

Class

Name

■ Answer the questions.

1. What is the best word for the blank?

The waiter returned to the table with the bills for the meal. Jan had eaten \_\_\_\_\_ expensive food, so hers was the smallest cheque.

- a. at least
- b. least
- c. the least
- d. the less

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

- a. unique: one of a kind
- b. common: found in large numbers
- c. boast: to talk very proudly
- d. bury: to lift something up

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

<Sample> big : huge

- a. obtain: to push away
- b. sniff: to smell
- c. talent: natural ability
- d. history: background

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

<Sample> fast : slow

- a. persuade: argue
- b. comedic: horrific
- c. progress: to go backward
- d. aptly: appropriately

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

The scientist won many awards for his discovery at the Loch Ness.

- a. famous
- b. prizes
- c. experts
- d. smuggles

6. Choose the option that best fits the blanks.

A hundred years ago, \_\_\_\_\_ meant seeing many differences. However, the world has \_\_\_\_\_ more modern and cities are looking more similar.

- (A)
- (B)
- a. travelers
- b. travelling
- c. traveliers
- d. travelling
- becoming
- becoming
- become
- become

7. What is the correct word for the blank?

Westminster Abbey is where the home of the British royal family is located. Although Buckingham Palace is the Queen's \_\_\_\_\_ home, she does not live there all of the time.

- a. royal
- b. official
- c. boast
- d. attracts

### 8. What is the passage mainly about?

Tobacco was brought back to Spain by Christopher Columbus. The plant soon became popular in Britain and was in great demand. So, tobacco became an important export from American colonies.

- how tobacco became an export
- how tobacco is used
- who discovered tobacco
- where tobacco was needed

### 9. What is NOT true about the passage?

Don't be surprised to see a performer at your local stoplight! This busker may be singing, dancing or telling jokes. If you are pleased by their performance, be sure and leave a small donation.

- Buskers can perform at stoplights.
- Buskers are dancers.
- Buskers aren't performers.
- Buskers like donations.

### 10. Who is "this person" in the passage?

He began life in an orphanage in Guangdong. After working as everything from a dish washer to a restaurant owner, this person became a famous chef nicknamed the "abalone king."

- Zorba the Greek
- Yeung Koon Yat
- Philippe Curtius
- Sigmund Freud

### 11. Choose the correct forms.

There may be a monster (A) swimming / swamming in the Loch Ness, a lake in the Scottish highlands. While many have searched the loch, (B) including / include scientists, no one has any evidence the monster exists.

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| (A)         | (B)       |
| a. swimming | include   |
| b. swamming | include   |
| c. swamming | include   |
| d. swimming | including |

### 12. Choose which is NOT correct.

The guitar can be (A) heard in many kinds of music today. It has taken over, becoming very popular all over the world. The instrument is not too difficult to (B) learn to play. The strings of the instrument are (C) plucked or (D) strumming.

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

### 13. What is most appropriate for the blank?

"Yes! We have no bananas!"  
Scientists worry these song lyrics could come true because \_\_\_\_\_. It has affected Cavendish bananas in Malaysia, Taiwan, and Indonesia.

- there aren't a lot of bananas left
- a disease is attacking bananas
- pesticides aren't controlling disease anymore
- of genetic engineering

**14 Read the passage and complete the Wrap Up chart.**

Published in 1946, "Zorba the Greek" is a classic novel written by Nikos Kazantzakis. The narrator is a Greek intellectual who is on his way to Crete. The exaggerated tales of his friend Zorba make for an interesting story!

About the Narrator	About the Novel
Greek	
	a classic

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

Born in France, Marie was the daughter of a housekeeper. As a youth, she learned how to make wax models. In 1802, she decided to tour Great Britain with her collection of wax figures. She set up a museum in London before her death in 1850.

Early Life	Later Life
daughter of a housekeeper	Died in 1850

Score: \_\_\_\_\_ / 15