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A  Listen to the conversation. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What does Bryan say that he does to help the planet?
 - A** He uses a bicycle.
 - B** He reuses plastic bags as much as possible.
 - C** He recycles his trash correctly.
- 2 Amber says that ...
 - A** consumption of livestock is more harmful to the environment than flying.
 - B** a person could reduce their carbon impact by 20% by following a vegan diet.
 - C** flying to London contributes almost 25% of each person's carbon footprint.
- 3 How does Bryan feel about becoming vegan?
 - A** It is something he has recently been considering.
 - B** He is shocked how much vegans help the planet.
 - C** He doubts it is a realistic goal for him.
- 4 What does Amber conclude from the statistics from Apple?
 - A** Many people spend too much time charging their phones.
 - B** It is a good idea to keep an electronic device for as long as possible.
 - C** She could reduce 80% of her carbon footprint by charging her phone less.
- 5 What is Bryan's reaction to the information he has heard?
 - A** He admits he is not doing as much as he could.
 - B** He is pleased that he does a lot for the planet.
 - C** He thinks everyone should do more.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Choose the correct words.

- 1 Yields of major crops such as vegetables and *fiber* / *cereals* increased last year.
- 2 Methane gas emissions from the *superfood* / *cattle* industry exceed car emissions in many countries.
- 3 The *consumption* / *shortage* of fuel is generating greenhouse gas pollution.
- 4 Classical music is said to have a *nutritious* / *wholesome* influence on the human organism.
- 5 Eating a meal high in *fiber* / *cattle* made Jane feel fuller for longer.
- 6 Farmers in the US are suffering a *shortage* / *supply* of labor and need more help.
- 7 Berries are considered a *foodstuff* / *superfood* because they are full of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants.
- 8 Apart from their crops, farmers often also raise some *livestock* / *cattle*, including chickens and hens.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

C Complete the text with the words from the box.

carbon footprint
off-grid

carbon-neutral
powered

fossil fuels
renewable

low-carbon
solar panels

One way to reduce your ¹ _____ is to use ² _____, or better still, zero-carbon biofuels. Biofuels are classified as a ³ _____ energy source because they come from plants and trees, which can be grown again and again. When you burn a biofuel, you release carbon back into the atmosphere with no overall effect on atmospheric CO₂ levels, in contrast to ⁴ _____, such as coal, which increase the level of CO₂ in the atmosphere when they are burned.

Some experts question whether it's possible to have a completely ⁵ _____ life with zero climate impact, while others suggest we should be looking beyond carbon, which is only one of many gases that contribute to global warming. One first step that many are taking is to live in an ⁶ _____ home, ⁷ _____ by ⁸ _____, which are 100% pollution-free.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

D Complete the second sentences so they have a similar meaning to the first sentences. Use the word(s) in parentheses () and a simple past expression.

- 1 I'd prefer it if we got energy from the wind instead of from nuclear power. (rather)
_____ energy from the wind than from nuclear power.
- 2 We really should sell our car and buy an electric one. (high time)
_____ our car and bought an electric one.
- 3 Could you imagine us having to eat insects every day? Would you do it? (what if)
_____ eat insects every day? Would you do it?
- 4 I'd prefer we buy a cat rather than a dog since cats are more independent. (sooner)
_____ a cat than a dog since cats are more independent.
- 5 How much money would we save by going off-grid? (imagine if)
_____ off-grid – how much money would we save?
- 6 What would you do if you worked for yourself? (supposing)
_____ for yourself. What would you do?
- 7 Why don't we install solar panels? (what if)
_____ solar panels?

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

E Complete the second sentences so they have a similar meaning to the first sentences. Use one or two words from the box as needed. You may use the words more than once.

appears reasonable	argued seem	assume thought	believed unlikely	has been would	is
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- 1 Seemingly, insects are the new superfood that will save the planet.
It _____ that insects are the new superfood that will save the planet.
- 2 Everyone believes that eventually fossil fuels will run out.
It _____ that fossil fuels will eventually run out.
- 3 Some countries probably won't respect global warming treaties. That's how it appears to me.
It _____ that all countries will respect global warming treaties.
- 4 Experts have argued that wind will only provide a small percentage of the electric supply.
It _____ that wind will only provide a small percentage of the electric supply.
- 5 Most people's assumption that supermarkets will charge more for plastic bags is quite reasonable.
It is _____ to _____ that supermarkets will charge more for plastic bags.
- 6 Apparently, low-carbon fuels are finally being embraced by the public.
It _____ that finally low-carbon fuels are finally being embraced by the public.
- 7 People think that we will rely less on fossil fuels in the future.
It _____ that we will rely less on fossil fuels in the future.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

F Read the article. Then choose the correct answers.

Making It Big in the Gig Economy

The gig economy in the US employs 60 million people. But with 85% of gig workers earning less than \$500 a month, is it possible to make a good living and have a flexible lifestyle? We talked to three “giggers” who have done just that.

A: Jon – Back-End Web Developer

I deal with the code for the unseen parts of websites – basically the parts that keep a site working. I’m never in need of work. It’s difficult to take time off when my skills are constantly in demand. Sometimes I say no, and the client offers me more money! Now I work for two companies regularly, which occupies about six months each year. The rest depends on how I feel.

B: Patricia – Medical Writer

I research and write specialist documents which relate to a disease or drug. I have a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree. It’s not just my knowledge of my field that is in demand, it’s my ability to communicate complex ideas clearly to experts and the public alike. I often work directly with the scientists who did the original research because it’s vital that their words are reported accurately. Work comes in bursts, but it’s well paid. I haven’t been out of work for more than four months in the last four years.

C: Matt – Media Consultant

When I started, I never dreamed things would take off as they have. I write articles for all sorts of publications and never turn work down. Why am I well paid? Because my articles are very popular. One was shared over two million times! This is great exposure for a company, and they also make money from advertising. Friends urge me to write articles for myself, but my own website doesn’t get many visitors. I am more productive under pressure, so the deadlines help, and it’s great when you see those likes, comments, and shares racking up!

1 What is the main idea of the article?

- A** to reveal the steps to get a highly-paid gig job
- B** to tell the stories of three “giggers” who make over \$500 an hour
- C** to show that it is possible to have both flexibility and high income

_____ / 2 (2 points each)

For questions 2–9, match each gig worker (A–C) to the point they make. You may choose each person more than once.

Which person ...

- 2 stresses the importance of being precise in their work? _____
- 3 does work that is not seen by the general public? _____
- 4 says they may get many offers of work at once and then nothing? _____
- 5 is encouraged by others to produce their own content? _____
- 6 transmits complicated information to different kinds of readers? _____
- 7 doesn’t refuse offers of work? _____
- 8 may benefit from refusing work? _____
- 9 says their work generates financial benefits for their clients? _____

_____ / 8 (1 point each)