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Pre-Intermediate, TOEIC®-Style Midterm

INCOMPLETE SENTENCES

Directions: 1–6 are incomplete sentences. Four words or phrases, marked (A), (B), (C), (D) are given beneath each sentence. You are to choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and mark your answer.

1. Scientists think that sleep helps the body to grow and _____ stress.
(A) relieve
(B) reuse
(C) report
(D) recognize
2. She was interested _____ knowing what foreign people thought about her country.
(A) for
(B) to
(C) in
(D) how
3. _____ my third trip as a volunteer, I was assigned to a group with people from around the world.
(A) Since
(B) During
(C) As soon as
(D) Meanwhile
4. Recent surveys show that young people in Asia spend _____ of 9.5 hours per day online.
(A) a limit
(B) the period
(C) an average
(D) sometimes
5. He worked hard as the manager, and soon the restaurant _____ a profit.
(A) makes
(B) has made
(C) is making
(D) was making
6. Some recent studies have shown that people use 10 calories of carbon energy per calorie of food we eat, and _____ is happy about this.
(A) anyone
(B) not one
(C) not everyone
(D) not someone

TEXT COMPLETION

Directions: Read the memo. A word or phrase is missing in some of the sentences. Look at the four answer choices, and choose the best answer to complete the sentences. Mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

To: All Employees
From: NetWare Solutions Human Resources
Date: April 10
Re: New Environmental Initiative

Dear Employees,

Our company has had a very successful first quarter, thanks to all of your hard work, and thanks to wonderful relationships you have built with our customers. Our marketing department tells us that our customers are very happy with us. _____, they have requested that we try to improve one thing. They would like us to make a make a bigger effort to lessen our impact on the environment.

7. (A) Instead
(B) Otherwise
(C) However
(D) Although

After meeting with and getting ideas from each department, we have come up with _____. We have decided to set up a community garden on the rooftop of our office building.

8. (A) an advice
(B) a purpose
(C) a plan
(D) an impression

The garden will serve two purposes: to help _____ the building cool in the summer, which means that we'll use less energy for air conditioning, and we will also grow fresh vegetables for our fellow employees, to help keep them healthy.

9. (A) keep
(B) keeping
(C) for keeping
(D) keep out

We need volunteers to work in the garden, and are asking for people to sign up for one hour of work per week. Gerald Ferguson, in our Accounts Payable group, _____ in charge of managing the garden and the volunteers. Please stop by Gerald's office sometime this week to let him know if you're available to help.

10. (A) has done
(B) was asked
(C) is going to
(D) will be

Thank you again, and here's to a great quarter of healthy profits, and healthy eating!

Sincerely,
Kristin McFarley, Human Resources

READING

Directions: Questions 11–15 are based on the following reading passage. Read the letter and the questions. Choose the best answer and mark the letter (A), (B), (C), or (D) on your answer sheet.

October 2

Bernie Phillips Furniture Company
978 Essex Ave.
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Phillips,

I am writing to let you know about an unfortunate experience I had in your Stoughton store on September 28. Recently I've been having trouble sleeping, so I decided to buy a new bed for my home. I went to your store, and after looking at several beds, I found one that I really liked. Even better, it was marked "70% off" on the price tag.

When I tried to purchase the bed, I was told by the store manager that the "70% off" tag was a mistake, and that the sale that this tag referred to had already ended. I asked him if I could still have the discount, and he said no. He told me that I had to realize that it wasn't his fault that one of his employees forgot to remove the sale tag from the bed.

This made me feel uncomfortable, so I left. I ended up going to Johnson Brothers' Furniture in Quincy and buying a new bed, and now I'm getting a great sleep.

Personally, I don't think that your Stoughton store manager treats your customers very well, and I thought you should know. If want to reach me, my phone number is listed below.

Sincerely,
Susanna Lipton
Canton, Massachusetts
508-555-2329

11. Why did Susanna Lipton write to Bernie Phillips?
 - (A) To return a bed she bought at his store
 - (B) To complain about one of his managers
 - (C) To tell him about the service at Johnson Brothers' Furniture
 - (D) To ask about a sale at his store

12. The word "discount" in paragraph 2, line 2, is closest in meaning to
 - (A) increase
 - (B) substitution
 - (C) markdown
 - (D) rejection

13. What is suggested about Johnson Brothers' Furniture?
 - (A) It was having a sale on beds at the same time.
 - (B) Susanna Lipton has been a customer of theirs for a long time.
 - (C) It's a competitor of Bernie Phillips Furniture Company.

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(D) It's another branch of Bernie Philipps Furniture Company.

14. What did the Stoughton store's manager suggest that Susanna Lipton do?

(A) Understand that the mistake wasn't his problem

(B) Buy the bed at another store

(C) Find another bed that was on sale

(D) Ask another employee about the sale

15. Where does Bernie Phillips mostly likely work?

(A) In Boston

(B) In Stoughton

(C) In Quincy

(D) In Canton