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SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ /100

**A**  Listen to the conversation between Diego and Satomi. Then read the questions and choose the correct answers.

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| <p>1 How many times has Satomi been scuba diving?</p> <p>A None. This is her first time.</p> <p>B several times since she was a kid</p> <p>C twice</p>     | <p>4 Where does Satomi work?</p> <p>A in a hospital</p> <p>B in an office</p> <p>C She doesn't have a job.</p>  |
| <p>2 What does Satomi say she's afraid of?</p> <p>A the scuba diving instructor</p> <p>B horror movies</p> <p>C fish that might bite</p>                   | <p>5 What does Satomi say about her swimming skills?</p> <p>A Everyone she knows swims better than she does.</p> <p>B She doesn't feel confident about swimming.</p> <p>C She can swim as well as the people she knows.</p> |
| <p>3 In her conversation with Diego, what is Satomi expressing?</p> <p>A feelings of shock</p> <p>B lack of confidence</p> <p>C disapproval of choices</p> | <p>_____ / 10 (2 points each)</p>   |

**B**  Listen to the radio interview. Circle *True* or *False* for each statement.

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| <p>1 Alex began his career as a junior assistant architect.</p>                     | <p>True / False</p>               |
| <p>2 Alex's first job after college wasn't well paid, and he worked long hours.</p> | <p>True / False</p>               |
| <p>3 Alex's friend Peter told him he was going to quit his job.</p>                 | <p>True / False</p>               |
| <p>4 The interviewer has never seen any of Alex and Peter's documentaries.</p>      | <p>True / False</p>               |
| <p>5 Alex regrets that he didn't become a professional architect.</p>               | <p>True / False</p>               |
|   | <p>_____ / 10 (2 points each)</p> |

**C** Find three words for each category below.

artificial concentrate on damage folk hard have trouble with knock off  
metal pop spill techno waste time

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|--------------|------------------|-------|-------|
| 1 Music:     | _____ folk _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2 Progress:  | _____            | _____ | _____ |
| 3 Materials: | _____            | _____ | _____ |
| 4 Accidents: | _____            | _____ | _____ |

\_\_\_\_\_ / 11 (1 point each)

**D** Circle the correct answers.

- 1 Experts say that the oceans are filling up with *plastic* / *cotton*. Bottles, drinking straws, and grocery bags are found in waters all over the world.
- 2 Bananas are the fruit they *store* / *export* most to other countries.
- 3 My brother makes chairs and tables out of beautiful pieces of *wool* / *wood*.
- 4 If you *apply* / *design* for the job, don't forget to include your résumé.
- 5 There's a new *game show* / *soap opera* on TV that I love to watch. The questions they ask are really challenging.
- 6 I find that my phone *saves* / *takes* me a lot of time. I use it to answer emails when I'm going to work.
- 7 Poor Mario! He's *thrilled* / *exhausted* because he didn't sleep at all last night.
- 8 To be successful in life, you sometimes have to take a *wage* / *risk*.
- 9 Jen and John are having *trouble* / *a chance* with money. They never have enough of it to pay their bills

\_\_\_\_\_ / 9 (1 point each)

**E** Complete the news report with the words in the box.

best destroyed effects freezing goal huge pulled situation terrified warm

A <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ storm hit parts of Little Neck, Arkansas. The storm <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ trees out of the ground along the highway and <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ several buildings and houses north of the town. Many <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ families who lived through the frightening storm are now without homes to return to. <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ temperatures across the state are making the <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ worse. Workers are in the town doing their <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ to keep everyone safe and <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. It's not an easy job in the cold weather, but that is the main <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ at the moment. The long-term <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of the storm won't be known for several days. We will update you on conditions at 1:00 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 10 (1 point each)

**F** Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Is your car \_\_\_\_\_ mine?  
A fast as  
B fast than  
C as fast as
- 2 Emily \_\_\_\_\_ in this apartment, but she moved out five years ago.  
A has lived  
B used to live  
C has been living
- 3 I need to leave the office in ten minutes, but first I \_\_\_\_\_ answer these emails.  
A have to  
B must not  
C can't
- 4 Matt must be exhausted. He's been running \_\_\_\_\_ two hours so far.  
A since  
B for  
C during
- 5 EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY. ALL OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_ PARK HERE.  
A COULD NOT  
B DON'T HAVE TO  
C MUST NOT
- 6 That movie \_\_\_\_\_ in 1963. It's really old!  
A was made  
B is made  
C used to make
- 7 Can you \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
A figure out this  
B out this figure  
C figure this out
- 8 You know, \_\_\_\_\_ ever happens in my neighborhood. It's very quiet!  
A anything  
B everything  
C nothing
- 9 If I \_\_\_\_\_ practice the guitar, my playing won't improve.  
A am  
B don't  
C haven't
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ I borrow your phone, please?  
A Must  
B Have  
C May

\_\_\_\_\_ / 10 (1 point each)

**G** Complete the second sentence with one word so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- 1 "It is going to rain all day," Kim said.  
Kim said that it \_\_\_\_\_ going to rain all day.
- 2 Everybody will be in class tomorrow.  
\_\_\_\_\_ will be absent from class tomorrow.
- 3 By doing your best, you will succeed.  
If you \_\_\_\_\_ your best, you will succeed.
- 4 The Hudson River is shorter than the Mississippi River.  
The Hudson River isn't \_\_\_\_\_ long as the Mississippi River.
- 5 What happened? There's almost no food left in the fridge!  
What happened? There's very \_\_\_\_\_ food left in the fridge!
- 6 My kids don't need to wear a uniform to school.  
My kids don't \_\_\_\_\_ to wear a uniform to school.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 6 (1 point each)

## H Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

busy found lately lot something up used waiting

**Jorge:** Have you been <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for me for a long time?

**Alice:** Not too long, no. Look, here's <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I just found on the ground. What do you think it is?

**Jorge:** Umm ... I'm not sure. It looks like a coin, but it's not American money. Maybe it's part of a necklace. My sister <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to wear a silver circle on a chain that looked similar, so it might be a piece of jewelry.

**Alice:** Yeah, you could be right. I guess a <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of people walk here. Someone probably dropped it.

**Jorge:** Can you imagine how many lost items are <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the city every day?

**Alice:** Yeah! Hundreds, probably. Anyway, how are you, Jorge? What have you been doing <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ? Anything fun?

**Jorge:** Not much. I've been trying to keep <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with all my college work. There's so much of it!

**Alice:** You sound as <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as I am. We both need a break. Let's go and get a coffee and a snack, OK?

**Jorge:** Sure! Great idea!

\_\_\_\_\_ / 8 (1 point each)

## I Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

EXAMPLE: I'm working ~~the solution on~~.

I'm working on the solution.

1 Would you give up your job if someone offers you a better job?

2 I've been thinking about this problem since a long time.

3 These cars aren't sell in Europe. You can only buy them in the US.

4 If I were really brave, I will take more risks.

5 Kevin bought his phone online. It sent to him the next day.

6 If you have a big house in the Caribbean, would you live there?

\_\_\_\_\_ / 6 (1 point each)

The United States is a large country and has a variety of climates. Because of this, many different fruits and vegetables can be grown in the country. For example, the state of Idaho is known for its potatoes, Georgia for its peaches, and South Carolina for its peanuts. California produces a third of all the vegetables in the United States, and two-thirds of the fruits and nuts we eat are also grown there. But did you know that one of our favorite fruits is imported?

Very few bananas are produced in the United States. In fact, only the states of Hawaii and Florida really grow any bananas at all. Almost all the bananas that people eat in the United States are imported from other countries, especially Guatemala, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Colombia, and Honduras. Guatemala exports between 85 and 90 percent of all its bananas to the United States.

After bananas are picked, they are washed and packaged for export. Every box of bananas gets a special number. This number contains information about the farm where the bananas were produced and picked.

In the United States, each person eats, on average, 28 pounds of bananas every year — that's about 84 bananas per person. The banana is the cheapest fruit you can buy. Although there are about a thousand different types of bananas around the world, Americans generally eat just one type. The typical yellow banana people buy is called a "Cavendish banana." The reason so many Cavendish bananas are produced is that they are easy to grow, store, and transport.

It might seem strange, but Cavendish bananas originally come from a plant grown by a gardener in the United Kingdom in 1830. The gardener named the fruit *Musa Cavendishii* because his employer's family name was Cavendish.

- 1 A wide variety of fruits and vegetables are grown in the United States because
  - A Americans originally came from many different countries.
  - B the weather isn't the same in every region of the country.
  - C bananas don't grow easily there.
- 2 Where is the majority of the United States' fruit grown?
  - A California
  - B Hawaii and Florida
  - C Idaho
- 3 According to the fact sheet, Guatemala
  - A sends most of its bananas to the United States.
  - B keeps 85%–90% of its bananas in boxes.
  - C imports most of its bananas from the United States.
- 4 Why do we generally only see the Cavendish banana?
  - A because it grows in Florida
  - B because it's cheap
  - C because it's the easiest type of banana to grow, store, and transport
- 5 Where did the Cavendish banana get its name?
  - A Cavendish is a special code.
  - B Cavendish is a city in Guatemala.
  - C Cavendish is a name given by the first grower.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 10 (2 points each)

Dear Students,

1. We have some exciting new events planned for you.

Starting January 9, guest professors will give talks in Lecture Room A. They will discuss special topics.

Talk 1: The advantages of planning your career early. Local employers will give advice on contracts. They will also explain the process of applying for jobs and planning for retirement!

Talk 2: A Short History of Rap Music — everything you ever wanted to know about this musical genre.

Talk 3: How to save time and learn faster! Professor Caroline Hurst will give you tips for changing the way you study so that you learn better.

Talk 4: What is the purpose of politics? Your Degree in Political Science: A Talk by John Martinez.

2. Several students have been reporting problems with the wi-fi in the shared areas of campus. Our engineers have designed a new system that delivers high speed internet access throughout the college.

3. Please consider volunteering in the community. There are many people who have fewer options in life than you do. Just a little of your time can make someone's life a little less miserable. And the effects of your kindness can last a very long time. In addition, there are rewards for you. Remember that employers like to hire hard-working, helpful individuals. Your résumé should show community service as well as achievement in your studies.

Best wishes,

Zack

Student Counselor

Room 357

1 What is the main purpose of Zack's email to the students?

- A advertising the college
- B talking about his job
- C giving information

2 If you were a student at this college, you could

- A design a new wi-fi system.
- B learn something new about rap.
- C give a talk in Lecture Room A.

3 Who can the students get career advice from?

- A local employers
- B their professors
- C the student counselors

4 What is Caroline Hurst going to talk about?

- A tipping in restaurants
- B political science
- C study skills

5. Why is volunteering a good idea, according to Zack?

- A It makes students less miserable and gives them more options.
- B It's good for people in the community and good for students' future employment.
- C It saves time and requires a lot of kindness.

\_\_\_\_\_ / 10 (2 points each)