UNITS 1–12

BASELINE TEST A

NAME: _____
DATE: _____
SCORE: _____ /100

A Listen to the conversation between Alberto and Jennifer. Choose the correct answer for each question.

1 What does Jennifer say that shows she's complained about her computer before?

A Every time I hit "send," my computer crashes.

B It's driving me crazy!

C I'm always telling my manager that this doesn't work properly.

2 Why does Jennifer re-start her computer from time to time?

A to make it start working again

B so that updates are properly installed

C because her computer does it automatically

3 Who is planning to go to the office party?

A Jennifer

B Alberto

C Alberto and Jennifer

4 What is Jennifer doing for the office party?

A She's responsible for getting everyone in one place.

B She's taking care of the music.

C She's choosing the food.

_____ /8 (2 points each)

B Listen to the podcast. Circle *True* or *False* for each statement.

1 The speaker's attitude is confident. True / False

2 Introverts can't express themselves clearly. True / False

3 Imagining yourself in social situations can help you feel more comfortable when they occur. True / False

4 Everyone has days when they prefer to avoid group situations. True / False

_____ /8 (2 points each)

C Complete the table with the words in the box.

be worth the money chance encounter coincidence deny disgusting ~~fate~~ insist
make financial sense purchase something stunning swear weird

Luck and Choice	Buying Things	Reporting Verbs	Strong Feelings
fate			

_____ /11 (1 point each)

D Circle the correct answers.

Juan-Carlos: I'm [1] **scared / anxious** to death about my interview tomorrow. I really want this job but …

Kate: Try not to worry. Remember that your experience is pretty [2] **tense / impressive**. They're going to think you're great!

Juan-Carlos: Yeah, but I'm so [3] **conscious / panic** of saying the wrong thing and making a fool of myself!

Kate: Everyone feels like that. Just be [4] **reluctant / prepared** to talk about how much you know. Every time we talk about your work you sound [5] **passionate / misleading** about it, so you just need to show the interviewer that.

Juan-Carlos: Yeah. I guess you're right. Science has always [6] **increased / captured** my imagination, even when I was just a little kid. I loved it then and I love it now.

Kate: Exactly! So tomorrow, just go into the interview and focus on all the things that went [7] **smoothly / foolishly** in your last job. After a few minutes, you won't feel nervous anymore.

Juan-Carlos: That's great advice, Kate. Thanks.

_____ /7 (1 point each)

E Complete the news bulletin with the words in the box.

attention builds eye examining headlines hurry suspicious

A failed bank robbery downtown is making [1] _____ . At 3:37 p.m. two men jumped out of a large red car, which immediately caught the [2] _____ of passers-by. The men then ran into TZ Bank on Main Street. Our sources say that both men had large [3] _____ and were wearing dark-colored clothing and hats. Staff inside the bank activated the alarm system and the police arrived within minutes. The men had obviously been in too much of a [4] _____, since they left crucial evidence at the scene. Forensic scientists are currently [5] _____ the evidence.

Police officers are keeping an [6] _____ on the area. Anyone who saw anything [7] _____ in the hours before or after the attempted robbery should call the police station at 212-212-212.

_____ /7 (1 point each)

F Match the sentence halves.

1 I am trying out a new breathing ___
2 Greg takes a lot of ___
3 My sister's worst characteristic is ___
4 Rina was just in the right place ___
5 We saved for our apartment little ___
6 I tried really hard to raise ___
7 Everyone says that traveling is ___
8 Apparently Kim is devoting her ___

A pleasure in cycling.
B by little.
C a life-changing experience.
D my friend's spirits.
E that she worries too much.
F life to saving the environment.
G technique for relaxation.
H at the right time.

_____ /8 (1 point each)

G Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

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Jeff: Hey, Monica. I'm struggling with school work right now. Do you have any advice for me? I never seem to have [1] _____ time to review the things we did in class. I'm just [2] _____ busy that I jump straight to the next task ahead of me. It's terrible!

Monica: OK, I understand. I [3] _____ to look through my class notes every evening. In fact I [4] _____ often spend about an hour just checking that I understood everything. Could you do that?

Jeff: Well, I [5] _____ have a lot more free time, but now I have a part-time job, so I just run from school to the restaurant where I work. It's a long way from my apartment, so I get home late, too. I guess if I'd [6] _____ a job closer to home, I might have more time to study.

Monica: OK, let's be realistic. How about you get up an hour earlier every morning? That way, you'd have some time, right?

Jeff: That's actually a great idea. If [7] _____ I had more willpower! Being a morning person just isn't me, but, yeah, thanks. I'm going to try that.

Monica: Cool! Now you can dream of [8] _____ a great student and a great employee at the same time!

Jeff: Hey, thanks, Monica. You always come [9] _____ with the best ideas. I'm hopeless at doing that!

Monica: Sure! You're welcome! It's fun figuring [10] _____ how to solve a problem for someone. I'm glad I could help. I have one last piece of advice for you, though.

Jeff: Oh, yeah? What?

Monica: Set an alarm for [11] _____ !

_____ /11 (1 point each)

H Circle the correct answers.

1 Rome is such an interesting place **to visit** / **visiting**.
2 I'm starving! I really need something **eating** / **to eat**.
3 Can this spray prevent insects from **biting** / **bite** me?
4 Do you know anywhere good **to have** / **having** lunch?
5 Sue's parents met **themselves** / **each other** on vacation.
6 What did you decide **to do** / **do** for your birthday?
7 Abdul is very proud that he cooked the whole meal **himself** / **itself**.

_____ /7 (1 point each)

I Rewrite the sentences in the passive form with the agent unstated.

1 You need to check your work.
Your work _____ .

2 People shouldn't spread urban legends.
Urban legends _____ .

3 People are selling fake sneakers in the market.
Fake sneakers _____ in the market.

4 The company discovered counterfeit products last week.
Counterfeit products _____ last week.

5 I don't expect people to lie to me.
I don't expect _____ to.

_____ /5 (1 point each)

J Circle the correct answers.

Maria: Let's drive up that street. It looks interesting.

Sally: Umm. No, we [1] **may / can't**. Look, the sign says "No entry." I think we're [2] **supposed / should** to go straight ahead.

Maria: Oh, you're right! I guess we're not [3] **allowed / required** to go down that street. How strange!

Sally: I know! Let's continue [4] **drive / driving** this way, then we can park the car and get a coffee.

Maria: Great idea! We can go to that lovely café near the River Hotel.

Sally: Sounds like a plan but [5] **only / even** if you let me pay!

_____ /5 (1 point each)

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

1 When I _____ (get off) the bus, my friend _____ (wait) for me at the bus stop.

2 I _____ (read) for two hours when you _____ (call) me.

3 Joe had been worrying all day because he _____ (forgot) to lock his front door when he left home.

4 We were all tired because we _____ (work) hard for hours.

5 After the accident, the police officers asked them to describe what they _____ (see).

6 Lucas _____ (become) famous when he _____ (be) just eight years old!

7 Carla _____ (dream) of getting a new job when suddenly she _____ (get) one!

_____ /7 (1 point each)

L Read the article. Circle *True*, *False*, or *Not Given* for each statement.

Rumor or fact? Hand-washing 101

It's the simplest thing in the world and we all do it regularly, several times a day: hand-washing! However, believe it or not, rumors are circulating on social media. Here, we separate fact from fiction and get behind the science of safe, efficient hand-washing.

Rumor	Fact
Only hot water can clean your hands properly. Washing your hands in cold water is a waste of time.	This is false. Cold, warm, or hot water are all fine.
Antibacterial soap is much more beneficial than regular soap.	Actually, the Food and Drug Administration has said that antibacterial soap is no more effective at killing germs than regular soap. There's also a risk that bacteria might gradually become resistant to antibacterials.
Washing your hands doesn't stop you from getting sick.	That's true, but it's the easiest way to avoid getting sick!
Ten seconds of hand-washing is all you need.	People should wash their hands thoroughly for at least 30 seconds. Try singing the "Happy Birthday" song twice while you're washing your hands. Don't be in too much of a hurry!
If your hands look clean, they're probably clean.	You can't see bacteria on your hands, so clean-looking hands can be very misleading! A recent survey claimed that, on average, we carry around 3,200 types of bacteria on our hands.
You don't need to dry your hands after washing them.	Wrong. It's much easier for germs to be transferred from wet hands than dry hands, so dry your hands! It really can make a difference.
You can avoid washing your hands if you wear gloves to prepare your food.	Sorry, but that's not true either. If you wear gloves to prepare food, your hands still need to be washed first. Also, you need to change your gloves as often as you would wash your hands.

1 Hot water is much more effective than cold water when you wash your hands. True / False / Not Given

2 Children need to wash their hands more than adults. True / False / Not Given

3 Bacteria may develop ways to survive antibacterial soap. True / False / Not Given

4 If you wear gloves to prepare food, you don't need to wash your hands before putting them on. True / False / Not Given

_____ **/8 (2 points each)**

M Read the blog post. Choose the correct answer for each statement.

MyBalance – a new way to live

I used to sit on my couch watching series after series and not doing any exercise. I would struggle to cope with long working hours, and I would constantly order junk food instead of going to the supermarket and cooking something myself. I used to tell myself, "It's OK – I'll start doing better next week." I seriously needed to regain control of my life, but I didn't know how to begin. That's when I discovered *MyBalance*.

MyBalance is a fitness and nutrition app that has been available for a few years now. The first thing I should say about it is that it isn't free. I did have doubts about whether it was worth the money. But after reading a few positive reviews online, I decided to give it a try.

From the beginning, I was impressed with how sophisticated the app was. It does more than just count calories, which is something lots of free apps can do. It analyzed my eating habits and suggested some changes. For example, I needed to eat more protein, which I didn't realize. It also analyzed my physical activity and created an exercise routine for me. Now I get up earlier and do at least half an hour of exercise before work.

After six months of using the app, I can't believe I ever lived without it. I'm not exaggerating when I say that it's been a life-changing experience. I've lost a lot of weight, am more productive at work, and I even sleep better. If only I had made these changes sooner.

I would urge anyone who wants to feel healthier – in body and mind – to purchase this app as soon as possible. You won't regret it. It doesn't stop you from having bad days, but it creates healthy habits that you can turn to when you are feeling stressed out or tired so you don't end up ordering take-out four or five times a week.

1 What was the writer's life like before they started using the app?

A They found it hard to follow healthy habits.

B Some weeks were healthy, others weren't.

C They started a new health program every week.

2 Which of the following is true?

A You don't have to pay for the MyBalance app.

B Most of the app's functions can be performed by other apps.

C The app provides personalized advice.

3 How has the writer changed since using the app?

A They leave work earlier to do exercise.

B They go to bed earlier and sleep longer.

C They get through more tasks at work.

4 What is the writer trying to do in the text?

A Weigh the pros and cons of an app.

B Describe the benefits of something they have purchased.

C Discuss how unhealthy modern life can be.

_____ /8 (2 points each)