

Test 1 LIFESTYLES

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CLASS: _____ GRADE: _____

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(Time: 40 minutes)

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

tempted • intact • consumer • rummage • discarded • condemned • foraging • tuck • landfill • rope

- 1 I decided not to take that bottle of milk as the packaging didn't seem
- 2 For scavengers ... food is the point of every day interest.
- 3 ... price of the same goods is different in Moscow and other cities.
- 4 If you ... in your bag, you will definitely find the keys.
- 5 To breed high quality cattle in this climate zone you need a ... strategy.
- 6 You must ... the trousers into the boots to keep warmer on such a cold day.
- 7 I've always felt ... to trying drawing but never had time for that.
- 8 Nobody will want a flat next to the city ... as the smell is awful.
- 9 Who can we ... in to make dinner for tomorrow's party?
- 10 Sam is ... to leave school for three days for his misbehavior.

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2 Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the pool. One is extra.

rubbish homeless trespassing discarded condemned scavenge edible leftover disgusting sealed

Freegan Diving

Soaring food prices have led to an increasing number of middle-class New Yorkers joining an unusual organization that “dumpster dives” in 1. _____ bins for food.

The trash tours form part of a growing movement called “Freegans”, which is rapidly rising in popularity as New Yorkers find it harder and harder to make ends meet. Freegans 2. _____ through garbage cans and bin bags in the evenings looking to find 3. _____ food and 4. _____ items such as shelving or kitchen appliances that can be reused.

Janet Kalish, a high school teacher from Queens and member of the freegan.info movement, which organizes dumpster dives and trash tours, said that freegans did not sift through household rubbish – “that really is *garbage*, you know, half-eaten food and old food” – but through the refuse of New York's fast-food businesses such as Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, etc. “The companies tend to put 5. _____ food in black plastic bags on the sidewalk at about nine in the evening. About an hour later, the garbage men come and take it away. We try to get there first. It is not as 6. _____ as it sounds. It's just a big bag of food. “Because it is on the kerb, it's not on private property so there's no issue of 7. _____,” she added. Freegans insisted that they had never been ill because of food reclaimed from bins. One of them said: “I've always taken five or six packets of sandwiches on my way home from work from the Pret a Manager near the office. There's nothing embarrassing about it. They are 8. _____ sandwich packets. I put them in my bag, eat one myself, offer them to colleagues or friends and give them to 9. _____ people on the subway on the way home.

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Food is so expensive now, I can't afford not to. I reckon I save myself \$50 a week from dumpster diving and going through the garbage."

Harvard University estimated last year that Middle America was suffering its worst financial hardship since the 1950s as families were 10._____ to struggle with rising food and fuel costs, tightening credit conditions, sliding residential property prices and soaring healthcare premiums.

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3 Match the words to their synonyms.

1	intact	a	take away
2	scavenge	b	embarrassed
3	discarded	c	look for
4	consumer	d	forced
5	landfill	e	possible to eat
6	rummage	f	expired
7	condemned	g	sealed
8	sell-by	h	buyer
9	confused	i	thrown-away
10	edible	j	wasteland

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Grammar

4 Choose the correct item.

So what does an Extraordinary Life 1(look/ looks) like? First of all, it's pretty 2(more/ much) just the opposite of an Average Life. You 3(are fitting/ fit) into the one per cent of the population. They live their life with passion and desire. They know what they want, and they 4(will/ are willing) to pay the price to achieve it. They want more 5(than/ as) do the average people, but they find the way to get it, where the average 6(don't try/ not to try), or they do, but quit after they 7(will hit/ hit) the first hurdle. You may say you 8(have already tried/ already tried) once to have a different lifestyle but 9(have failed/ failed). Asking yourself what the problem was it is even 10(more/ far) difficult to give the true reason 11(than/ as) to start a new life. If you 12(live/ are living) an Average Life, you can start 13(make/ to make) things better, day by day! If you are an extraordinary life stylist, just keep doing what you 14(have been doing/ do) and 15(will have/ have) fun!

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5 Fill in with the word which best fits each gap.

When settlers first 1... to the Americas, Native Americans comprised 100 percent of the population here. Today, they account for roughly one percent of the total population. This drop in proportion of the population is 2... to territorial conflicts, disease and re-settlement, combined 3... the rapid growth of other population groups. Alaska and Hawaii are 4... only two states in the US that have not pursued a policy with Native Americans that sought to restrict 5... to the confines of reservations.

6... Native American cultures were comprised of what are now referred to as "nations" or "confederacies". 7... groups of natives with similar geographic ranges and lifestyles generally came together to form nations, with 8... specific denominations created in some instances. For example, the Iroquois 9... technically classified as a nation or a confederacy in European terms, however

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they also broke into five unique nations as well. The cultural heritage of Native Americans 10... truly diverse, with unique belief systems and languages being 11... by each individual nation. These differences led to 12... unity and division within native communities 13... before the arrival of white settlers.

Today, much of that cultural heritage 14... lost. Most Native Americans live on reservations now, however they are naturalized citizens and are provided with the same constitutional rights 15... any other citizen

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Reading

6 Read the text. Some sentences are missing. Match each sentence (A-F) to the gaps (1-5). There is one extra sentence.

Hats off to London! This year it overtook Hong Kong and became the most expensive city on earth. 1. _____ . With regards to expats, the most expensive spot for them worked out to be Luanda in Angola. Safe apartments over there are hard to find, and the daily necessities of modern world are all imported from distant lands. Therefore, if you are planning your relocation, London would be the wiser solution of the two.

Jokes aside, unless your dad is the Prince of Monaco or you are a hard-core hippy, it takes inventiveness to survive here. A nerdy economics graduate might think: right, London is the financial centre after all. 2. _____ . Forget about it. Even if you're lucky face gets spotted by an investment banking organisation, this city is still going to swallow your bonus before you can say Goldman Sachs.

I wouldn't be able to make it in London if it wasn't for others. I wouldn't have worked where I work, neither would I have graduated, nor would I be in a good health if it wasn't for the people who always pulled me up by the collar when I fell.

And my turn to return the favour has come. 3. _____ . Like hundreds of others, she's been thanked for her 15 years of committed service and then let out onto the streets of the city where the only disturbers of peace are the cawing crow and a plastic bag blowing in the wind. The future prospects were so obscure that my 50-year-old flamboyant mum, who's used to her luxuries, asked me: 'find me anything as I need to get away'.

I've been inhaling London's dust now for over six years. 4. _____ . Then another one in various unpaid placements in return for some serious sounding job titles, and finally I'm in my third year of a, so-far successful career. Even though I don't need to stock up on canned tuna in order to make it until payday anymore, I'm not yet financially able to rent my mum a flat. 5. _____ . I'm sure my mum is a smashing flat mate, although it is a struggle for us to share a room.

Anyway, I quite enjoy my independence as a young professional in London. Therefore, no matter what your true life position is, turning hipster and seeking alternative ways of surviving seems to be the only way out if you're in desperate need of accommodation.

- A. My beloved mother, an IT engineer, has been made redundant due to the recession back in my hometown in Lithuania.3
- B. So why don't I go there, get a lightweight tailored Italian suit and become the next Richard Branson?2
- C. Not even one in a shanty town.5
- D. City living here is twice as expensive as it is in Sydney and four times as much as in Rio de Janeiro, according to The Guardian.1

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E. We have always been friends with mum since I clearly remember myself as a personality.

F. The first three were spent wearing out the same blue jeans at university in the day and waiting on tables in bars and restaurants at night.⁴

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Writing

7 Write a for-and-against essay discussing pros and cons of living in the country. Include:

- para 1: present the topic
- para 2: arguments for, their justification with examples
- para 3: arguments against, their justification with examples
- para 4: conclusion with your own final opinion

(Points: 20)

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