UNIT 12

QUIZ A

NAME: _____
DATE: _____
SCORE: _____ /50

A Listen to the beginning of an interview with Oscar Suarez. Choose the correct answer for each question.

1 What does the host know Oscar as?
- **A** a designer
- **B** a sculptor
- **C** an illustrator

2 According to Oscar, what isn't he very good at?
- **A** drawing
- **B** decorating homes
- **C** making sculptures

3 What sparked Oscar's interest in the types of things he works with?
- **A** some works of art he saw when he was a teenager
- **B** a place in Madrid that he visited with his parents
- **C** a vacation he spent at his grandparents' house

4 How have Oscar's grandparents influenced his life?
- **A** They gave him money so he could study art abroad.
- **B** They have always thought he was talented and encouraged him to become more skilled.
- **C** They thought he was gifted and didn't need to go to art school to become a great artist.

5 According to Oscar, how did his parents react to his career choice?
- **A** They tried to prevent him from going on that career path.
- **B** They were not sure whether it was the right decision
- **C** They encouraged him to do what he wanted.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Match the words to the descriptions.

EXAMPLE Somebody who has been taught how to do something is F.

1 Somebody who knows what they want and works hard to get it is ___.
2 Somebody who is good at sports is ___.
3 Somebody who is good at thinking of new, original, and exciting ideas is ___.
4 Somebody who is good at playing the piano and singing is ___.
5 Somebody who examines the details of something carefully is ___.
6 Somebody who has natural ability or talent is ___.
7 Somebody who has the abilities needed to do an activity or job well is ___.

- **A** athletic
- **B** musical
- **C** analytical
- **D** gifted
- **E** skilled
- **F** trained
- **G** determined
- **H** imaginative

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be capture get leave put raise ruin ~~stress~~ take

EXAMPLE The music is far too loud. It is starting to ___stress___ me out.

1 Why don't you come over for dinner? It would _____ your mind off things.
2 Nitcha was a very smart woman, and she _____ a lasting impression on me.
3 His paintings and sculptures definitely _____ my imagination. They were stunning.
4 Failing the chemistry test has really _____ my day. I'm so disappointed.
5 To _____ your mind at rest, we should check the status of the flight.
6 Passing her driver's test really _____ Helga's spirits.
7 The lack of sunlight in this country really _____ me down.
8 My parents didn't let me go to the party, which _____ a real downer.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answers.

EXAMPLE The information is scientifically ___. It's based on reliable research.
(A) accurate B accurately

1 Aiden made fixing the car look extremely ___. He's so good at practical tasks.!
A easy B easily
2 My final grades are OK. I'm ___ pleased with them, but they could have been better.
A reasonably B reasonable
3 I hope that this job helps me to become ___ secure.
A financial B financially
4 The first part of the test was fine, but the second part I did particularly ___ on.
A bad B badly
5 I'm not sure I'd hire Joao. He isn't necessarily ___ at using our software.
A skilled B skillfully
6 You're walking particularly ___. Can you hurry up, please?
A slow B slowly

_____ / 6 (1 point each)

E Circle the correct answers.

EXAMPLE Can you add a **serving** / **loaf** of bread to the shopping list, please?

1 That's an interesting **act** / **piece** of information about the college.
2 On the weekend, I usually like to play a **game** / **piece** of chess.
3 That's such a beautiful **item** / **piece** of classical music.
4 Picasso painted so many exceptional **pieces** / **works** of art.
5 Stopping the thief from leaving the store was a true **act** / **work** of bravery.
6 Her friend offered her some **acts** / **words** of sympathy.
7 To make the sauce, you need some tomatoes and a **bunch** / **grain** of parsley or another fresh herb, such as basil.
8 I feel sorry for Doug because he's had **a little bit** / **an act** of bad luck recently.
9 When I make risotto, I usually add a few **drops** / **pounds** of olive oil to the butter.

_____ / 9 (1 point each)

F Read the article. Then match the statements 1–5 to points A–E.

How to Measure Success

Success means different things to different people. Here are some words of wisdom about how to measure success in your life.

A Decide what really matters to you.

It is common to think of success as something concrete, such as having a well-paid job. But it's important to make a list of different success factors that include material and non-material things, such as emotional well-being, personal satisfaction, friendships.

B Compare yourself only against yourself and not others.

We often measure our success by comparing ourselves to others. However, we only see other people's public results. We do not see their failures, struggles, or support systems. Comparing yourself to others can therefore be a downer if you don't match their public results. We should focus on our own progress, and congratulate ourselves when we see progress being made.

C Measure things that are not normally measured.

Some things like wealth are easy to measure. You look at your bank statement and you can see the amount of money that you have. But there are many other areas of life that we can evaluate and measure that are more abstract and less commonly measured. For example, if you decide that success for you is about feeling confident, then observe this feeling each day. You can even make a note of how you feel in a journal. This way, you can also reflect on (and celebrate) any improvements.

D Be patient. Think about long-term goals.

Real success is not something that is usually obtained overnight. Financial stability is not often found by winning the lottery, nor is true love often found in an instant. In order to achieve genuine stability, both financial and emotional, it might take time, so you need to be determined and patient.

E Re-evaluate if what you wanted yesterday is still the same today.

Life is long and priorities change. What was regarded as success yesterday may not be seen in the same way today. Don't be afraid to re-evaluate what really matters from time to time. And be flexible. It's OK to change your mind.

1 Achieving success takes time and you should be prepared to put the work in. ___
2 The meaning of success can change over time for people. ___
3 Stay focused on yourself, rather than on the actions of others. ___
4 Success can refer to a wide variety of areas, depending on the person. ___
5 Not all success in life can be and counted like money. ___

_____ / 10 (2 points each)