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MIDTERM TEST**GRAMMAR****PART 1**

Choose the correct answers to complete the correspondence between Jaime Richards and Tricia Wong.

Dear Ms. Wong,

I've been waiting quite some time for the release of Sean Collin's new film, *Lampshade*. I **(1) had read / have read / was reading** the review of the film last month, but since then, nothing **(2) comes / has come / will come** out about it. The local theater **(3) was being / used to be / would be** the source for this information in the past, but when I called them, they **(4) say / said / have said** that you were in charge. They gave me your email address and **(5) tell / have told / are telling** me to call you. Would you kindly send an update?

Best,

Jaime Richards

Dear Jaime,

Thank you for the email that you **(6) sent / send / have sent** a few days ago regarding Sean Collin's new film. We are pleased by the response we **(7) get / got / have gotten** since we published the review of the new film last month. I am happy to tell you that the first screening of the movie **(8) would be held / will be held / has been held** for the first time this upcoming Friday night at the local theater downtown.

We delayed providing this information because we **(9) are waiting / have waited / have been waiting** for some promotional tickets for the past few days, but we have not received them **(10) yet / before / already**. We **(11) regret / regretted / have regretted** the delay in advertising the movie information, but we're sure you **(12) enjoy / will enjoy / will have enjoyed** Collin's latest movie when you see it!

Sincerely,

Tricia Wong, Producer

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PART 2**Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.**

- 1 The police arrested the suspect, Martin O'Grady, last night. O'Grady _____ charged with two counts of assault.
 - A has
 - B had
 - C has been
 - D had been

- 2 I can't believe Allan _____ from his job of 15 years for such a minor mistake.
 - A fires
 - B fired
 - C got fired
 - D gets fired

- 3 Mei Ling _____ a few people for the new position at the company, but her company has decided not to hire anyone.
 - A is considering
 - B was considering
 - C is being considered
 - D was being considered

- 4 The restaurant isn't open. It _____ by its owners.
 - A is shut down
 - B had shut down
 - C might have shut down
 - D might have been shut down

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- 5 The United States ____ 50 states.
- A makes up
 - B is making up
 - C is made up of
 - D is making up of
- 6 Freddy is going to _____. I'm surprised he's confident enough to style his own hair!
- A cut his hair
 - B get his hair cut
 - C have his hair cut
 - D have had a hair cut
- 7 Viking artifacts in Newfoundland ____ evidence of the first settlements founded in North America.
- A believed that
 - B believed to be
 - C are believed that
 - D are believed to be
- 8 Mike _____. It's been a long time since he last brought it to the service center for repairs, and now his computer isn't working well.
- A did fix his computer
 - B could fix his computer
 - C could have fixed his computer
 - D should have his computer fixed

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PART 3**Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.**

- 1 All travelers _____ have a passport in order to travel overseas. Travelers cannot enter another country without one.
A must
B ought to
C might
- 2 Marie _____ start working harder and coming to the office on time. Otherwise, she'll be fired.
A might
B had better
C is supposed to
- 3 Omar, you really _____ clean the dishes. You're a guest. But, if you really want to, go ahead and do them.
A mustn't
B don't have to
C had better not
- 4 The weather forecast says the chance of rain is 50 percent this afternoon. So, it's a good idea to bring an umbrella because it _____ rain.
A may
B will
C has got to
- 5 You _____ avoid talking about politics or religion with our dinner guests. Those topics can upset people, and I want to have a pleasant meal.
A could
B had better
C were supposed to

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- 6 There's quite a bit of controversy over which Europeans discovered North America first. It _____ the Vikings, though some say it's possible that an Irish vessel reached it in the sixth century.
- A had to be
 - B must have been
 - C might have been
- 7 I can't believe Zeynep hasn't arrived yet. She _____ here an hour ago. I hope she's okay.
- A could be
 - B must have been
 - C was supposed to be
- 8 Graciella is late for the meeting, but it's not surprising because she was out of town on business until today. Her flight _____ have been delayed this morning.
- A can
 - B had better
 - C must
- 9 The police are investigating the CEO for fraud. He _____ be guilty.
- A should
 - B must
 - C could
- 10 That _____ be the amount of money we earned this year! I'm sure it's less. Check your math!
- A can't
 - B may not
 - C shouldn't

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PART 4**Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses.**

As we mature, we have no trouble **(1)** _____ (**understand**) that if someone disappears behind a door, they continue to exist. Babies, on the other hand, have a hard time

(2) _____ (**believe**) that something exists if they cannot see it. **(3)** _____ (**Play**) peek-a-boo with a baby is one way to help them learn that objects are permanent.

Some children also fear discipline. Discipline can be used **(4)** _____ (**help**) raise emotionally stable, happy children. However, inconsistent discipline is considered **(5)** _____ (**be**) confusing to children. **(6)** _____ (**help**) children understand the reasons for the discipline is important. You can do this by **(7)** _____ (**explain**) what they did wrong, without shouting or getting angry.

The **(8)** _____ (**socialize**) of children requires **(9)** _____ (**teach**) them appropriate ways of expressing strong feelings, including the greatest fear: rejection. For young children, it is natural **(10)** _____ (**hit**) someone when they feel rejected or are angry with other children. However, when children are playing, parents or caregivers should supervise closely enough **(11)** _____ (**monitor**) how the children are behaving and be prepared **(12)** _____ (**teach**) them appropriate social behavior.

In all, we should encourage parents **(13)** _____ (**spend**) a lot of time paying attention to children's behaviors when they are younger. It's easier **(14)** _____ (**teach**) children new things than make them unlearn something.

PART 5**Choose the correct answers to complete the paragraphs.**

Genetically modified foods, or GM foods, is a controversial issue. On the one hand, **(1) genetic modification / genetically modified / genetics modified** can enhance the nutritional value and production of some kinds of food. For example, one **(2) type / drop / piece** of rice that can help many people avoid vitamin B deficiency has received **(3) a great many / a large number / a huge amount** of praise. On the other hand, there can be **(4) problem / problems / the problem** with GM foods. For example, pollen from a genetically

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(5) **alter / altered / altering** strain of corn grown in the Midwestern United States killed thousands

(6) **honeybees / of honeybees / the honeybees**, a fact that outraged (7) **public / the public / the publics**.

Many people in (8) **European Union / a European Union / the European Union** are now demanding that (9) **food label / food labels / the food label** identify genetically modified ingredients. At the present time, however, (10) **few / a bit of / a great deal of** companies have done so, which is not enough. This is largely because GM foods have a rather negative stigma, even though every GM product in (11) **grocery store / grocery stores / the grocery stores** has undergone (12) **large-scale / large scale / large scaled** testing for (13) **safety / a safety / the safety**. Judy Arnett, a (14) **British / brilliant / biology** young researcher involved in advanced research on GM foods, believes that they may be the greatest advancement in food preservation since the invention of the refrigerator.

READING

PART 6

Read the article. Then choose the correct answers.

In February 2013, a married couple were walking their dog on their California farm in an area called Saddle Ridge. They came across a mysterious, battered old can sticking up out of the ground. When they dug up the can, they discovered it was full of gold. They eventually dug up a total of eight cans that contained 1,400 gold coins, dating back to the 19th century and worth about ten million dollars today. The couple have chosen not to reveal their identities or the exact location of their home. They say they have no idea where the coins came from or who buried them on their property.

At this point, the origin of the coins remains a mystery. One possibility offered by those close to the investigation is that they are none other than the coins stolen from the San Francisco Mint in 1901. Those coins were valued at about \$30,000 at the time of the theft and would be worth millions of dollars today. Walter N. Dimmick, a clerk at the San Francisco Mint who had previously been caught forging and stealing, was arrested for the crime, tried, and found guilty. However, the coins he was accused of stealing were never recovered. Had Dimmick buried the coins on the farm before he was captured? Nobody knows for sure. In any case, the prosecution team eventually admitted that Dimmick had been convicted on circumstantial evidence that did not prove his guilt. Additionally, rare coin collector and renowned expert, Martin Skeely, who was brought in to provide expert analysis, has stated that the coins in the cans probably do not come from one single source: they have different face values and are in varying conditions.

Others have suggested that the coins were loot that was buried by famous Wild West gangsters like Jesse James or Black Bart. Another less glamorous theory is that the coins simply belonged to a person who did not trust banks. He or she decided to bury the coins to keep them safe instead of depositing them in a bank account. In fact, several people have already demanded a share of the coins, claiming that their relatives were the ones who hid the treasure.

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Many questions remain about the Saddle Ridge gold. Are the married couple telling the truth about their find? Several years after the discovery, why haven't their identities or location been revealed? Could these coins have been stolen from the San Francisco Mint? If not, are any of the other explanations that have been offered about the coins plausible? If the coins were hidden by someone who hated banks, should they be given to the relatives of that person? Currently, there seem to be more questions than answers, while authorities will not commit many resources to finding the coins' true owner. It's unlikely that time will reveal any secrets unless someone comes forward to offer clues as to the coins' origins.

- 1 What does the author NOT mention in the article?
 - A when Walter Dimmick might have stolen the coins
 - B whether Walter Dimmick was released from prison
 - C where Walter Dimmick worked when the coins were stolen
- 2 Which of the following summarizes the main idea of the first paragraph?
 - A Valuable gold coins were discovered on a family's farm.
 - B Gold coins dating back to the 19th century are now very valuable.
 - C People who found valuable coins do not want to reveal their identity.
- 3 Which of the following suggests that Walter Dimmick did NOT bury the discovered coins?
 - A The coins are thought to have come from different places.
 - B The evidence against him was not as strong as originally believed.
 - C The coins he was said to have stolen were not recovered.
- 4 The purpose of the third paragraph is to suggest that _____.
 - A there are many people who could have potentially buried the coins
 - B it is impossible to determine the exact time at which the coins were buried
 - C the married couple do not want their identity revealed because many people claim the coins
- 5 Which of the following statements is the author most likely to agree with?
 - A The family who found the coins should reveal their identity.
 - B The coins' original owners will probably never be determined.
 - C The coins were buried by a person mentioned in the article.

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LISTENING**PART 7****Listen to the conversation. Then choose the correct answers.**

- 1 Over the course of the listening, the main focus shifts from _____.
 - A Joe's experience at the doctor to ways he can be healthier
 - B Joe's cycling accident to getting information on yoga classes
 - C Joe and Amani's discussion about yoga to healthier foods Joe can eat

- 2 What is the most likely cause of Joe's back pain?
 - A his cycling accident
 - B not stretching enough
 - C high blood pressure

- 3 Why does Joe tell Amani, "I think I know you better than that."?
 - A because he thinks that she will not motivate him to exercise as she has claimed
 - B because he expects her to make many purchases even though she has promised not to
 - C because he knows that she will make him commit to things that he does not want

- 4 Based on the conversation, what can you infer about Joe?
 - A He is easily convinced.
 - B He exercises regularly at work.
 - C He doesn't take his doctor's advice seriously.

- 5 What does Amani suggest that she and Joe do?
 - A join the yoga studio
 - B see what the yoga studio is like
 - C find out if the yoga studio has special offers

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SPEAKING**PART 8**

Mobile devices such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops have revolutionized the way we communicate and share information. People can access news, social media, and live video streams from more and more places as the Internet and data services become more prevalent.

Describe the impact these technologies have had on society. In your response, address the following questions:

- How has the world changed as a result of these technologies?
- Do these technologies benefit us? Why?
- What might the world be like without these technologies?
- What do you think these technologies will be like in the future?

PART 9

Read the speaker's opinion on endangered species. Then respond to the speaker's questions.

Speaker: I was reading just yesterday that hundreds of different plant and animal species die each year. The western black rhinoceros is one of those species—it has gone extinct recently due to poaching. The mountain gorilla is in significant danger of being another animal species to die out. But there are many reasons why species become extinct or are endangered. What do you think has caused species to die out? And what can we do to prevent this from happening?

PART 10

In recent decades, the number of interracial marriages—marriages between people of two different races—has increased across the world. In the United States, for instance, the number of interracial marriages has nearly tripled since 1980. At the same time, research has shown that marriages between people of two different races are more likely to end in divorce. People suggest many reasons for these two trends, usually offering opinions based on personal experience and assumptions.

What do you think has caused *both* the increase in interracial marriages *and* the higher divorce rate for interracial couples? What are some ways these couples can avoid divorce? Is there anything they should do / shouldn't do? Write a well-organized response, stating your opinion and presenting arguments and examples in support.

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PART 11

Think about your closest friend. What is he or she like? Why did you become friends? What do you talk about together? Then write a few paragraphs that answer the question: What are the qualities that make someone a good friend? In your response, include:

- At least two general qualities a friend should have
- At least two general qualities that aren't important
- At least two general qualities that are bad qualities
- An explanation of why you chose those qualities, using examples if necessary
- Specific friends of yours who have these qualities

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