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REVIEW TEST: UNIT 7**GRAMMAR****PART 1**

Choose the correct answers to complete the text.

A black hole is an area in outer space into which everything near it is pulled. Black holes are thought **(1) to have / that they have** such strong gravity **(2) that even light cannot escape / light cannot escape** their pull.

In science fiction, black holes are sometimes **(3) regarded / regarding** as mysterious things. They've even **(4) described / been described** as doors to another universe. In reality, however, astronomers have **(5) been confirmed to be the / confirmed that they are** remains of giant stars that have died.

Many black holes have **(6) found / been found** in the universe. They **(7) divide / are divided** into two kinds: regular and supermassive, or extra big. Black holes are considered **(8) that / to be** the largest sources of energy in the universe. Black holes are at the center of most galaxies, including our own.

PART 2

Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

- 1 The United States _____ **(border)** by Canada to the north, and by Mexico to the south.
- 2 Today, it _____ **(believe)** that Earth is 4.5 billion years old.
- 3 Yeti _____ **(think)** to live in the Himalayas.
- 4 Shakespeare _____ **(consider)** to be the greatest English playwright.
- 5 Manhattan Island _____ **(connect)** to the rest of New York City by many bridges and tunnels.
- 6 The Himalayas _____ **(locate)** in Asia.
- 7 The Chinese are thought _____ **(invent)** noodles four thousand years ago.
- 8 Steve Jobs _____ **(regard)** as a pioneer of computer technology.

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READING

PART 3

Read the text. Then choose the correct answers.

For centuries, humans have looked up at the night sky with wonder and awe. Our ancestors made up stories about the stars and organized them into constellations, creating myths about their origins. Long ago, it was even thought that the stars held the key to the future. But ancient civilizations did not limit their stories to the stars and planets in the night sky. They tried to explain all sorts of phenomena including some of the most magnificent displays of light in the entire world: the Aurora Borealis.



The northern lights, or Aurora Borealis, are the colorful, moving lights that are sometimes seen in the sky in the northern hemisphere. In the past, different groups of people came up with a variety of ideas about what the lights meant. In some cultures, it was assumed that the lights were the souls of the animals they hunted. The lights were believed by others to be indications of future war or hardship. Yet others believed them to be the results of more “natural” phenomena, such as reflections from campfires or torches in the distance. Despite their differences, the interpretations were all connected by a striking sense of awe that people felt when they saw the northern lights.

Today, the northern lights are regarded as one of nature's most beautiful natural phenomena. Most often, the colorful displays are made up of white, green, and yellow lights, but blue, violet, pink, and red lights have also been witnessed. It has been confirmed that the northern lights occur when solar storms on the surface of the sun emit protons and electrons that interact with molecules in the atmosphere of the Earth. The colors of the lights depend on the molecules that are found in the Earth's atmosphere.

The Aurora Borealis can be seen all over the northern hemisphere, but it is most commonly spotted in the northernmost regions. Many parts of Canada, Russia, Scandinavia, Greenland, Iceland, and the northern United States are home to spectacular views. The best time to see the northern lights is in winter, and every eleven years, the lights peak in intensity. The next such peak is in 2024.

- 1 According to the text, the Aurora Borealis is the result of _____.
 - A the souls of dead animals
 - B reflections of light from earth
 - C particles released from solar storms

- 2 The purpose of the last paragraph is to explain the best _____ to see the northern lights.
 - A way
 - B places
 - C times of year

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- 3 According to the text, why have there been many different explanations for the northern lights?
- A The lights were being seen from many different locations.
 - B People wanted to find a reason for the beautiful displays of light.
 - C Science and culture have different ideas about the lights' cause.
- 4 According to the text, which was NOT a theory for the northern lights?
- A The lights were considered signs of the future.
 - B The lights were thought to be caused by moving stars and planets.
 - C The lights were believed to be reflections of man-made fires.

LISTENING**PART 4**

Listen to the Internet radio interview. Then choose the correct answers.

- 1 Why is this episode of *Today's Bizarre* about Bigfoot?
- A Two teenagers released a video believed to be of Bigfoot.
 - B Large footprints of unknown origin were found in the northwest United States.
 - C There are many fake videos of Bigfoot, and Roger Mullins is on the show to discuss them.
- 2 According to the listening, those that see Bigfoot may actually be seeing _____.
- A bears
 - B Sasquatch
 - C other people
- 3 Which idea is NOT mentioned in the listening?
- A the origin of the word *Sasquatch*
 - B the places where Bigfoot is often seen
 - C the number of Bigfoot sightings each year

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- 4 Roger Mullins mentions the different names for Bigfoot to _____.
A describe the origins of Bigfoot stories in different cultures
B prove that Bigfoot is a real creature that many people have seen
C highlight that similar creatures are believed to exist across the world
- 5 According to the listening, it can be reasonably inferred that Roger Mullins _____ Bigfoot exists.
A thinks that
B does not think that
C is not sure whether or not

SPEAKING**PART 5**

Read the text about the Bermuda Triangle below. Which theory do you agree with? Or, do you have your own theory? Explain your opinion and support it with reasons. Use the passive voice in your response.

The Bermuda Triangle is an area in the Atlantic Ocean of about 1,000,000 square miles found between Bermuda, Miami, and Puerto Rico. Since Columbus first explored the Americas, there have been hundreds of stories about strange disappearances of ships and airplanes that have traveled through the region. Even in the 20th century, ships and airplanes passing through and over these waters equipped with modern communication devices have disappeared without a trace...and even without a call for help. What's even more surprising is that the disappearances often occur in good weather. Several theories about the disappearances abound:

- Some say that part of the area is a gateway into a different universe and that ships and airplanes travel into it unknowingly, never to be heard from again.
- Some meteorologists believe it to be the result of wind and water currents that travel quickly through the area. These can easily take a boat or plane far off course making navigation difficult, and in the worst case scenarios, making it impossible for a captain to know where the ship or plane is.

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WRITING

PART 6

Think about a legend or a story about a mystery from your own country. Then write a couple of paragraphs about it. Remember to use stative passive constructions. Include the following in your response:

- What the legend or story is about
- What theories exist
- What theory you believe in or your own explanation

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