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REVIEW TEST: UNIT 8**GRAMMAR****PART 1**

Choose the correct answers to complete the paragraph.

(1) **Moving / Move / To move** to a new city can be difficult, especially if you enjoy (2) **spend / spending / to spending** time with friends and family. When you move to a new place, it's important to seek new friends right away. (3) **To not socialize / Not socialize / Not socializing** can lead to feelings of isolation and depression, while (4) **makes / making / make** new friends can help you feel more comfortable in your new home. There are various websites that are useful for (5) **meeting / meet / to meet** people who share your interests, and you're also likely to find people you are compatible with (6) **by taking / to take / take** a class related to your interests. For example, people who like (7) **go dancing / for dancing / dancing** can sign up for a lesson or class. You will always miss seeing your old friends, but (8) **will make / make / making** new ones can be a rewarding new experience.

PART 2

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

1 ____ together while they were in college, Juan and John are friends for life.

- A Living
- B To have lived
- C Having lived

2 ____ growing up in the same neighborhood meant they could share their memories of the people they used to know.

- A They
- B Them
- C Their

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3 People don't like ____ to. That is one thing that can destroy a relationship.

- A lying
- B having lied
- C being lied

4 _____, my mother had a lot more time to spend with her friends and family.

- A Retiring
- B Her retiring
- C Having retired

5 ____ a friend in need is a poor choice to make; stand by your friends when they are at their most vulnerable.

- A Abandon
- B Abandoning
- C Being abandoned

6 Harry ____ unfriend people on social networks, but now no one wants to be his friend.

- A is used to
- B used to
- C is getting used to

7 Andrea doesn't mind ____ overtime this week. She can work my shift for me tomorrow.

- A working
- B to work
- C having worked

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READING**PART 3****Read the magazine article. Then choose the correct answers.**

Longtime friends Jeffrey and Mary opened a restaurant together a few years ago. Having known each other since high school, they were thrilled about their new adventure. Their restaurant did well at first, but things soon took a downturn. The economy became unstable. Business slowed down, and the restaurant lost money every day it remained open. Mary and Jeffrey argued about whether to borrow more money to stay open, or to close down completely. Eventually, they closed. Today, they are still friends, but they can't talk about the restaurant or else they'll start arguing.

Shifting your friendship from the personal zone to a business context may lead to problems, as it did with Mary and Jeffrey. Taking a few things into consideration before jumping in can prevent a lot of headaches. Here is some simple advice to follow:

Choose wisely

You will spend most of your waking hours with your partner. Starting a business requires almost all of your time and energy. Is your friend someone who you can be with for large chunks of time, or do they get on your nerves after an hour? Not only should your personalities be compatible, but the skills you bring to the table must be, too. Your partner should possess the entrepreneurial skills that you lack, and vice versa. Communicating with each other about your expectations is the key to a successful business relationship.

Make a commitment

Having chosen your business partner, you must both commit to the ups and downs of being business owners. You could lose money, in large amounts. You need to face the possibility that you might fail completely, as many businesses do. Likewise, consider the impact that success will have on your business and your friendship. For example, what will you do when you start making a profit? Investing it back into your company is very different from using it to take a vacation. Are you and your partner on the same page?

Trust each other

Mutual trust and respect are vital when starting out together. Anna and Lois became good friends while working together at an accounting firm. They were dissatisfied with their jobs, and both had always dreamed of being their own boss. When Anna inherited a large sum of money from a relative, she decided to start her own accounting firm, and asked Lois to be her partner. However, Lois didn't have any money of her own to contribute.

"My investing didn't trouble me," said Anna. "I knew that starting a business meant taking a risk, and I trusted Lois." Today, their business is thriving, and their friendship is stronger than ever.

Deciding to go into business with a friend can turn into the best thing you have ever done. Choosing a partner wisely, committing to the good times and the bad, and trusting each other are the keys to a lifelong working friendship.

1 Over the course of the article, the main focus shifts from _____.

- A how to fail in business to how to succeed in business
- B the positive aspects of going into business with a friend to the negative
- C the negative aspects of going into business with a friend to the positive

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- 2 Which of the following is implied by the “Making a commitment” section?
- A Success will have a serious impact on you and your partner’s friendship.
 - B You and your partner will succeed if you agree on how to spend the profits.
 - C You and your partner should discuss the consequences of success and failure.
- 3 The article most strongly suggests that ____.
- A it is possible to successfully go into business with a friend
 - B going into business with a friend almost always leads to problems
 - C people should know each other for a long time before becoming partners
- 4 The author referred to Anna and Lois to demonstrate that ____.
- A most people want to be their own boss
 - B friends can make successful business partners
 - C both partners should invest in the new business

LISTENING**PART 4**

Listen to the conversation. Then choose the correct answers.

- 1 Maria ____.
- A reads a lot in her free time
 - B is often too busy to read
 - C likes all the genres of literature
- 2 Which statement by Alfonso describes how the club chooses their books?
- A “I suppose not everyone’s preferences are compatible.”
 - B “If we read fiction one month, we’ll read nonfiction the next.”
 - C “You might end up reading something you don’t like one month.”

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3 Which of the following is implied by Maria?

- A She has studied poetry.
- B She has never read poetry.
- C She is willing to read poetry.

4 Which of the following is implied by Alfonso?

- A His favorite place to meet is the library.
- B The book club always meets at the library.
- C There is a large group for tonight's book club.

5 What is the main topic of discussion in the conversation?

- A being a member of the book club
- B which author writes the best poetry
- C the best ways to meet people in a new city

SPEAKING

PART 5

Describe ways to meet new people, either in a new city, or in the same place you have always lived. Use gerunds and gerund phrases. Consider the following in your response:

- What kind of activities you can do to meet people
- Which places are the best for meeting people
- What resources you can use to meet people (websites, social networking sites, etc.)
- How to meet people who share your interests

Example: I heard that volunteering was a good way to make new friends.

Example: I joined an online group where everyone talks about traveling.

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WRITING

PART 6

As people grow older, they tend to make new friends and also lose touch with their childhood friends. Describe the benefits of keeping old friends that you have known for a long time. Describe the benefits of making new friends that didn't know you when you were younger. Is one more valuable than the other? Explain your reasons in an essay. Use gerunds and gerund phrases in your essay.

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