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A

Listen to the podcast. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 How did Melanie suggest to her boss that working remotely would be a good idea?
 - A** using facts
 - B** using opinions
 - C** using a combination of fact and opinion
- 2 How did Melanie's boss initially react to her suggestion of working remotely?
 - A** He agreed but insisted she come into the office once a week.
 - B** He allowed her to test the idea for a month.
 - C** He refused at first, but agreed a month later.
- 3 What is Melanie's working situation now?
 - A** She works remotely four days a week.
 - B** She participates in all meetings by video chat from home.
 - C** She is trying to persuade her boss to allow all staff to work remotely.
- 4 According to Connor, working from home ...
 - A** allows him to organize more meetings than before.
 - B** has improved his planning skills.
 - C** helps him come up with new ideas.
- 5 According to Connor, one benefit of working from home is that ...
 - A** he works on more things at the same time.
 - B** he can handle messages in a more efficient way.
 - C** there is less pressure from his boss.

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B

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Nick and Jan were a little nervous as they entered the *abandoned* / *scenic* factory.
- 2 Stephanie stood on the beach and looked out at the *vast* / *isolated* ocean stretching as far as she could see.
- 3 The *lush* / *barren*, green Amazon Rainforest is full of tropical plants.
- 4 Visitors came to the *abundant* / *picturesque* village by the sea to walk and take photos.
- 5 Abby went to the countryside to enjoy the *nameless* / *unspoiled* landscape away from the city.
- 6 Despite the *barren* / *hostile* climate, the group of climbers made it to the Everest base camp.
- 7 The characters in the comic walked through a dark, bleak, *scenic* / *anonymous* city.
- 8 Ben and John put up their tent and got ready to sleep on the *abandoned* / *bare* earth.

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C Complete the speech with the correct form of the words from the box.

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Thank you for coming. The need for this meeting ¹ _____ the fact that there are fewer visitors coming to our hotel, and this has been a trend over the last year or so. It's clear this is partly a ² _____ of our remote location. Last year, bad weather conditions ³ _____ in a number of cancellations, and that obviously ⁴ _____ our income. However, we also received bad reviews from guests who stayed here, and the ⁵ _____ of their dissatisfaction was the poor service they received from staff. Obviously, a reduction in bookings will have serious ⁶ _____ for our business, and we could be ⁷ _____ to reduce staff if the situation does not improve. I don't want to be too negative, but hopefully this will ⁸ _____ all of us to make excellent customer service our top priority.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

D Complete the second sentence with one, two, or three words so it has the same meaning as the first sentence.

- 1 Diego arrived late and missed the start of the movie.
_____ arrived late, Diego missed the start of the movie.
- 2 Robert didn't see the cyclist, so he had an accident.
_____ the cyclist, Robert had an accident.
- 3 The moment Jessica opened her eyes, she saw that all her friends had come to surprise her.
_____ her eyes, Jessica saw that all her friends had come to surprise her.
- 4 Daniel didn't buy a ticket, so he couldn't go to the concert.
_____ a ticket, Daniel couldn't go to the concert.
- 5 Alexandra was disappointed with her test scores, so she decided to study harder for the next test.
_____ with her test scores, Alexandra decided to study harder for the next test.
- 6 Justin had written his speech, so he began to relax.
_____ finished his speech, Justin began to relax.
- 7 Josh was exhausted after his hike, so he had a rest.
_____ after his hike, Josh had a rest.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

E Complete the sentences with a relative pronoun and the verb *to be* in the correct form.

- 1 Josh bought a souvenir, _____ a hand-painted doll for his daughter.
- 2 That man _____ painting my house is my uncle.
- 3 The train _____ waiting on platform 13 is ours.
- 4 All visitors _____ interested in buying a souvenir should go to the gift shop.
- 5 Passengers _____ with children can board the plane first.
- 6 The novel *The Hobbit*, _____ written in 1937, has been translated into 40 languages.
- 7 The painting, _____ on the left, is a good example of how van Gogh used color.

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F Read the article. Then choose the correct answers.

Working in Antarctica

I will never forget traveling to the Concordia Research Station in Antarctica. The vast landscape is completely flat, and the base is about 370 miles away from any other facility. The average temperature is about -58°F , but can fall below -112°F , and the base is on a high plateau, which means less oxygen in the air. In fact, the environment is so harsh that you can only travel there and back within a three-month window each year.

Most people on the base have two or three jobs, which stems from the fact that there are usually only about 13 people on the base. Duties include going outside every day to collect data for science projects. I was also responsible for cooking meals and dealing with dental emergencies. People think that only scientists work there, but we had a mechanic, a doctor, and an electrician.

Apart from the work, I was also the subject of experiments. The lack of oxygen is of interest to scientists designing spaceships, since astronauts have less oxygen to breathe. They also investigate the possibility of living on other planets. Secondly, the base is so isolated that it's ideal for studies on solitude, which is valuable for those planning long space missions.

I thought boredom would be the biggest problem, but this wasn't an issue because we had the internet and cell phones. In fact, facing extreme weather conditions every day was the biggest challenge – not only the freezing conditions, but the dangers presented by wind and, surprisingly, the brightness. Sunglasses were just as essential as warm clothes!

Would I recommend it? Of course! It's challenging and monotonous work at times, but the experience of working in Antarctica is unique and rewarding, and the memories will last a lifetime.

- 1 According to the writer ...
 - A people only stay at the Concordia base for three months at a time.
 - B the air at the base is different because of the altitude.
 - C she faced a number of problems reaching the Concordia Research Station.
- 2 What does the writer say about working at the station?
 - A She was selected to work there because she could do many things.
 - B People on the base do various jobs due to the fact there are so few people there.
 - C The majority of people on the base are scientists.
- 3 According to the writer, Concordia is similar to space because of ...
 - A the experiments people do there.
 - B the temperatures experienced there.
 - C the isolation people experience there.
- 4 One thing that the writer didn't expect was ...
 - A the feeling of extreme loneliness.
 - B the need to use sunglasses for protection.
 - C the extremely low temperatures.
- 5 The writer suggests that working at the Concordia Research Station was ...
 - A memorable, but occasionally challenging.
 - B interesting and well-paid.
 - C lonely, but often exciting.

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