SHORT ARTICLES FOR READING COMPREHENSION 2

Final Test
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■ **Answer the questions.**

1. What is the best word for the blank?

> Staying healthy involves eating a balanced diet and keeping active. Eating regular meals and scheduling regular _____ are both important.

a. workouts b. working out
c. workings d. work on

2. Which word does NOT correctly match with its meaning?

a. captive: imprisoned
b. especially: more than other things
c. rare: occurring often
d. nuisance: an annoyance

3. Which pair does NOT have the same relation as the sample?

> <Sample> big : huge

a. adapt: change b. suit: match
c. affect: influence d. involve: isolate

4. Which pair does NOT have the same relation as the sample?

> <Sample> fast : slow

a. appeal: refuse b. flexible: stuck
c. sign up: join d. launch: hold

5. Which word has the closest meaning to the underlined word?

> The Incan Empire was possibly the largest <u>society</u> in the world in the early 16th century.

a. powerful b. civilization
c. precursor d. symbol

6. Choose the option that best fits the blanks.

> Thousands of American alligators live in the wild. Sadly, the Chinese alligator is (A)_____. Their population has been (B)_____ in part due to farmers using their habitat to raise ducks and fish.

	(A)	(B)
a.	endanger	decreased
b.	endangered	decreasing
c.	endangered	decreased
d.	endangering	decreasing

7. What is the correct word for the blank?

> Globalization could help us achieve great things for society as a whole. Thanks to the internet, individuals, businesses, and countries have been able to gain _____ on an international scale.

a. influence b. collective
c. detrimental d. availability

8. What is the passage mainly about?

Netflix is a successful Internet company. With one hundred million subscribers to date, the company continues to grow each year. Its success can be attributed to its flexibility, adaptability, and to the company being open to trying new things.

a. how subscribers find Netflix
b. how many new subscribers Netflix gets each year
c. how flexibility is important to Netflix's success
d. how Netflix has become so successful

9. What is NOT true about the passage?

It is possible to calculate how far away a thunderstorm is by knowing the speed of sound. Once the lightning flashes, count the seconds until the thunder claps then multiply the number of seconds by 344 meters. This calculation is how far the storm is in relation to your location.

a. It is easy to calculate how far away a thunderstorm is.
b. To calculate a storm's distance, count the seconds from the thunder cap.
c. Sound travels at around 344 meters each second.
d. To do the calculation, you must know the speed of sound.

10. What is "this problem" in the passage?

Phoenicians invented the kind of writing we use today. They were also a society of navigators and traders. They traveled the Mediterranean, established trading posts and built new cities. This helped spread their writing system, a script based on symbols for sounds. This idea they came up with has continued to influence our education today.

a. Phoenicians' invention of a writing system.
b. Phoenicians' navigation of the Mediterranean.
c. Phoenicians' establishment of trading posts.
d. Phoenicians' invention of sounds for symbols.

11. Choose the correct forms.

Animals communicate **(A)** using/ use the four senses: scent, touch, sound, and vision. Most animal communication uses sound, for example, an animal may growl to **(B)** warning / warn other animals to stay away.

	(A)	(B)
a.	use	warn
b.	use	warning
c.	using	warn
d.	using	warning

12. Choose which is NOT correct.

SARS is an **(A)** extremely contagious disease. It **(B)** causes respiratory illness. It was first **(C)** carried only in the excreta of birds, and it **(D)** infects only other birds. It then began to infect humans who handled those birds.

a. (A) b. (B)
c. (C) d. (D)

13. What is most appropriate for the blank?

It is astounding what artificial intelligence can do, nowadays. Avia is the first AI with the ability to compose classical music. If you listen to her music, you'll hear that _____ because Avia's programmers used what's called

a. the music is classical
b. it sounds exactly like a commercial
c. the performance isn't that impressive
d. it is indistinguishable from human compositions

14 Read the passage and complete the Wrap Up chart.

Inhabited by Polynesians since 300 or 400 CE, Easter Island is a small island in the south-eastern Pacific Ocean. It lies about 3,600 kilometers west of mainland Chile. It was visited on Easter Sunday by Dutch explorer Jacob Roggeveen 1722, which is how the island got its name.

Geography	History
a small island	Inhabited by Polynesians since 300 or 400 CE

15. Read the passage and complete the cause and effect chart.

There are many risks involved in losing the rainforest. Without it, many species will no longer have habitats. Also, the loss of trees will result in increased climate change. It is important we stop illegal logging and use more eco-friendly materials for building and making furniture.

Problems	Solutions
animals will lose their habitats	
	use more eco-friendly materials

Score: _____ / 15