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SCORE: _____/50

A  Listen to a radio show. Then read the statements and decide if they are True or False.

- 1 Bruno's mother believes that if we walk under a ladder, we will have bad luck. T / F
- 2 The show host is convinced that Bruno's beliefs are different from his mother's. T / F
- 3 Carla and Bruno agree on some things but not on others. T / F
- 4 The host has a similar point of view to both Carla and Bruno. T / F
- 5 Carla is enthusiastic about her beliefs in regard to luck. T / F

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE I was ___ enough to win a competition, so I'm going to Australia this summer.

- A** fate **B** fortunate **C** chance encounter

- 1 We made a ___ not to spend a lot of money on vacation this year. We spent too much last year.

- A** deliberate decision **B** lucky break **C** a life-changing experience

- 2 Depending on what ____ you choose in life, you might be happy or unhappy.

- A** path **B** deliberate decision **C** chance encounter

- 3 My brother was working temporarily for a TV channel when a great job in production was advertised. He was ___ and now he is the producer for a famous TV show.

- A** a lucky break **B** wound up **C** in the right place at the right time

- 4 Meeting a coworker who was staying at the same hotel while on vacation was a real ____.

- A** deliberate decision **B** coincidence **C** path

- 5 Ellie initially found science a very challenging subject, but through hard work and ____, she became very good at it.

- A** a life-changing experience **B** determination **C** a coincidence

- 6 Olivia got her ____ when someone saw her perform in college. Now she is a dancer at the National Ballet.

- A** lucky break **B** path **C** chance encounter

- 7 The movie was about a ____ between two old friends who hadn't seen each other for years.

- A** lucky break **B** path **C** chance encounter

- 8 I can't _____. I've passed all my exams and with top marks!

- A** be in the right place at the right time **B** be fortunate **C** believe my luck

____ / 8 (1 point each)

C Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE Angelica forgot the deadline for the homework, which was *a bad move* / unfortunate for her.

- 1 I forgot to turn the stove on, which was *a dumb thing to do* / *incompetent*.
- 2 I always use a calculator, because I'm totally *a bad move* / *incompetent* at adding up big numbers.
- 3 I changed jobs in March, but now I realize it was *a bad move* / *my own fault*, because I don't like my new one at all.
- 4 We didn't get the house, because somebody offered more money. We *learned the hard way* / *didn't watch what we were doing*.
- 5 Brandon wasn't *watching what he was doing* / *kicking himself* and he crashed the car into a wall.
- 6 I should have asked him for his number. I'm *seeing the funny side* / *kicking myself* for being so shy.
- 7 I didn't call Max because I was *my own fault* / *in too much of a hurry*.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE You'd look very different if you ___ curly hair. I can't imagine it!

A might have had **B had** C would have

- 1 If they ___ at screens all day, they'd be much more active.
A wouldn't look B may not have looked C weren't looking
- 2 If you took better care of yourself, you ___ so unhealthy.
A might not be B couldn't be C weren't
- 3 If she ___ the question carefully, she wouldn't have made that mistake.
A read B had read C would have read
- 4 If it hadn't rained all week, we ___ a better vacation.
A would have B could have had C may have
- 5 If it ___ so cold today, we could go for a walk.
A weren't B hadn't been C wouldn't have been
- 6 If we weren't eating out this evening, I ___ a lasagna.
A had made B was making C would make
- 7 If she had had more time to rest, she ___ so tired now.
A hadn't felt B weren't feeling C wouldn't feel

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

E Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses ().

EXAMPLE If only this were / was cheaper. I'd buy it. (be)

- 1 If only I _____ anything, but I'm so sad. (not/feel)
- 2 I wish we _____ in the countryside. It would be so much quieter. (can/live)
- 3 I wish I _____ the answer to this question, but I have no idea. (know)
- 4 If only we _____ to this neighborhood. I really don't like it. (not/move)
- 5 I wish you _____ me about Simon. I'm very upset about it. (not/tell)
- 6 I wish we _____ an action movie. I'm sick of these romantic comedies. (watch)
- 7 I wish we _____ this argument. We will never agree about this point. (not/have)
- 8 If only you _____ things the way I do, you'd understand my situation better. (can/see)

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

F Read Mariela's story. Then read the questions and choose the correct answers.

A life-changing moment

by Mariela Gomez

We have all experienced, or will at some point experience, certain events that completely change either our views on life or the paths we take in it. In my case, an event that dramatically altered the direction of my life was a chance encounter with a stranger.

When I was about thirty years old, I was in a great place in my life. I had been happily married for a few years and I was fully dedicated to my career as a lawyer. My husband and I had talked briefly about having children but had made a deliberate decision not to. We had concluded that, if we wanted successful careers and fun social lives, we wouldn't be able to have children.

One day, one of my nephews had a minor operation and stayed in the hospital for a few days. The day I visited Lucas, my brother wasn't at the hospital, but Barbara, an aunt of his wife's, was. Barbara was a very direct woman and, in the briefest of conversations, this woman I had never met before asked me whether I planned to have children. The question was a little awkward, but I wound up telling her that we had no intention of having children. She looked me in the eye and said that I could be making the biggest mistake of my life. She left shortly after and I never met her again until a few years later. When I did, I was carrying my daughter Sophia in my arms.

The conversation with Barbara made me question whether I really didn't wish to be a mother. I realized I wanted to, and I am eternally grateful to her for speaking to me in such an honest way. I wouldn't be the happy mother I am today if I hadn't been fortunate enough to meet Barbara that day.

- 1 How could Mariela be described at the time of the event in the story?
 - A A woman whose career was the most important thing in her life.
 - B A woman who was very close to her family, especially to her brother.
 - C A woman who seemed satisfied with her job and her relationships.
- 2 Before the event, why had Mariela and her husband decided not to have children?
 - A They wanted to dedicate their time mostly to their work.
 - B They enjoyed spending time with other children in the family.
 - C They thought that their lives would be better without children.
- 3 Who was Barbara?
 - A A relative of Mariela's.
 - B Someone Mariela didn't know.
 - C A very shy and reserved person.
- 4 How could the conversation between Barbara and Mariela be described?
 - A It was a strange conversation for Mariela, but it made her think.
 - B It was a long conversation that made Mariela think about her values.
 - C It was an interesting conversation about Lucas and other children in the family.
- 5 How does Mariela feel about the event now?
 - A She feels lucky for having had the chance encounter.
 - B She questions why moments like this happen to people.
 - C She thinks it was the reason why she regrets becoming a mother.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)