UNIT 2

QUIZ A

NAME: _____
DATE: _____
SCORE: _____ /50

A Listen to an interview with Alan. Complete the sentences with one or two words in each gap.

1 After his friends' plans changed, Alan decided to travel _____.
2 He looked for volunteer work taking care of _____.
3 The project in Costa Rica helped protect _____.
4 Whale sharks are an example of an _____.
5 There are fewer whale sharks in Belize nowadays because of overfishing and _____.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Match the words to the definitions.

EXAMPLE preserve H

1 atmosphere ___
2 surface ___
3 species ___
4 resources ___
5 monitor ___
6 use up ___
7 launch ___
8 exploration ___

A to watch and check something or someone carefully over a period of time
B the outside part or layer of something
C to finish something so there is none left
D valuable or important natural substances, such as water or gold
E to send a spacecraft into space or a ship into water
F the act of traveling to or searching a place in order to learn about it
G a group of living organisms that are similar
~~H~~ to keep something in a certain state, as it is
I the mixture of gases that surrounds a planet; the air

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

C Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

creature | endangered | habitat | origin | plant life | pond | ~~territory~~ | volcano

EXAMPLE Some wild animals defend their ___territory___ by walking around and watching other animals that may be a danger to them.

1 Animals living in the wild usually drink water from the nearest _____.
2 Most of the tourists come here to climb to the top of the _____ and look inside it.
3 Giant pandas are one of the most _____ species on the planet and need to be protected.
4 The temperate forest is the natural _____ of the Siberian tiger.
5 When we think of _____, we usually think of dry land. But there is also a lot in rivers, lakes, and oceans.
6 Some scientists believe that the _____ of all life was in the ocean.
7 The blue whale is the largest _____ on the planet.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

D Circle the correct answers.

EXAMPLE Personally, I find space exploration more interesting **than** / **to** ocean exploration.

1 I prefer to read about marine biology **to** / **rather than** space exploration.
2 They understand **less** / **fewer** about chemistry than about physics.
3 There are **more** / **less** rats here than in any other area of the city.
4 Space exploration isn't **enough cheap**/ **cheap enough** to be a realistic opportunity for most people.
5 It's harder to make a reservation on Saturday **to** / **than** during the week.
6 I don't think it's **warm enough** / **warmer than** to swim today. Let's wait until the weather is better.
7 Since we started using electric cars, there is much **less** / **fewer** pollution than a few years ago.
8 When I'm on vacation, I like to go sightseeing **to** / **rather than** lying on the beach.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

E Choose the correct answers.

EXAMPLE Thailand is one of ___ I have ever visited.

(A) the best places **B** fascinating countries **C** a most beautiful nation

1 We believe this is the ___ way to protect the sea life here.

A most bad **B** totally good **C** worst

2 The people who work here said that these crocodiles are ___ of all.

A absolutely safe **B** the least dangerous **C** less common

3 In the summer, the water in this lake is ___.

A really warm **B** completely hot **C** absolutely nice

4 The vacation was ___! I'd definitely like to go there again.

A completely interesting **B** very fantastic **C** absolutely wonderful

5 They told us that ___ endangered species are found in Indonesia.

A some of the most **B** the fewer **C** one of the most

6 This was the ___ we found here.

A most exotic plant **B** less beautiful flower **C** totally tall tree

7 We didn't realize that the bear was ___ until we saw the two little bear cubs following her.

A a little huge **B** enormous **C** absolutely small

_____ **/ 7 (1 point each)**

F Read the online posts. Complete the sentences with numbers based on information from the text.

Some people are content to live in places with extreme temperatures; some prefer milder weather. What is the weather like where you live? Are you happy with it? Or would you prefer to live somewhere else?

Siri V | 2 hours ago

Most people seem to want to live in a hot climate, but I can tell you that there are many disadvantages. I live in Chiang Mai, a city in northern Thailand. It is a tropical region, which means that the average temperature all year round is above 77F. It is often pretty hot and humid. This is why I'm much happier when I travel to areas where the temperatures are lower and the climate is drier. You can get so much more done in such places!

Sally A | 3 hours ago

I live in Montreal and the weather here varies during the year – temperatures can go down to -14C in January but reach 26C in July. For me, that is perfect, because I enjoy the variety and, above all, the different seasons. My favorite is fall because of the colors and the feeling of change in the air. I also think that seasons affect how we feel, and for me there is something about fall that makes me feel more alive.

Mark Beck | 4 hours ago

Where I live, the winters can be absolutely horrible! And I simply hate cold weather! I find that, during the winter months, I don't do very much. I basically stay at home and spend a lot of money on heating. While, in the summer, I spend more time outside, see more people, play more sports – feel healthier and happier. If it were possible, I'd live in a place with no winter and where the temperature never goes down to freezing!

Mathias Olsen | 5 hours ago

Well, sometimes the weather we choose is not a matter of preference but of necessity. After all, the weather can influence what we wear, what we eat, and even our health. Last year, I found out I had Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). In Norway, where there is very little sunlight in the winter, this type of depression can affect about 15% of the population. I felt tired a lot and had difficulty concentrating, so I decided that the best solution was to move to a sunnier place.

1 The percentage of Norwegian people with the problem described in the text is _____.

2 In the summer, according to the text, the temperature in Montreal can go up to _____.

3 _____ out of the four people who posted comments seemed happy with the local climate.

4 _____ of the people decided to make a life change because of the weather.

5 One of the people enjoys visiting places where the temperature is lower than _____.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)