concerned

2. colleagues

3. newborn

4. customized

5. strict

**Summary**

1. functioning

2. regulations

3. waiting lists

4. fraction

5. detergent

6. retaining

7. reassemble

8. rejection

9. wake-up call

10. fast-track

**Unit 10**

Cape Town Carnival

**Vocabulary**

1. n

2. b

3. f

4. o

5. l

6. c

7. m

8. a

9. e

10. h

11. d

12. g

13. k

14. j

15. i

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. pillars of

2. took to the streets

3. politically correct

**Finding Details**

1. a

2. b

3. b

4. a

5. c

6. b

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. A day traditionally known as “Tweede Nuwejaar” or “Second New Year,” the festival dates back to an era when white American minstrels visited the Cape with black-painted faces and banjos.

2. Today, the historical roots of the carnival are all but forgotten.

3. And with tourism quickly becoming a pillar of the local community, city officials talk about turning the “Minstrel Carnival” into a celebration that will rival festivals in New Orleans and Rio de Janeiro.

4. “The tourist is not relevant where we are concerned, because they just come and watch.”

B.

1. e

2. b

3. d

4. a

5. c

**Summary**

1. Minstrel

2. mimic

3. survives

4. take to the streets

5. a pillar of

6. troupes

7. parasols

8. rival

9. segregation

10. politically correct

**Unit 11**

America’s Changing Family

**Vocabulary**

1. o

2. n

3. f

4. b

5. j

6. h

7. c

8. m

9. d

10. a

11. k

12. l

13. g

14. i

15. e

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. frowned on

2. caught up with

3. marital status

**Finding Details**

1. c

2. b

3. d

4. d

5. c

6. d

**Exploring Content**

A.

1.

2. √

3. √

4.

a. Peter Fagan says that suspension of the marriage tax penalty benefits only the middle class but not the poor.

b. A suggested major cause of household change is the growing economic power of women.

B.

1. c

2. e

3. d

4. a

5. b

**Summary**

1. comprised

2. census

3. households

4. norm

5. cohabitate

6. levies

7. frowned on

8. advocacy

9. correlation

10. marital status

**Unit 12**

A Limit to Free Speech

**Vocabulary**

1. c

2. f

3. a

4. n

5. g

6. e

7. b

8. o

9. h

10. l

11. d

12. j

13. m

14. k

15. i

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. On the other hand

2. stems/stemmed from

3. crack down

**Finding Details**

1. b

2. c

3. a

4. c

5. c

6. d

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. “Criticizing religion is a national sport,” says Guerlain.

2. “So the argument is that it is not speech that is banned, but it’s a deed, an action.”

3. For example, the Gayssot Act, which dates back to 1990, prohibits any racist, anti-Semite, or xenophobic activities, including Holocaust denial.

4. “Muslims in Pakistan, or Algeria, or where have you, are not unaware that there is a headscarf ban,” he says.

B

1. √

2.

3.

4. √

**Summary**

1. depicting
2. caricature
3. provoke
4. hypocritical
5. cracked down on
6. limits
7. xenophobia
8. on the other hand
9. contradiction

10. double standards

**Unit 13**

Hero of the Planet

**Vocabulary**

1. l

2. i

3. d

4. n

5. f

6. j

7. a

8. o

9. b

10. g

11. c

12. m

13. k

14. h

15. e

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. off-limits

2. at large

3. open (your) mind

**Finding Details**

1. c

2. b

3. a

4. c

5. b

6. b

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. Mark Plotkin’s teachers have mostly been shamans, or tribal healers.

2. Plotkin promised Jaguar Shaman he would collect and document the hundreds of plants used by the medicine man.

3. Plotkin directs a non-profit group called the Amazon Conservation Team.

4. Plotkin’s group runs a program that encourages young people to study with elder shamans and learn their ways.

5. Plotkin’s group also helps map millions of hectares of ancestral rainforest.

B.

1.

2. √

3. √

4.

**Summary**

1. ethnobotanist

2. indigenous

3. fieldwork

4. document

5. venom

6. humility

7. opened his mind

8. missionaries

9. at large

10. conservation

**Unit 14**

Plants Respond to Their Environment

**Vocabulary**

1. b

2. l

3. e

4. c

5. h

6. a

7. j

8. n

9. d

10. f

11. g

12. k

13. i

14. o

15. m

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. took for granted
2. acutely aware
3. array of

**Finding Details**

1. a

2. c

3. c

4. b

5. d

6. d

**Exploring Content**

1. √

2.

3. √

4.

a. There are some 3,800 species of plants from Israel and around the world in the botanical garden of Tel Aviv University.

b. There is no evidence that music helps plants grow, according to Chamovitz.

B.

1. realize

2. broader

3. making

4. common

5. key

**Summary**

1. taken for granted

2. stroll

3. paradise

4. gravity

5. differentiate

6. acutely aware

7. absorb

8. distant

9. diverse

10. adapt

**Unit 15**

Biofuels: An Alternative to Gasoline

**Vocabulary**

1. l

2. f

3. h

4. b

5. c

6. a

7. m

8. e

9. k

10. o

11. n

12. i

13. d

14. g

15. j

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. cost-effective

2. to the tune of

3. in charge

**Finding Details**

1. a

2. d

3. c

4. d

5. d

6. b

**Exploring Content**

A.

1.

2. √

3. √

4.

a. Scientists can extract more ethanol from switchgrass than they can from corn stover.

b. Biofuels can be used in about one-third of the US fuel supply without causing substantial environmental harm.

B.

1. b

2. e

3. d

4. a

5. c

**Summary**

1. dependence

2. ethanol

3. residuals

4. discards

5. organic

6. biomass

7. stalks

8. to the tune of

9. biodegradable

10. cost-effective

**Unit 16**

Global Trade and Pests

**Vocabulary**

1. f

2. h

3. d

4. j

5. i

6. b

7. g

8. a

9. e

10. c

11. m

12. k

13. o

14. n

15. l

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. nooks and crannies

2. a couple of times

3. full extent

**Finding Details**

1. d

2. b

3. d

4. c

5. a

6. d

**Exploring Content**

A. [Any three of the following answers]

1. In/On wood pallets

2. In sea containers

3. In the garbage from incoming airplanes or ships

4. With imported goods

5. In food brought in by travelers

B.

1. delicious

2. upgraded

3. generally

4. frequently

5. significant

**Summary**

1. emerged
2. issued
3. originated
4. revised
5. devastating
6. sheer
7. incrementally
8. pallets
9. nooks and crannies

10. full extent

**Unit 17**

Women: Their Unique Beauty

**Vocabulary**

1. d

2. n

3. i

4. m

5. c

6. a

7. b

8. g

9. o

10. l

11. f

12. j

13. k

14. h

15. e

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. went to extreme measures

2. nose job

3. role models

**Finding Details**

1. b

2. a

3. b

4. d

5. b

6. b

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. Eve Ensler says that wherever she goes she finds there is an image of beauty that women feel compelled to conform to.

2. According to Ensler, the global reach of Western media is changing the concept of what’s beautiful.

3. Nancy Etcoff claims that half of US seventh-grade girls don’t like the way they look.

4. Dominique Dawes says research shows that between fifty and seventy percent of young girls who think they are overweight really aren’t.

5. Etcoff and Ensler agree that the concept of beauty starts in the family.

B.

1. √

2.

3.

4. √

**Summary**

1. commercial

2. alter

3. portrays

4. concepts

5. compelling

6. extreme measures

7. self-esteem

8. role models

9. obsessed

10. unattainable

**Unit 18**

Comfort Foods or Cures?

**Vocabulary**

1. d

2. h

3. a

4. c

5. o

6. k

7. b

8. f

9. j

10. m

11. e

12. i

13. l

14. n

15. g

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. a little bit

2. warm memories

3. comfort food

**Finding Details**

1. d

2. c

3. c

4. d

5. b

6. a

**Exploring Content**

A.

1.

2. √

3.

4. √

a. Barry Koslow uses his grandmother’s recipe to make his restaurant’s chicken and matzo ball soup.

b. Warm memories of certain foods could be part of the secret behind the healing power of hot soup.

B.

1. relief

2. basic

3. balance

4. customer

5. appeal

**Summary**

comfort foods

ingredients

nutritious

enhanced

broth

a little bit

medicinal

fragrant

soothe

10. prevent

**Unit 19**

Immigrants in China

**Vocabulary**

1. c

2. f

3. d

4. n

5. a

6. b

7. j

8. h

9. e

10. l

11. k

12. i

13. m

14. o

15. g

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. Business is booming

2. on a daily basis

3. by far

**Finding Details**

1. c

2. b

3. b

4. d

5. c

6. d

**Exploring Content**

A.

1.

2.

3. √

4. √

a. Many Africans come to China for the chance to build their entrepreneurial dreams.

b. Zamoa felt almost like an alien when she first came to China.

B.

1. e

2. d

3. c

4. a

5. b

**Summary**

Soaring

sole

catering

entrepreneurial

alien

on a daily basis

curiosity

scrutinized

routinely

10. eventually

**Unit 20**

Violence and Video Games

**Vocabulary**

1. n

2. d

3. h

4. o

5. b

6. k

7. m

8. a

9. j

10. g

11. c

12. e

13. f

14. i

15. l

**Idioms and Expressions**

1. pointed the finger of blame

2. blurs the line

3. the right to bear arms

**Finding Details**

1. a

2. b

3. a

4. c

5. a

6. d

**Exploring Content**

A.

1. A week after the shootings, the executive vice president of the [National Rifle Association](http://home.nra.org/#/nraorg) rejected any suggestions that the widespread prevalence of guns in American society was to blame for the Connecticut shootings and others before it.

2. Akhavan said technology has made video game violence more realistic, blurring the line between reality and fantasy.

3. The NRA did not respond to several requests to comment on the issue.

4. “During a time of emotional crisis like this, after such a tragic shooting, it’s very, very natural . . . to kind of grasp around and look for some sort of answer,” Ferguson concluded.

B.

1. rejected

2. collecting

3. realistic

4. trigger

5. justify

**Summary**

1. rampage

2. backlash

3. finger of blame

4. bear arms

5. prevalence

6. culprit

7. dispose

8. juvenile

9. quadrupled

10. penalize