UNITS 1–12

BASELINE TEST B

NAME: _____
DATE: _____
SCORE: _____ /100

A Listen to the conversation between Alan and Cecilia. Choose the correct answer for each question.

1 What is the main subject of their conversation?
- **A** funny jokes
- **B** changes they want to make in their lives
- **C** going to the gym and drinking less coffee

2 Alan is planning to
- **A** take up yoga.
- **B** travel and read.
- **C** be kind to others.

3 What is Cecilia's attitude toward social media?
- **A** It wastes a lot of her time.
- **B** Her friends on social media drive her crazy.
- **C** She only uses it for an hour each day.

4 What do Alan and Cecilia decide to do together?
- **A** learn about sea life
- **B** join relaxation classes
- **C** reduce their use of plastic

_____ /8 (2 points each)

B Listen to an interview with Carlos about his research. Choose the correct answer for each question.

1 What is Carlos's main area of research?
A poisonous gases **B** birds **C** volcanoes

2 What did Carlos use to dream of doing?
A traveling to Central America **B** going inside an active volcano **C** finding a green parakeet

3 What is Carlos's opinion of the parakeets' habitat?
- **A** It's incredibly beautiful.
- **B** It's very unpleasant for humans.
- **C** It has similar features to other types of habitat.

4 Why does Carlos describe himself as "lucky"?
- **A** because he's part of a scientific team in Nicaragua
- **B** because he doesn't have to breathe poisonous gases
- **C** because he's been invited to speak on the radio

_____ /8 (2 points each)

C Complete the table with the words in the box.

analytical awkward competent creature ~~frustrating~~ get publicity have a good reputation intellectual make an appearance musical pond territory time-consuming

Difficulties	Natural World	Talking about Fame	Skill and Performance
frustrating			

_____ /12 (1 point each)

D Circle the correct answers in the email.

Reply Forward

Dear Mei,

Great to hear from you and to get all your news. It sounds like you're having a fantastic time in college.

I have to tell you a funny story. I went to Jose-Antonio's party last Saturday and I met some twins. They were called Joe and Sebastian. You almost couldn't tell them apart because, obviously, they had the same physical [1] **attitudes / features**. They both had very athletic [2] **looks / builds**. However, what was unexpected was that they had completely different [3] **matches / personalities** – Joe was an extrovert and Sebastian was very shy and reserved. I really liked them both and I'll introduce you to them when you're home for the spring break. I have no [4] **thought / doubt** you guys would get along really well.

I think I'm doing well in school. I did my math exam last week. I did study for it, but I think I [5] **underestimated / regretted** how hard it was going to be. I had to remember how to [6] **calculate / demonstrate** averages in statistics. Luckily it's the only [7] **assessment / demonstration** I have to do this semester. I just hope I passed. The results are being [8] **boasted / announced** next month!

Let's have a video chat next weekend. I'm free Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. Hope to see you if you have time.

Lia

_____ /8 (1 point each)

E Complete the conversation. Use six words in the box.

anxiety break calculate downer dumb fear move musical

Jim: You look upset, Ana. Did something happen?

Ana: Yes! I just embarrassed myself in front of all my friends and coworkers, and my boss, and …

Jim: Whoa! Slow down! What did you do?

Ana: OK, OK. A month ago, I'd just finished teaching my class when the head teacher asked me if I could play a musical instrument. I said, "Yes, I play the piano." Then she asked me if I would play in front of the school and my [1] _____ levels started to rise. But I still said "Yes." What a [2] _____ thing to do!

Jim: What's wrong with that? It all sounds good so far. You're so good. You've always been very [3] _____ .

Ana: That's nice of you to say, but the truth is I haven't played in years. Anyway, the concert was this afternoon and I managed to overcome my [4] _____ and get through it. But it went terribly! It was a really bad [5] _____ on my part.

Jim: I think you're exaggerating. I'm sure no one even noticed.

Ana: I think they probably did. Anyway, it kind of ruined my whole week. It was a real [6] _____ .

_____ /6 (1 point each)

F Match the words to the definitions.

1 the air around Earth or other planets ___
2 extremely good ___
3 talk too proudly about yourself ___
4 not real, but made to look like it is ___
5 fun or enjoyable ___
6 silly or stupid ___
7 disagree, sometimes angrily ___
8 an object in space that sends and receives information ___

A boast
B fabulous
C atmosphere
D satellite
E fake
F argue
G ridiculous
H entertaining

_____ /8 (1 point each)

G Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

could exploring have to provided so than who would

Nick: Do you [1] _____ work this Saturday?

Su-Li: No, I have this weekend off! Let's go and do something fun.

Nick: Yes, great! We [2] _____ go for a hike maybe.

Su-Li: OK. I was wondering about the possibility of [3] _____ Great Lakes Park. It's supposed to be absolutely beautiful. Have you been there?

Nick: Yes, I have, but not since I was in college. I [4] _____ often go walking there on the weekends and I loved it. I was the kind of person [5] _____ just enjoyed being out in nature, and I miss it now. Let's do that!

Su-Li: Cool. It's much easier to get there by car [6] _____ by public transportation so why don't I pick you up at 8 a.m.?

Nick: Sounds good. The roads get [7] _____ busy later in the day that even short journeys take hours. Are you sure you don't mind driving?

Su-Li: No, not at all, [8] _____ you do the map-reading!

_____ **/8 (1 point each)**

H Complete the second sentence with one word to make the two sentences similar in meaning.

1 "The train will be 11 minutes late," the announcer said.
The announcer told the passengers that the train _____ be 11 minutes late.

2 I will go for a walk whatever the weather.
I will go for a walk _____ if it is raining.

3 They always help one another with their homework.
They always help _____ other with their homework.

4 "I can do it!" Arturo insisted.
Arturo insisted that he _____ do it.

5 It isn't necessary to pay to get into the museum.
You don't _____ to pay to get into the museum.

_____ **/5 (1 point each)**

I Circle the correct answers.

Server: Welcome to Katz's. [1] **May / Must** I take your name, please?

Customer: Yes, sure. It's Johnson.

Server: OK. You have a table for two. It's right over here. Will you be [2] **order / ordering** any water for the table? We have sparkling or distilled

Customer: Thank you. Yes, we'd like a bottle of sparkling. I have a question about the menu. [3] **Should / Could** you explain what a "paella" is, please?

Server: Oh, sure. A paella is a dish [4] **that / what** comes from Valencia in Spain. We make it with rice and seafood. It's [5] **such / so** popular in this restaurant that the chef makes it fresh every morning. It's delicious!

Customer: Great, we'd like [6] **to try / trying** that then.

Server: Of course. Excellent choice! Paella for two coming right up!

_____ **/6 (1 point each)**

J Circle the correct answers.

1 The ads have just finished, so I think the movie is **about to / unlikely to** start.
2 The company, **that / which** was started by my cousin, sells jewelry.
3 Joe missed the last train so he was **forcing / forced** to walk home.
4 If I hadn't taken your advice, I **didn't / wouldn't** have gotten the job.
5 **If only / Even if** I weren't sitting in this huge traffic jam!
6 Working from home enables me **taking / to take** care of my kids.
7 Fake news **has been spread / spreads** on social media for years.
8 A little **piece / bit** of kindness makes people happier.
9 Nobody really likes people who **to boast / boast** about their achievements.
10 I just love this beautiful **work / item** of art by Frieda Kahlo.

_____ **/10 (1 point each)**

K Match the sentence halves.

1 Here's one of my shoes but ___
2 Whenever they find a cure for cancer, ___
3 It's extremely difficult ___
4 Weren't you supposed to ___
5 A lot of fruit is ___

A everyone will be very relieved.
B to see in the dark.
C pick up some milk?
D imported.
E where is the other?

_____ **/5 (1 point each)**

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

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Personal Statement

A college graduate, with a BA in Hotel Management, I am a trustworthy, dedicated young professional with a passion for good service. While in college, I had several vacation jobs in local restaurants and hotels that made me realize that I had chosen the right career path. My current job as junior manager at the Tall Trees Hotel in Turnsville has given me hands-on, practical experience in many different aspects of hotel management. In my role, I manage a small team that deals with all aspects of customer service. I also assist with scheduling and keeping an eye on the hotel's budgets. I now feel ready and excited to take the next step in my career in hospitality. My main goals are to manage a larger team and to assume greater responsibility for the day-to-day running of a hotel. Ideally, I would welcome the opportunity to work for a large chain of hotels in order to gain an insight into the management challenges faced by a big corporation.

I am capable of dealing with a range of complex tasks. I possess a proven track record of building trust with my coworkers and coping with the demands of running a team. In the past few years, I have been promoted twice and I am proud to say that I received the "Employee of the Year" award just last month. I value the recognition that I have earned in my career and I am eager to share my experience with younger or less experienced team members. I am an extrovert by nature and love to socialize with friends and coworkers. I can honestly say that I have a calm attitude towards difficulties and challenges, and I believe that I would be a valuable team member.

I am extremely eager to learn new skills. My interests concern the following areas: staff training and development, team building strategies, and health and safety.

My resume is attached and I am available for interview on Mondays and Fridays each week. I can provide references on request.

1 Kim currently has a job working in a hotel. True / False / Not Given
2 Kim has worked at Tall Trees Hotel since she graduated from college. True / False / Not Given
3 Generally, Kim feels she is quiet and reserved. True / False / Not Given
4 Kim has received recognition for her work in her current job. True / False / Not Given

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

M Read the reviews. Choose the correct answer for each question.

Chuck T: Model XI fitster

What a second-rate purchase! If only I hadn't wasted my money. I bought this activity tracker to measure the number of calories I burn during exercise. I run three miles every morning, and when my tracker arrived, I was super-excited to test it out and see how accurate it was. When I arrived back home after my run, feeling hot and exhausted, I took a look at my shiny new Model XI. It said I had only burned 27 calories. How is that even possible? It totally ruined my day. I must have burned at least 500 calories.

I'm returning this inferior product for a refund. Save your dollars!

Mel 09: Zorbees super window cleaner

I had wanted a window cleaning machine for ages, but they always seemed to be too expensive. Then Zorbees came along! At only $19.99, it's a real bargain. Plug it in, switch it on, and off you go! It's so easy to operate! I used to spend hours cleaning my windows by hand, using endless paper towels to make them look beautiful. If I had had a Zorbees back then, I'd have saved hours! I wish I'd bought one sooner. Unless you're the type of person who really enjoys these household chores, do yourself a favor and get a Zorbees right now. You won't regret it.

Sanjay: PetFun automatic ball launcher

My cat is constantly asking me to play with him, even when I'm working, but now I have a solution that I'm more than happy to recommend to other cat owners. This automatic ball launcher keeps Socks busy for hours on end. Just keep in mind the size of ball you need. If it's too big, it won't fit well in the launcher. When I first opened the box, Socks wasn't sure what to do and even seemed a little scared. But after some practice, he learned how to play with it. It keeps him busy and helps him relax. And I feel happier knowing he can have a good time without me having to entertain him all day!

1 Who is least enthusiastic about their purchase?
   - **A** Chuck
   - **B** Mel
   - **C** Sanjay

2 One person regrets …
   - **A** posting a review.
   - **B** having a cat.
   - **C** waiting so long to make their purchase.

3 Chuck thinks the Model XI tracker that he bought is …
   - **A** super-excited.
   - **B** faulty.
   - **C** fun.

4 Which item doesn't require a human to operate it?
   - **A** the Model XI activity tracker
   - **B** the Zorbees super window cleaner
   - **C** the PetFun ball launcher

_____ /8 (2 points each)