UNIT 9

QUIZ B

NAME: _____
DATE: _____
SCORE: _____ /50

A Listen to a radio show. Circle *True*, *False*, or *Not Given* for each statement.

1 Bruno's mother believes that if we walk under a ladder, we will have good luck. True / False / Not Given
2 The host doesn't agree with the views of Bruno's mother. True / False / Not Given
3 The host is convinced that Bruno's beliefs are different from his mother's. True / False / Not Given
4 Carla and Bruno agree on some things but not on others. True / False / Not Given
5 Carla believes that we can be responsible for our own luck. True / False / Not Given

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Choose the correct answers.

EXAMPLE I was ___ enough to win a competition, so I'm going to Australia this summer.
A fate **B** fortunate **C** coincidence

1 We made a ___ not to spend a lot of money on vacation this year. We spent too much last year.
A deliberate decision **B** lucky break **C** life-changing experience

2 Depending on what ___ you choose in life, you might end up happy or unhappy.
A path **B** deliberate decision **C** chance encounter

3 I was in a store when I heard the manager saying that he needed more staff. I was ___ and he hired me right then and there!
A a lucky break **B** fate **C** in the right place at the right time

4 Meeting a coworker who was staying at the same hotel while on vacation was a real ___.
A luck **B** coincidence **C** path

5 Ellie initially found science a very challenging subject, but through hard work and ___, she became very good at it.
A fate **B** determination **C** coincidence

6 Olivia got her ___ when someone saw her perform in college. Now she is a dancer at the National Ballet.
A lucky break **B** path **C** chance encounter

7 The movie was about a ___ between two old friends who hadn't seen each other for years.
A lucky break **B** coincidence **C** chance encounter

8 I can't ___. I've been upgraded on my flight, so I'll be sitting in first class!
A believe my luck **B** be fortunate **C** be in the right place at the right time

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

C Circle the correct answers.

1 I forgot to put the burglar alarm on, which was **a dumb thing to do** / **an awkward situation**.
2 I always use a calculator, because I'm totally **silly** / **incompetent** at adding up big numbers.
3 I changed jobs in March, but now I realize it was **a bad move** / **my own fault**, because I don't like my new one at all.
4 We didn't get the house, because somebody offered more money. We **learned the hard way** / **saw the funny side** that you always need to go higher than the asking price.
5 Brandon wasn't **watching what he was doing** / **kicking himself** and tripped over a rock.
6 I should have asked him for his number. I'm **seeing the funny side** / **kicking myself** for being so shy.
7 I didn't call Max because I was **my own fault** / **in too much of a hurry**. I was going to miss my train.

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answers.

1 If they ___ at screens all day, they'd be much more active.
A had looked **B** may have looked **C** weren't looking

2 If you took better care of yourself, you ___ so unhealthy.
A might not be **B** couldn't be **C** weren't

3 If she ___ the question carefully, she wouldn't have made that mistake.
A read **B** had read **C** would have read

4 If it hadn't rained all week, we ___ a better vacation.
A would have **B** would have had **C** may have

5 If it ___ so cold today, we could go for a walk.
A weren't **B** hadn't been **C** wouldn't have been

6 If we weren't eating out this evening, I ___ lasagna.
A had made **B** was making **C** would make

7 If she had had more time to rest, she ___ so tired now.
A hadn't felt **B** wasn't feeling **C** wouldn't feel

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

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

EXAMPLE If only this **were / was** cheaper. I'd buy it. (be)

1 If only I _____ people round for dinner. I'm too tired to cook now. (not/invite)
2 I wish we _____ in the countryside. It would be so much quieter. (can/live)
3 I wish I _____ the answer to this question, but I have no idea. (know)
4 If only we _____ to this neighborhood. I really don't like it. (not/move)
5 I wish you _____ me about Simon. I'm very upset about it. (not/tell)
6 I wish we _____ an action movie. I'm sick of these romantic comedies. (watch)
7 I wish we _____ this argument. We will never agree about this point. (not/have)
8 If only you _____ things the way I do, you'd understand my situation better. (can/see)

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

F Read Mio's story. Choose the correct answer for each question.

A Life-Changing Moment

by Mio Ito

We have all experienced, or will at some point experience, certain events that completely change either our views on life or the paths we take in it. In my case, an event that dramatically altered the direction of my life was a chance encounter with a stranger.

When I was about thirty years old, I was doing really well in my career. I had been at the same company since I had graduated from university, and I had received a promotion every couple of years. Living in the city was hard and often tiring, and my husband and I didn't get to see each other as much as we wanted, but we kept telling ourselves it would all be worth it in a few years when we would be able to afford a bigger house, possibly in the countryside, and have more income to do fun things like going on more vacations.

Well, one day I was rushing to work when I fell down some steps. I twisted my ankle pretty badly and had to go to the Emergency Room at the hospital. I was anxious about being late for work, but then I started talking to a stranger in the waiting room called Sakura. She had spent her whole life working for a law firm in the city, retiring a few years earlier. I told her about my life, and she said that she had been like me once; there was always a long-term goal or objective that she was working toward. The present was never enough. She felt that she had spent all her life working, always in a hurry, and had learned the hard way the importance of pausing, reflecting on, and appreciating the here and now.

My conversation with Sakura ended up being a life-changing moment. I wound up taking some time off work and really thinking about what path I wanted to take in life. I'm so grateful that I had that chance encounter with Sakura. Some five years later, and I'm out of the corporate world, and I run a small business from home. I have more free time and have never been happier!

1 How could Mio be described at the time of the event in the story?

A a woman who was content with her job

B a woman who was impatient to get a promotion at work

C a woman who was frustrated with her job

2 What can we infer about Mio's relationship with her husband?

A They both had well-paid jobs.

B They didn't enjoy spending time together.

C They both worked a lot.

3 Who was Sakura?

A a lawyer who worked for the same company as Mio

B someone who worked in the hospital

C someone Mio didn't know

4 How can the conversation between Mio and Sakura be described?

A It encouraged Mio to set more ambitious long-term goals.

B It made Mio reflect on her approach to life.

C It made Mio want to be successful like Sakura.

5 How does Mio feel about the event now?

A She feels lucky for having met Sakura.

B She wonders why she hadn't changed her life before meeting Sakura.

C She regrets leaving her job.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)