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A  Listen to the podcast. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 According to Jacob, ...
 - A** animated logos will soon replace static logos.
 - B** an animated logo conveys that a company is successful.
 - C** static logos transmit less information than dynamic ones.
- 2 Jacob says that the animated Uber logo ...
 - A** impressed him greatly.
 - B** is effective because the movement catches the spectator's eye.
 - C** has already inspired many other designers to create animated logos.
- 3 Noriko says that 3D logos ...
 - A** are the best option for technology companies.
 - B** transmit strength and stability.
 - C** are easily noticeable on the internet.
- 4 Noriko says that ...
 - A** geometric shapes will be more popular than 3D logos in the year ahead.
 - B** it is not difficult to animate logos with shapes or to make them 3D.
 - C** creating a 3D animated logo is not very cheap.

_____ / 8 (2 points each)

B  Listen to the conversation between Grace and Daniel. Choose *True* or *False* for each statement.

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| 1 Grace is impressed by the first two screens of Daniel's productivity app. | True / False |
| 2 Initially, Daniel had problems concentrating on developing his app due to other people interrupting him. | True / False |
| 3 Daniel's app is different from others because each task is linked to a calendar. | True / False |
| 4 Daniel regrets that he cannot show Grace a working version of his app. | True / False |

_____ / 8 (2 points each)

C Complete the chart with the words from the box.

beta version dismiss embrace envision
 ethnicity facilitate fixate genealogy
 heritage implement voice activation working prototype

Developments in Technology	Talking about Ancestry	Talking about Change	Thought Processes
beta version			

_____ / 11 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct words.

- 1 A ceremony was held in the evening to *signify* / *mark* the occasion.
- 2 Eduardo never realized exactly how *mammoth* / *miniature* Mexico City really was until he saw it from the window of an airplane.
- 3 Rachel had poor *digestion* / *posture* because she was tall and often worked at a desk.
- 4 Research on environmental studies courses showed they had a *nutritious* / *wholesome* influence on the students who took them.
- 5 One of the secrets to good computer coding is not to make a program overly *delicate* / *elaborate*. It should be as simple as possible.
- 6 Homes of the future will be *gradually* / *radically* different from those built in the last century.

_____ / 6 (1 point each)

E Complete the survey results with the correct form of the words from the box.

assist focus interrupt isolate operate pay recognize

We asked our readers what frustrates them about modern technology. Here are the top seven things that drive you crazy:

- 1 When you are at the airport and the facial- _____ software can't scan your face correctly.
- 2 When your computer tells you that a program won't work with your _____ system.
- 3 When your virtual _____ doesn't recognize your voice.
- 4 When you are in an _____ place and you can't get a wi-fi connection.
- 5 When you buy a new phone, and then six months later the price drops and you know that you _____ by \$100 or more.
- 6 The constant _____ you get when your friends are all texting about something and you are trying to work.
- 7 Receiving email notifications on your computer screen when you are trying to stay _____ on your work.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

F Choose the correct answers to complete the conversation.

Eduardo Is it true you have converted your garage into a reading room, Randy?

Randy Almost. First, I had to cut through a lot of ¹ *red tape* / *green light*. There are so many rules and regulations about making ² *radical* / *abrupt* changes to your property, especially if you want to make it ³ *self-sustainable* / *renewable* in terms of energy. Finally, I got the ⁴ *go-ahead* / *concentration* to install ⁵ *biofuels* / *solar panels* on the roof. This means that the room will ⁶ *reflect* / *power* itself. Now all I have to do is decorate it. I want a calm, relaxing color scheme, so I'll probably choose white or maybe a ⁷ *saturated* / *pastel* color like lavender or light blue.

Eduardo Sounds very relaxing!

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

G Complete the conversation with the phrasal verbs from the box. There are three that you do not need to use.

add up	build up	driven me to	faced up to
getting through to	messing around with	put up with	wind down

Amber Julia, what are you doing ¹ _____ the trash? You're making a mess!

Julia No, I'm reorganizing the trash. The problem is, we keep letting the trash ² _____ until it starts smelling terrible. Nobody ever takes it out. Look what you've ³ _____ do! I've created a recycling system.

Amber We don't have time to recycle, and it looks way too complicated.

Julia I don't think I'm ⁴ _____ you. From now on, this is the new system. Blue bag – recycling. Green bag – organic. Black bag – general trash. It will be healthier, cleaner, and if everyone recycles, the benefits to the environment will start to ⁵ _____. Every bit makes a difference to the planet.

Amber OK. We'll give it a try ... for a week.

_____ / 5 (1 point each)

H Choose the correct answers to complete the conversation.

- Sam** How was your job interview, Ben?
- Ben** Terrible. First of all, my car ¹ *shouldn't / wouldn't* start, so I had to take the bus.
- Sam** Really? That's surprising. I ² *could / would* have thought that your car ³ *would have / had* worked because you ⁴ *were getting / got* it fixed last week, didn't you?
- Ben** Yes. But I ⁵ *should have / had* driven it a little more to make sure it was OK. Anyway, I waited for a bus but no bus came, so I had no choice but to take a cab.
- Sam** That ⁶ *must / might* have cost a lot.
- Ben** It did! It was \$86! But I arrived on time, which was the most important thing. The interview went perfectly, they offered me the job, and I said yes.
- Sam** That's not so terrible.
- Ben** Well, wait. For a moment I was glad ⁷ *having / to have* got to the interview on time. But only when they told me the salary ⁸ *did I realize / I realized* that I ⁹ *should have / would have* found out about the pay before I accepted. It was really low. I called them when I got home to tell them I'd changed my mind.

_____ / 9 (1 point each)

I Complete the second sentence with two to five words so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word in parentheses ().

- 1 Kaitlyn designed eighteen apps. A lot of them failed. (many)
Kaitlyn designed eighteen apps, _____ failed.
- 2 Ben has to finish his report by five o'clock. (get)
Ben has to _____ by five o'clock.
- 3 Could you imagine yourself working remotely? Would you like it? (what)
_____ remotely? Would you like it?
- 4 Personally, I'd prefer you to buy a house in the city rather than one in the suburbs. (sooner)
Personally, _____ a house in the city than one in the suburbs.
- 5 When you make a photo public on social media, anyone with access to the internet can see it. (be)
By making your photo public on social media, _____ letting anyone with access to the internet see it.
- 6 It looks like the police officer wants us to move our car. (be)
The police officer _____ us to move our car.
- 7 I'm sorry you fell off your bike. You were lucky – you might have been injured. (could)
I'm sorry you fell off your bike. It _____ worse – you might have been injured.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

J Complete the article with one word in each space.

The Kava Ceremony

The people of Fiji are known for ¹ _____ friendliness, and they appear ² _____ always be smiling. This might have something to do with a drink ³ _____ kava, which is used for ⁴ _____ pleasant and relaxing effect. It ⁵ _____ said that no trip to Fiji is complete without taking part in a kava ceremony, but you need to follow certain rules.

- You should buy some kava root from a local market before you reach the village. ⁶ _____ at the ceremony without bringing a gift of kava root would be a mistake.
- It is imperative that you ⁷ _____ dressed respectfully during the ceremony.
- Wait for the chief and the senior members of the group to drink first. Only when they have finished ⁸ _____ the kava be offered to the other guests.
- To complete ⁹ _____ ceremony, clap once, shout "Bula," then drink all the kava at once, before clapping three times and saying, "Mathe."

After the ceremony, you ¹⁰ _____ probably be dancing with the locals, and you will definitely sleep well that night!

_____ / 10 (1 point each)

K Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are two extra words that you do not need to use.

bound had undoubtedly what whatever where will would

- 1 Mrs. Collins couldn't remember _____ she had arranged to meet her son's teacher.
- 2 I _____ imagine that virtual assistants will become more common in the future.
- 3 _____ her family thought of the first wedding dress when they saw it, Roberta still intended to try on a few more.
- 4 _____ I really want to see at the technology conference is the robot cat.
- 5 The use of robot train drivers is surely _____ to be met with opposition if passenger safety is threatened.
- 6 If Jacob _____ not been late, we wouldn't have missed the beginning of the firework display.

_____ / 6 (1 point each)

L Read the article. Then choose the correct answers.

Short Speeches

Former US president Woodrow Wilson once said, "If I am to speak ten minutes, I need a week for preparation; if half an hour, two days; if an hour, I am ready now." What this means is that when delivering a short speech, every word must count. You can pick up some tips on how to do this well by listening to some successful short speeches.

The Three Minute Thesis competition (3MT), is an annual competition between PhD students to present over three years of research to a non-expert audience in just three minutes. (That's about 450 words, depending on speed of delivery.) In addition to the time limit, speakers must only use a single slide. Since its origin in 2008, the competition has expanded to over 200 universities worldwide. So what do the winners do right?

First, the best speakers use a conversational tone which enables them to connect more naturally with the audience. Less successful speakers sound more formal, more rigid, which creates distance between them and the audience.

Second, winners hook their audience at the beginning. The simplest way to do this is to explain a problem vividly and then offer the solution. However, rather than simply stating the problem, do so with a personal story, a quote, or a metaphor. Then, when you finish, end with the same technique, but this time include your proposed solution.

Finally, the last words in your presentation are your chance to imprint your message on the minds of your audience. Less successful speeches seem to either end suddenly, as if the speaker has nothing more to say, or ramble on with extra information, leaving the audience unsure which message to take away. Strong endings on the other hand are powerful and have a clear, satisfying ending that leaves the audience informed, motivated, and entertained.

1 According to the writer, what does the quote from Woodrow Wilson suggest about writing speeches?

- A Audiences find it easier to follow longer speeches.
- B A speech that is twice as long requires half the preparation time.
- C You can't afford to waste words in very short speeches.

2 What does the writer suggest about the 3MT competition in the second paragraph?

- A It takes place in over 200 countries.
- B Speeches must not be longer than 450 words.
- C The audience members have no background in the research area.

3 According to the writer, what would make a good opening?

- A introducing yourself naturally like you were talking to a friend
- B painting a clear picture of a problem using a figure of speech
- C starting with a personal story and ending with a quotation

4 What does the writer suggest about a speaker's final words?

- A Including too many points will cause the audience to lose focus.
- B A funny joke which leaves the audience entertained would be an effective ending.
- C The final message should be repeated various times to make a lasting impression.

_____ / 8 (2 points each)

M Read about four people describing the best festival or celebration they've been to. For questions 1–8, choose from the four people, Anthony, Rachel, Sarah, and Matt. Each person may be chosen more than once.

Anthony

I was vacationing in Chiang Mai, Thailand, last November. As part of the Loy Krathon festival, when the river is believed to be at its fullest and the moon at its brightest, there is a smaller celebration called Yi Peng. In this festival, thousands of people release floating lanterns on the Ping River or launch sky lanterns into the air. I made a wish, which is the tradition, and my lantern carried my problems away.

Rachel

In Florence, with my sister last Easter, the highlight of our trip came unexpectedly. We were on a famous bridge called the Ponte Vecchio when we heard some distant drums, and then something flying through the air caught my eye. The sounds got louder and a procession of men in medieval costumes, skillfully throwing flags into the air, went right past us. It was both spectacular and dangerous!

Sarah

Three years ago, I was in Rio for New Year's with my husband for the world's biggest party on Copacabana Beach. At midnight, locals dressed in white started jumping in the water. Apparently, it is traditionally good luck to jump over seven waves and make seven wishes. I had on a white dress, but my husband had a colorful shirt on. Imagine my delight when he ripped off his shirt to reveal a white undershirt. We smiled at each other and spontaneously ran into the water. A magical moment!

Matt

The craziest festival I've been to is the Tomatina in Spain. Basically, it's a giant tomato fight. My friend Rob and I timed our tour of Spain deliberately to reach a small town called Buñol on the last Wednesday of August. The whole town was buzzing as 100 tons of tomatoes were unleashed on the public. I had to use a waterproof camera to get photos, but it wasn't about getting "the photo," it was about being there.

Which person says ...

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| 1 they had their attention drawn to an object in the air? | _____ |
| 2 they were pleased to be able to participate according to tradition? | _____ |
| 3 they had to take precautions to protect something? | _____ |
| 4 there were two ways of participating in the event? | _____ |
| 5 they hadn't planned to participate in a local tradition? | _____ |
| 6 they had planned carefully to be at the festival? | _____ |
| 7 they observed that the participants in the festival were good at doing something? | _____ |
| 8 the event they attended belonged to a larger event? | _____ |

_____ / 8 (2 points each)