UNIT 9

QUIZ A

NAME: _____
DATE: _____
SCORE: _____ /50

A Listen to the conversation between two friends, Jennifer and Gabriel. Choose the correct answer for each question.

1 How does Jennifer react to Gabriel's news?
A a little surprised **B** very disappointed **C** slightly annoyed

2 Why does Jennifer react that way?
A Because Gabriel has become a partner at his firm.
B Because Gabriel is moving to another city.
C Because Gabriel has refused a good offer.

3 How does Gabriel feel about working at Baxters?
A He enjoys his job but thinks the new one will be better.
B He likes his job and is afraid he might regret leaving the firm.
C He doesn't think his job is satisfying and is glad to be changing.

4 Who offered Gabriel the new position?
A One of the directors at his architecture firm.
B Someone he had worked with in the past.
C Someone his wife met in college.

5 How does Gabriel's wife, Elena, feel about the news?
A excited **B** very anxious **C** a little frustrated

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

chance encounter | deliberate decision | fate | fortunate | life-changing experience | lucky break | path | ~~right place at the right time~~ | wind up

EXAMPLE Sometimes being lucky is just a question of being in the **right place at the right time**.

1 I'm not sure what will happen in the elections, but our _____ depends on your vote.
2 Getting that client was a _____ for a small company like ours. From there, we never looked back.
3 I respect your choice, but I think you've chosen a difficult _____ to follow.
4 If you don't take better care of yourself, you'll _____ being really sick.
5 I made a _____ never to go back to that store. Their salespeople are so rude!
6 After college, I traveled abroad for a year. For me, it was a _____. I have never regretted it.
7 Our car was low on fuel, but we were _____ enough to be near a gas station.
8 Yesterday, I saw an old teacher of mine from high school in the shopping mall. It was a really nice _____.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

C Choose the correct answers.

EXAMPLE I called Jim by mistake. It was ___. He was upset.

(A) a bad move **B** the hard way **C** the funny side

1 It was ___ that I forgot his birthday. I won't do it again.

A the hard way **B** unfortunate **C** an awkward situation

2 I got on the wrong train! What a ___!

A dumb thing **B** funny side **C** silly mistake

3 I found myself ___ as I couldn't remember Cristina's husband's name.

A incompetent **B** my own fault **C** in an awkward situation

4 She answered the wrong question in the test, which was ___ to do.

A a dumb thing **B** my own fault **C** a bad move

5 I am ___ for having said such a foolish thing.

A kicking myself **B** finding myself **C** watching myself

6 At the time she was upset, but now she can ___ and is just fine.

A learn the hard way **B** kick herself **C** see the funny side of it

7 Paul failed the test, but it was ___, because he didn't study for it.

A incompetent **B** his own fault **C** a dumb thing

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

D Circle the correct answers.

EXAMPLE If you **thought** / **were thinking** about being a doctor, you'd need to study science.

1 If we **hadn't taken** / **wouldn't have taken** a wrong turn, we wouldn't be lost now.

2 She **could have become** / **would become** a great physicist if she had wanted to.

3 If we **tried** / **would try** a different hotel, we might not like it as much as this one.

4 They **didn't like** / **wouldn't have liked** this neighborhood if they had moved here.

5 If we didn't have so much housework to do, we **were going** / **could go** out.

6 If I **could spell** / **could have spelled** the word, I wouldn't ask you about it.

7 If I had been to the lecture, I **may have been** / **had been** able to help you with this question.

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

E Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Some are negative. Use each verb only once.

be buy can / remember can / see give ~~know~~ live stay talk

EXAMPLE If only I ___knew___ more people at this school, I think I'd enjoy it more.

1 I wish I _____ closer to my work. It takes me such a long time to get downtown.
2 If only I _____ the other coat. This one is too small for me.
3 I wish you _____ the last cookie to Amelia. I was saving it for myself.
4 If only we _____ in this awful hotel. It really is the worst we've been to.
5 I wish we _____ each other one more time before you have to leave.
6 I wish I _____ his name, but I can't. I think it starts with a J.
7 If only there _____ more hours in the day. I would get more things done!
8 I wish I _____ to you about this sooner. I feel so much better now!

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

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

The Role of Regret

From an early age, we are taught to reflect on our choices, to assess them, and to learn from our mistakes. We are often told that mistakes can be good – they can make us wiser and teach us to make better decisions. But does regret actually lead to better decisions? Is it really worth regretting things?

One argument is that regret is a waste of time as every decision we make is the right one at that particular moment. It is based on the information you have available at the time. Supporters of this point of view would say that regret based on hindsight – the ability to understand a situation only after it has happened – is unfair, as you could not have acted on information that you did not yet possess.

This point of view is a healthy way of reducing self-blame, which people can do excessively when they make a mistake. However, the argument isn't entirely accurate in this writer's opinion. Every decision we make isn't the 'right' one at that particular moment, as people often ignore evidence that is available at the time or choose to avoid uncomfortable truths. It could be said, therefore, that every decision we make is 'understandable' at that particular moment, rather than 'right.'

Regret does have a practical role in society. A healthy amount of it can help us identify and change behavioral patterns that lead to bad decisions. You might ask yourself, 'Why did I make that decision at that time? How was I feeling? ' It can actually lead to better decisions as not every bad decision is a result of bad luck; that is, of not having all the information you needed. However, regret can become unhealthy when we replay the past without taking lessons from it.

1 The writer thinks that every decision we make is the best one for us at the time. True / False / Not Given
2 The writer thinks that the majority of bad decisions people make are a result of not paying attention to evidence. True / False / Not Given
3 The writer thinks that regret can lead to self-improvement True / False / Not Given
4 The writer thinks that regret can be unhealthy if it is not functional. True / False / Not Given
5 The writer has a balanced view on the role of regret. True / False / Not Given

_____ / 10 (2 points each)