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## Section 2

### Unit 16

① So, when is ‘The New Normal’ ever going to actually feel normal? ② Possibly never. ③ (W                      t) I mean by that is that companies and individuals are still making things up as they go along. ④ Some people (w                      ) were initially able to work from home decided that they actually find it easier and more productive (t                      ) do their work at the office. ⑤ It turns out there are advantages to having face to face interactions with colleagues and clients that (c                      t) be replicated online. ⑥ On the (o                      ) hand, we are all concerned that at any point some new pathogen could come along and pose an international health disaster which might necessitate social distancing again. ⑦ So, get used to not getting used to anything!

## Unit 17

① (l ) you visit Stockholm, the one thing you absolutely must see is the Vasa Museum. ② Not doing so would be (l ) going to Egypt and not seeing the pyramids! ③ So, what is the 'Vasa'? ④ It is a huge Swedish warship that (w ) built in the early 17th century, and, unfortunately, sunk on its maiden voyage. ⑤ However, the waters of the Baltic did such a good job of preserving it that when it was discovered, it was in near mint condition! ⑥ This was a gigantic ship, with a crew of over 400 men, most of (w m) survived the sinking. ⑦ Furthermore, the ship, especially its stern, is covered with elaborate, detailed wooden carvings of kings, mermaids, dragons, etc. ⑧ It is a unique and beautiful piece of history. ⑨ (D t) miss it!

## Unit 18

① Although the name sounds quaint, 'The Boston Tea Party' was a pivotal moment leading up to the American Revolutionary War. ② Images of colonists dressing up (a ) Native Americans, dumping tea off ships, turning Boston Harbor brown (w ) this unexpected infusion, etc. ③ It all sounds more like theater (t ) history, more myth than fact. ④ And some facts are misrepresented as well. ⑤ It is commonly thought that the colonists were protesting against the high taxes imposed on tea from England. ⑥ In fact, England gave The East India Company monopoly powers in (o r) to make its tea (l ) expensive than Dutch competitors. ⑦ This was the real reason for the 'tea party,' because colonists saw this as a British strategy to economically control the colonies.

## Unit 19

① Summer has returned, even if it's only for one day. ② If you've procrastinated and haven't put away your tank tops and shorts, you're lucky, because today is going (t      ) be a scorcher. ③ We expect highs in the mid-nineties by the early afternoon, temperatures we haven't seen for almost a month. ④ I wouldn't call (i      ) 'Indian Summer,' though, as this looks to be just one day of very hot weather, (w      h) things returning to normal by tomorrow. ⑤ The cooling should begin by the late evening, or even earlier if we get thunderstorms some time between five and six pm. ⑥ The (c      ) of that looks to be around 30 percent. ⑦ So, get out and enjoy the sunny summer weather, but you might want to have an umbrella handy, just (i      ) case.

## Unit 20

① By registering with us during our Fall Campaign, you receive lots of benefits. ② (l      ) you sign up for our Regular Membership before October 15th, you will automatically receive one month of Premium Membership, and all that comes with that! ③ You will have 24 hour access (t      ) our friendly customer service staff. ④ You can (t      e) part in our promotional activities that are specially reserved for Premium Members. ⑤ Best of all, for one month, your restaurant/bar will appear on our Recommendations List, which goes out to all regional, statewide and national media. ⑥ Your Premium Membership will automatically revert to Regular Membership (a      ) the end of the month, so you won't have to do anything (t      ) cancel. ⑦ And, if you wish to remain a Premium Member, just email or phone us!

## Unit 21

① Achieving a good work/life balance is less about time (t        n) it is about the level of 'life' that goes into our 'work.' ② It isn't the same (a        ) sleep, where we all need to get a certain amount just to survive. ③ For people (w        ) truly love their work, work and life aren't seen as polar opposites, one of which we 'have' to do and the (o        r) we 'get' to do. ④ So the balance is achieved even if to others it might seem like this person is working all the time. ⑤ On the other hand, for those who dislike their work and view it (a        ) a chore, happiness won't result from an extra day off. ⑥ So we need to address different peoples' needs differently.

## Unit 22

① I got a pretty good look at the guy, (s        ) I think I could pick him out of a lineup. ② He was quite tall. I'd say, easily, 190 centimeters. ③ He had really thick eyebrows, that's the next thing I noticed. ④ He had a tan, (b        ) nothing special, especially for this city. ⑤ He had, I would say, a really thick jaw. ⑥ Real solid-looking. ⑦ The eyebrows and jaw gave him a very tough appearance. ⑧ I'd say he was average build, maybe a little (o        ) the thin side. ⑨ He was tall, but he wasn't huge. ⑩ His hair was short; I think he might (h        e) been bald in places. ⑪ He was wearing ... what was he wearing? ⑫ I think it was a polo shirt, or maybe the buttons went (d        n) all the way, but it was light blue. ⑬ And jeans.

## Unit 23

① In 2017, Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the World Wide Web, identified disinformation, or 'fake news' (a ) one of the main issues needing addressing if the internet is going to be able to truly serve humanity. ② Since then, we have not moved in the right direction and in fact the situation looks pretty bleak right now. ③ Algorithms, the same ones that select (w h) ads to show you, now do the same thing with information about world events as they do about barbecue sets and track shoes. ④ It's (n ) about getting you the news you need to understand the world better and make informed decisions, (b ) rather about feeding you stories you are likely to give your attention to, whether they are true (o ) not! ⑤ We're in trouble!

## Unit 24

① The basic fee for an economy car is likely (t ) be between sixty-five and eighty dollars for two days, depending (o ) make and model. ② Drivers under the age of twenty-five will most likely encounter an additional fee of up to twenty-five dollars. ③ This is a minimum charge, and it can go up quite a bit (i ) you start throwing in a lot of options. ④ High-end luxury cars will probably start around two hundred dollars and can go way up from there. ⑤ All models come (w h) one full tank of gas, and you are asked to fill up (b e) returning them to avoid having that as an additional charge when it's time to pay.

## Unit 25

① We've chosen the slogan, 'Powering Today with Tomorrow's Ideas,' because that really gets to the heart of (w        t) we do. ② We've grown, and our capabilities have evolved. ③ We are much more (t        n) just an energy company. ④ For the last decade we have staked out new ground in terms (o        ) working with enterprises and municipalities to ensure that they have long-term, sustainable energy provisions that enable them (t        ) run efficiently, cleanly and safely. ⑤ We are committed to the idea that the role we play is vital to cementing the bond between a healthy environment and a vibrant economy. ⑥ And to do that we need to look far into the future in (o        r) to provide the best solutions for the present.

## Unit 26

① Satellites and the internet have connected us to each other in ways that people could not have imagined as recently (a        ) 50 years ago. ② We are more global (t        ) ever before, and that trend seems poised to continue. ③ (H        r), not everyone is comfortable with that and feel that our interconnectedness simply makes it easier to control us and market products to us. ④ Thus, some people are fighting the trend (b        ) getting back to nature, living in small communities, growing their own food and avoiding the internet. ⑤ Intentional 'off the grid' communities are appealing to burnt out workers and young people in search of deeper connections than their smartphones can provide. ⑥ I expect we will see this trend grow in the years (t        ) come.

## Unit 27

① Will infants born today live longer (t            n) anything we've previously imagined to be possible? ② Hundreds of years, perhaps even essentially immortal? ③ This question is less outlandish than it seems, though it is indeed troubling (a            ) well. ④ Breakthroughs in genetics point to a future where the aging process of humans is decelerated (a            ) diseases are eradicated. ⑤ If a baby born today lives to one hundred, (t            n) he or she will be able to benefit from all the scientific discoveries the next century promises. ⑥ But this raises so many questions. ⑦ Who might benefit from 'playing god' in such ways, and who might (n            )? ⑧ We know for certain our limited planet can't provide for tens of billions of people, all living forever.

## Unit 28

① Cameras, as well (a            ) visual and audio recorders, are prohibited in the theater, at the request of the performers and shows, who prohibit duplication of their performances. ② Mobile phones must (b            ) turned off during performances. ③ Children under the age of two are not allowed, with the exception being special family performances such (a            ) our family Christmas concert. ④ Food, as well as alcohol and other beverages are available in the lobby and on the mezzanine, but (n            ) food or drink may be consumed in the theater itself. ⑤ Although no dress code exists as such, patrons are encouraged to wear appropriate attire, particularly when attending evening performances. ⑥ The theater lobby opens an hour prior (t            ) curtain, and tickets may be purchased right up till the beginning of performances.

## Unit 29

① Thank you (f         ) calling the Nationwide Arena automatic information center. ② To ensure (t         t) we are providing the best service, some of the calls we receive (a         ) recorded. ③ There are no games or events scheduled today. ④ For a list of upcoming games and events, press One. ⑤ To purchase tickets, press Two. ⑥ For other inquiries about games and events, (p         ) Three. ⑦ To become a Season Ticket holder, or inquire about Season Ticket benefits, press Four. ⑧ For information about stadium tours, press Five. ⑨ To hear options in another language, press Six. ⑩ To hear this recording again, press Seven. ⑪ To speak to one of our operators, (p         e) hold the line, and we will connect you to the next available operator.

## Unit 30

① In her last years before passing away at 97, my aunt had the television on all day (t         ) keep her company. ② For someone who is very old and can't move around, that's understandable behavior. ③ (B         ) today we have kids in the primes of their lives behaving the (s         e) way with their smartphones. ④ They stay glued to them all day long. ⑤ To me this is a tremendous waste and quite sad. ⑥ Like television, smartphones are an addictive technology that pull every trick (t         ) keep us hooked on them. ⑦ The danger is that the young generations that the future of the human race depends on are growing as passive and inactive (a         ) my nonagenarian aunt. ⑧ We need to take action to help kids kick their phone habits.

### Section 3 [B]

#### Unit 41

① Groups of male and female university seniors throughout Alberta province were surveyed (a \_\_\_\_\_ t) the age they would like to get married. ② (A \_\_\_\_\_ h) the numbers were about the same for those who hope to get married (b \_\_\_\_\_ n) the ages of 25 to 35, which composed the largest share of both groups, the figures on either side of that central figure were basically reversed, showing that roughly the (s \_\_\_\_\_ e) portion of females wish to marry at a young age (a \_\_\_\_\_ ) men who hope to marry late or not at all.

#### Unit 42

① (A \_\_\_\_\_ ) the chart shows, three shampoos comprise a full four fifths of the entire market in the U.K. The leader, Malcolm Brothers' Genteel, has held its number one spot (f \_\_\_\_\_ ) over a decade, and during that period has continually strengthened its position, now standing just below 35%. ② World Soap's popular brand Este, (w \_\_\_\_\_ ) is the worldwide leader, holds the second position, at 23%, (b \_\_\_\_\_ ) is slowly losing ground to a relative newcomer, KLP's Lacy, which has risen steadily for the last five years and may soon claim the (s \_\_\_\_\_ d) spot from Este. ③ The remainder of the pie is divided among a dozen or so minor brands.

## Unit 43

① This chart shows how diabetes is expected (t ) continue to rise steeply until the midcentury. ② Currently, approximately 580 million people worldwide suffer (f ) diabetes, nearly a third of whom live in the world's three (m ) populous countries, India, China and the United States. ③ In China alone, 110 million people have (b ) diagnosed with the disease, and that number is projected to rise to 150 million by 2050. ④ The figures for India are even bleaker, as projections have incidences of diabetes nearly doubling by mid-century, from 75 million (a ) present.

## Unit 44

① News reports about the long-term damage (t ) playing football can cause – as well as the sport's alleged efforts (t ) downplay the dangers – have dampened Americans' enthusiasm for the reigning king (o ) sports in the country. ② A recent poll of high school students shows that, compared (t ) figures from the 1980s, far fewer boys (girls were not polled) express an interest in (p ) football. ③ The growing popularity of soccer is another factor for football's decline, as male students expressing interest in that sport have more than tripled.

## Unit 45

① Although wines from Chile, Australia and New Zealand (h ) become ubiquitous in supermarkets, the 'Old World' wines of Europe continue to dominate sales worldwide. ② The French wine industry accounted (f ) 33% of all exports last year, (w ) sales approaching 13 billion U.S. dollars. ③ Its closest rival, Italy, sold about 8.5-billion-dollars worth of wine, (o ) about a fifth of all exported wine. ④ Behind Spain, Chile and Australia came in (f h) and fifth place, with combined sales accounting for ten percent of global exports.

## Unit 46

① Our second One World Mall in Vietnam will open in Hanoi early next year. ② We continue to place tremendous importance (o ) Vietnam as part of our growth strategy. ③ Construction of our third mall in the country, (i ) suburban Danang, is already underway. ④ The Danang One World Mall will (b ) open for business in 2027. ⑤ (S e) its opening in 1995, our Ho Chi Minh mall has been one of our (m ) successful ventures, performing better than similar ventures in Malaysia and India, leading to our decision to invest heavily in Vietnam.

## Unit 47

① As the chart shows, our sales stay relatively consistent throughout the year, thanks mostly (t ) our seasonal offerings. ② Our iced drinks, frozen coffee drinks, smoothies and ice cream products are popular year-round, but peak (d ) the hot months beginning in May. ③ (S ) y), our hot coffees as well as teas and herbal teas, which account (f ) nearly forty percent of our annual beverage sales, perform well throughout the year (b ) are strongest between October and April. ④ Among all seasonal offerings, our Christmas special blends perform best.

## Unit 48

① Here (i ) our recommendation for how you should allot your advertising budget. ② Traditionally, you (h ) benefitted from your television ads, which are popular and which coincide with discernible bumps in sales. ③ So, we recommend (t ) 34% of your total outlay be used for TV ads. ④ We do recommend pulling back a bit on your radio and print expenditures (t ) devote more to online ads, but not as much as you might suspect. ⑤ Print and radio are both continuing to perform well. ⑥ So, we recommend shifting 3% from (b ) h) of those segments to beef online up to 30%.

## Unit 49

① In (o            ) to better align with population changes, some Upper Manhattan voter districts have been revised, effective November 1st this year. ② The 66th electoral district has (b            ) expanded. ③ The district now includes both 93rd and 94th Streets, between Riverdale Drive and Parkway Boulevard. ④ The 67th district now begins at 95th Street. ⑤ Across Central Park, the 73rd district has also been expanded, (t            ) include 93rd through 97th Streets, between East End Drive and East Park Avenue. ⑥ These streets will (n            ) longer be part (o            ) the 74th district.

## Unit 50

① Although its 90-million-dollar price tag had taxpayers seeing red, Municipal Stadium is (f            y) in the black, five years (a            ) its opening. ② Some clever marketing by its operators has resulted (i            ) diverse revenue streams. ③ Sports and music events are the biggest sources, each totaling about a quarter of the total. ④ Parking fees bring (i            ) another ten percent. ⑤ Licensing the stadium's image, a popular setting for television shows and movies, has risen sharply over the last two years, approaching a fifth of total revenue. ⑥ The remainder comes (f            m) concessions and private bookings.

## Section 3 [C]

### Unit 51

① Clayton University has accepted international students (s ) its founding in 1967. ② This chart shows how the geographical makeup of our international student body has changed over the school's history. ③ (G n) our location in the American Southwest, naturally students from Mexico, as well as Central and South America have always made (u ) the largest contingent of students from abroad. ④ In 1970, students from this region accounted (f ) 67% of all international students, which was the largest showing ever, for any group. ⑤ By 2020, that figure fell to its lowest, when the region accounted for only 32% (o ) all international students. ⑥ The sharp rise in European students that we see in 2000 is due primarily to our creation of sister programs with schools in the region that (h ) formerly been part of the Soviet Union. ⑦ The slightly lower European representation that we find in 2020, the most recent year for which we have data, is not a reflection of the success of these programs, which continue to expand, but rather the rapid rise of students from the Far East, especially China. ⑧ As (y ) can see, representation from that region has consistently risen, peaking at 21% in that year. ⑨ And I can pretty much guarantee you that figure will be higher when we release the 2030 results.

## Unit 52

① The Pensatoma River runs through the city of Liberty, dividing the city (i o) its East and West sides. ② Liberty's East Side is the more developed. ③ The city's downtown extends directly east from the river, centered around an area known (a ) Vanderbilt Pier, or simply, 'The Pier' to locals. ④ The Pier Tower, Liberty's only skyscraper, rises to 650 feet and was completed in 1987 (t ) commemorate the city's centennial. ⑤ Other Pier areas of interest are Riverside Park, the art deco city hall building and The Liberty Museum, known (f ) its collection of paintings by local artist Samuel Bretton, a former slave (w ) became a well-known portrait artist. ⑥ Recently, development is taking place on the city's west side. ⑦ A housing and industrial area, Vanderbilt Square, is rising on the site of the old state penitentiary, just across the 17th Street Bridge (f ) The Pier. ⑧ The project, which will include restaurants, craft beer bars and a hotel, is scheduled for completion in early 2028, and will invigorate this formerly underutilized section of town. ⑨ It is expected to bring (i ) new businesses from around the region, as well as an influx of new residents.

## Unit 53

① Veganism, a dietary practice that allows for (n ) animal products whatsoever, including dairy products and eggs, has risen rapidly (s e) the beginning of the 21st century. ② In the United States, the number of people (w ) identify as vegans has risen from less (t ) one percent in 2000 to six percent as of 2024. ③ A similar trend is occurring throughout Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. ④ A survey of the world's ten most vegan countries was conducted to learn the reasons (b d) this growing trend. ⑤ As for reasons given for converting to a vegan diet, the (m t) highly cited (by over three quarters of those surveyed) was to reduce the suffering of animals. ⑥ Slightly over half cited personal health as playing a significant role in their choice. ⑦ Nearly the same number polled selected protecting the environment as a concern. ⑧ About a quarter selected as an influence the desire to relieve global hunger. ⑨ Less than ten percent selected categories (r d) to an interest in trying new health trends or wanting to experiment with a change in their diet, so it appears that veganism is anything but a passing fad.

## Unit 54

① The Victorian Village Condominiums have been open for one year. ② Our first annual tenant's survey shows a high degree of satisfaction (w ) the residences. ③ (H r), the survey also revealed particular areas of dissatisfaction that we, as the landlords, need to be aware of. ④ Poor insulation was given (a ) the biggest complaint. ⑤ Tenants, particularly those over sixty, complained that the areas around their windows were always cold during fall and winter months, and that they had (t ) turn their thermostats up to compensate. ⑥ The same age group mentioned insufficient wheelchair access. ⑦ We may need to look at (a g) some ramps as part of our new budget. ⑧ Across all residents, a small number complained about the thinness of the walls, and the ability to hear the sounds of parties, music, etc. from their neighbors' rooms. ⑨ I think we (m t) want to take up the issue of insulation as a whole to address these complaints. ⑩ A complaint that registered more among younger residents, especially those with large families, was that the parking spaces are too small (t ) accommodate large vehicles. ⑪ Expanding space widths is an issue that we may not be able to do anything about, as other residents have complained about there not being enough parking spaces within the complex.

## Unit 55

① It has long (b            n) said that chimpanzees are the closest living relative of humans. ② However, what is less commonly known is that there are actually two distinct species of chimps, and (b            h) are essentially equally related to us in terms (o            ) genetics. ③ Bonobos, also known as pygmy chimpanzees because they are slightly smaller (t            ) their cousins, share 99.6% of their DNA, and the two species can actually mate. ④ The two species split fairly recently in evolutionary terms, less than a million years ago. ⑤ You (h            ) to go considerably further back, between four to seven million years, to find the last common ancestor of humans and both varieties of apes. ⑥ Of the nearly 99% of our shared DNA with chimps, approximately 1.6%, in the case of both bonobos and chimpanzees, is shared only with that species and not the other, making them (e            y) related to us according to evolutionary science. ⑦ In terms of behavior, all three species are notable for their complex social structures, displaying traits ranging from violent aggression to altruistic kindness. ⑧ However, as bonobos have been studied less than chimps, it is difficult to determine (w            ) species humans are closer to behaviorally.

## Unit 56

① These are the results of Central High School Library's book borrowings for last year. ② Nearly eighty percent of all books borrowed (f            m) the library were in the genre of Young Adult fiction and graphic novels. ③ Among the remaining fifth, reference books, magazines and science books (t            t) contained sections of required reading for specific classes were the most common. ④ The most popular Young Adult category was fantasy, (w            ) the Sammy Sorcerer books continuing to be the most popular. ⑤ 'Coming of Age' stories placed second, primarily because a number of these books, such (a            ) *Catcher in The Rye* and *A Separate Peace*, are required reading for certain classes. ⑥ Graphic novels, and manga, have continued to gain popularity (a            g) our students, and those borrowings were nearly equal (t            ) 'Coming of Age' stories. ⑦ The remainder of books borrowed were primarily in the genres of mystery, romance and contemporary Christian fiction. ⑧ Overall, the library and school's administrators are pleased with the amount of books our students are reading, but feel we need to do more (t            ) promote nonfiction categories.

## Unit 57

① Unlike computing power, (w            h) increases rapidly and consistently, car engineers have actually not made a tremendous amount of progress in improving fuel efficiency. ② It doesn't seem to be a high priority among automakers (u            s) some outside factor forces the issue. ③ (F            ) example, the first major attempt at creating fuel-efficient engines came as part of the 'war effort,' (w            n) Detroit was producing not only passenger vehicles but military vehicles such as tanks as well. ④ Great strides were made to improve fuel efficiency during a time when oil provisions were not always reliable. ⑤ Next came the 1970s, when developed countries had to deal (w            ) oil shortages due to the 'oil shock' and creation of OPEC. ⑥ At this time, cars that could get 40 or even 50 miles (p            r) gallon were built and sold. ⑦ Carmaker Subaru even developed a prototype car that got 100 miles to a gallon, but this never reached the market. ⑧ Concerns about the environment, and concerns that we may be running (o            ) of oil, are what is fueling recent innovations such as hybrid engines. ⑨ So, rather than a steady uptick of improvements as we see in the computing and telecom industries, with cars we see a lot of stops and starts.

## Unit 58

① As Premier Resort Share Club members, you receive forty thousand points per year. ② Let's take a look at how you used those points last year, and how that compares with our average. ③ I see (t ) you use your points pretty much equally between staying at your own room, hotel stays (a ) mileage points. ④ For example, you only spent three days at your condo in Hawaii last year, and I notice you (d t) visit there at all in the previous year. ⑤ However, you used points to stay at luxury hotels in Rome and Venice in June. ⑥ You also spent a night in a suite here at the downtown Commodore Hotel in early December. ⑦ Perhaps that was (t ) help you use up your points, as you still had 5,000 unused points (t ) that point. ⑧ You used points to upgrade your flights to Hawaii and Italy. ⑨ So, you're getting good use out of your plan. ⑩ You can see here that on average, club members use between three fourths and four fifths of their points with stays at their own time shares, typically spending a whole week there each year. ⑪ Is there a reason (w ) you are not visiting your own share as much (a ) most owners?

## Unit 59

① The student relations department at Everton University has always been open (t ) listening and responding to students' complaints since the school's founding in 1972. ② What we can see is that over the years, there have been some (c s) in the types of complaints we generally receive. ③ For the first thirty years, the (m t) common complaints were related to a lack of variety of classes, insufficient career counseling, difficulty in changing majors, and specific complaints (a t) individual professors. ④ Most of the latter were situations where the students thought their profs were being unfair and in flexible, with a very small number of complaints related to inappropriate behavior. ⑤ Over the last three decades, we have (s n) a sharp increase in complaints from students (w ) feel that either they, individually, or their group are being denied basic rights due to discrimination. ⑥ Many students complain that the courses themselves, and much of the text material, is inherently prejudiced (t s) their groups. ⑦ Part of the reason for the increase in this type of complaint is the growing level of student activism and mobilization according to their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, etc.

## Unit 60

① Regionalism plays the biggest role (i ) what language English speaking students choose to study as a second language in high school. ② In the United States, Spanish has continually been the language (m t) frequently selected by students. ③ The results are almost equal in terms (o ) schools where a second language is mandatory and where it is optional. ④ In both cases, an overwhelming majority, approximately 75% choose Spanish, followed (b ) French, German, Mandarin Chinese and Italian. ⑤ (H r), in Australia, with its geographic and economic ties to Asia, Mandarin Chinese is the most frequent choice of students, Japanese is third (2nd is Italian), while Spanish does not appear in the top five. ⑥ In the United Kingdom, Spanish is also popular, Spain being both a neighbor and the most popular tourist destination for British people. ⑦ French, (w h) has traditionally been the second language most recommended for British children to study, retains its position at the top, but the number of students studying French has declined steadily for years, (w e) Spanish continues to gain popularity among high schoolers. ⑧ It may well claim the top spot in the next decade.