


A  Listen to the conversation between Ana and Brian. Then read the questions and choose the correct answer.

1 What is Ana doing?

A She's writing an essay.

B She's doing a quiz.

C She's reading an article.

2 What is Ana's opinion of the article?

A She thinks it's interesting and fun to read.

B She thinks it's fun to read but distracting.

C She thinks it's distracting and bad writing.

3 What is Brian's opinion of the article?

A He thinks some of it is interesting.

B He thinks that it isn't true and a waste of time to read it.

C He thinks that it is fake but has some interesting facts.

4 What is a bot?

A a fake social media account

B a robot

C a social media user who doesn't post comments

5 How can you tell if something is a bot?

A A bot has fake personal information.

B A bot posts hundreds of comments and photos.

C A bot likes and re-posts things on social media hundreds of times a day.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B  Listen to the conversation between George and April. Then read the sentences and choose the correct answers.

1 George says that his dad *has* / *might have* arranged something for his mom's birthday.

2 *April* / *George* has finished the essay.

3 Last night George *played in* / *watched* a soccer match.

4 George *has* / *hasn't* been bowling before with April.

5 George wants to go to the *beach* / *countryside*.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

C ~~Cross out~~ the word that does not belong in each group.

1 stir

rinse

trade

fry

2 products

ginger

merchandise

brand

3 dorm

logo

faculty

freshman

4 hero

cost of living

lifestyle

salary cut

5 part-time

coming of age

personal tragedy

family saga

6 high-paying

proven

freelance

full-time

7 designer

director

entertainer

undergraduate

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Bali has become a very popular tourist location. It is _____ with young people.
A out of style
B all the rage
C old-fashioned
- 2 There is a charity run in my town that I'm going to _____.
A take part in
B take care of
C connect with
- 3 I don't think I have time to help you. I have a _____ this week.
A busy schedule
B family life
C social life
- 4 Nobody had lived in the house for years. It smelled very _____.
A fresh
B tasty
C musty
- 5 This song _____ me of college. We listened to it all the time!
A recalls
B reminds
C recognizes
- 6 I was lucky at college because I had some great _____, and I really learnt a lot.
A professors
B freshman
C societies
- 7 I made a big _____ when I said "Hi, Jim!" to Simon. How embarrassing.
A fault
B blame
C blunder

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

E Circle the correct answer.

- 1 I'm very *curiosity* / *curious* about the history of the city.
- 2 You need to be *qualified* / *qualifications* to be a lawyer.
- 3 We may have a picnic tomorrow, but it *relies* / *depends* on the weather.
- 4 You look like you need to *cheer* / *make up*. Do you want to talk about it?
- 5 I still *keep in touch with* / *reply to* two friends from school. We meet up once a month.
- 6 Scientists made a great *breakthrough* / *connection* when they discovered this formula.
- 7 The movie was very unpopular. In fact, it was *an epic fail* / *a confusion*.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

F Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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- 1 My parents _____ a business.
- 2 I'd just like to congratulate you _____ your great achievement.
- 3 I'm not doing the race to _____ a medal. It's just for fun.
- 4 On the weekend I like to make the _____ of the time I have.
- 5 The class will be hard, but I know she will _____ to the challenge.

_____ / 5 (1 point each)

G Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Let's get *in* / *together* on the weekend. Are you free?
- 2 I think I'll have to give *out* / *up* on this plan. It's not going to work.
- 3 The singer really messed *up* / *down* that song. He forgot the lyrics completely.
- 4 We can go *ahead* / *around* with our plans. They'll join us next time.

_____ / 4 (1 point each)

H Choose the correct answer.

- 1 When I _____ into the room, people were clapping.
A had walked
B walked
C walk
- 2 This is _____ the best curry I've ever tasted.
A by far
B a whole lot
C a bit
- 3 When I got on the train I realized that I _____ the ticket.
A lose
B have lost
C had lost
- 4 Iván _____ do the dishes, but I think he forgot.
A was supposed to
B was suppose to
C was to
- 5 If we visited Peru, we _____ some delicious *ceviche*.
A can eat
B will eat
C would eat
- 6 If they hadn't gone to the party that evening, _____.
A they wouldn't have met
B they wouldn't meet
C they weren't meeting
- 7 This sofa _____ by one person. You need help.
A can't be carried
B won't be carried
C mustn't carry
- 8 I think that the letter _____ by now.
A should be delivered
B should have been delivered
C should deliver
- 9 Listen for a minute and _____ me tell you what I think we should do.
A help
B let
C make
- 10 She explained that I _____ to fill out both forms.
A am needing
B needed
C was needing
- 11 I didn't finish the project. I wish I _____ more time.
A would have
B can have
C had had
- 12 There are a lot of shoes here. Tell me which _____ you want me to bring.
A one
B ones
C do

_____ / 12 (1 point each)

I Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 I would have done the work if I have enough time.

- 2 If I had the time, I'll study Chinese.

- 3 What do I do on the weekends is rest and read.

- 4 He is warned that a storm was coming before he left.

- 5 When there is a stop sign, you are required stop.

_____ / 5 (1 point each)

J Circle the correct answer.

- 1 I remember *to meet* / *meeting* Carlos for the first time.
- 2 You can't take your driving test yet. You're not *enough old* / *old enough*.
- 3 I wish I *ask* / *had asked* my boss for more vacation days this year.
- 4 When we were children we weren't *supposed* / *allowed* to eat sweets.
- 5 If Amanda knew what her boss said about her *she'll be* / *she'd be* really pleased.
- 6 Oliver didn't do his homework because he *hasn't* / *hadn't* had time.
- 7 I looked in my purse, but my wallet wasn't there. I *was leaving* / *had left* it at home.
- 8 If I had known you were coming, *I'll* / *I'd* have made something special for dinner.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

K Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1 go / can't / You / warm / enough / because / it's / not / swimming / today / .
You _____
- 2 wouldn't / you / the / it / written down / had / number, / you / If / have / forgotten / .
If _____
- 3 of / don't / does / a / lot / I / sister / time, / but / my / free / have / .
I _____
- 4 country / thing / I / like / weather / about / the / The / is / this / most / .
The _____
- 5 I / asked / me / drive / They / could / if / .
They _____

_____ / 5 (1 point each)

Intuition

As children, we are taught to think about our choices carefully. To analyze, to rationalize, and to make informed decisions. We are not, however, taught to use our intuition. Understandably, adults and parents don't tell children to "go with your gut instinct" when making an important decision. We usually believe there is a right answer, a best choice for every situation, and that by thinking through the options and the consequences, we can make an informed decision based on facts. Surely this is a better way of making decisions than using intuition. Or is it?

The brain constantly compares and evaluates sensory information. As each piece of new information arrives to the brain, it is categorized and put into place. This is a process. Intuition, on the other hand, is fast. It's an idea or a reaction that seemingly appears out of nowhere. However, intuition is based on facts, on information in the brain, and on experience. When we get a sudden flash of inspiration, our brain hasn't yet had the time to assemble the information, but our intuition has.

Certain situations benefit from a more analytical thought process than others. Performing surgery and creating a work of art are examples of how different ends of the analytical/intuitive mind function. However, the most successful situations are when both types of thinking come into play: the logical mind and the intuitive mind working together. We think of scientists as being highly analytical people, but scientific breakthroughs often start with a sudden idea which is then scientifically proven to be correct or incorrect.

Perhaps it is time for us to give intuition the credit it deserves.

- 1 The writer thinks that _____.
A adults should encourage children to be analytical
B we should question whether adults should encourage children to be analytical
- 2 According to the writer, the way _____ works is a process.
A the brain
B intuition
- 3 The writer says that _____ works the fastest.
A the brain
B intuition
- 4 The writer says that our brains work best when _____.
A we use both analysis or intuition
B we rely only on intuition
- 5 The writer says that scientific discoveries _____.
A are analyzed thoroughly from start to finish
B may begin with intuition and later move to analysis

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

M Read the blog post and responses. Then match the statements to Linda, Shin, Mia, or Maxim.

Linda's Blog

Today I made an important decision! I've been thinking about becoming a vegetarian for a while, but I put off making that final decision. But today I did! I'm choosing to take care of my health by cutting out red meat. I can finally look a cow in the eye without feeling guilty. We shouldn't be killing animals for food if we have the choice.

Hey Linda. Being a vegetarian is the right choice. You talk about how your health is going to improve, and I'm sure it will. You also talk about the injustice of animals suffering. That's all true, but I'd like to add another point. Did you know that food production accounts for one-third of greenhouse gases all over the world? So just think about how you are also helping our planet. Well done for making this decision.

Shin

I don't agree with you. You are just thinking about the developed world when you argue that being a vegetarian is beneficial. I agree that in the US or in Europe, most people would have a healthier lifestyle if they ate less meat. But what about the rest of the world? Not eating meat would have an impact on the farmers that raise animals for us to eat. Think about them.

Mía

OK, so you are going to be vegetarian. But why not vegan? Shin talks about the greenhouse gases and the harm to our environment. But if we all became vegan, we'd stop eating meat, fish, dairy, and all animal products. Then we'd have to grow more crops. If we had more forests and grasslands, then these areas would capture carbon dioxide, which would help global warming.

Maxim

- 1 There would be a negative effect on part of the world if more people were vegetarians. _____
- 2 You have made the right decision but you left out an important reason for doing so. _____
- 3 There is an even better choice that you can make. _____
- 4 You aren't thinking globally about this decision. _____
- 5 I have taken time to come to this conclusion. _____

_____ / 10 (2 points each)