

Q Reading and Writing 2 Unit 5 Test

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What Happened to the Mom and Pop Shop?

1 Although fifty years ago many families owned local grocery stores, nowadays, such family-owned businesses have a hard time surviving. There are several reasons for this. Today, small family-owned stores cannot compete with large supermarket chains. Most Mom and Pop stores are a thing of the past. The way of life is another challenge in a family business. A successful company requires hard work and long hours. Younger generations may not want this lifestyle. They may want more freedom. In addition, sons and daughters may not have the same enthusiasm for the business as their parents.

2 A successful family business depends on the family's strengths and talents. However, families also bring their weaknesses and personal problems to the workplace. Many families do not communicate well, and they are not good at solving problems together. These challenges often cause businesses to fail. According to Professor Randel Carlock, these problems are common. He says, "Being part of a family is very difficult. Being part of a family business is even more difficult." Love is important in a family, but love is not enough to run a family business. The business must achieve financial success.

3 Many families dream of passing down their businesses to the next generation, but this requires careful planning and preparation. Good management is a key to success. All employees, especially family members, need to have clear responsibilities. Family business owners need to think about how decisions are made. Also, they should be realistic about the dreams and goals of the younger generation. Family businesses can be successful because of strong family ties. But to succeed for more than one generation, families need to manage their businesses carefully.

Read the statements. Write *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- _____ 1. Fifty years ago, there were not many small, family-owned grocery stores.
_____ 2. Many family businesses fail because the families are not good at solving problems together.

Complete the sentence. Choose **A**, **B**, or **C**.

3. According to the text, small family-owned stores are _____.
A. very successful
B. a thing of the past
C. easy to run
4. According to the text, one of the challenges for successful family businesses today is that _____.
A. families are weak with their finances
B. hard work and long hours are needed
C. families don't love each other enough
5. According to the text, _____ NOT important in making a family business successful for more than one generation.
A. having clear responsibilities for each family member is
B. being realistic about the younger generation's goals is
C. having strong family ties and getting along well are

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Choose the best response.

6. Which tip is good for skimming a text?
- A. Read every word in all the paragraphs.
 - B. Read the first sentence of each paragraph.
 - C. Move your eyes slowly as you read.

Skim the reading passage. Match each paragraph with the correct main idea.

- _____ 7. paragraph 2 A. Times have changed, and family-owned businesses have a hard time surviving nowadays.
- _____ 8. paragraph 3 B. Families bring their problems as well as their strengths to the workplace.
- _____ 9. paragraph 1 C. Careful planning and good management are necessary to pass a business to the next generation.

Match each word with the correct definition.

- _____ 10. manage A. to become bigger, or make something become bigger
- _____ 11. expand B. a person who knows a lot about something
- _____ 12. expert C. not being afraid, or not showing you are afraid when you do something dangerous or difficult
- _____ 13. courage D. to control someone or something

Complete the sentences with the correct word.

14. Ai was good at creating _____ (*corporation / unity*) in her family. She was able to get people to agree with each other.
15. Ignacio _____ (*designed / purchased*) the restaurant. He decided where everything should go and what colors to use.

Match each word with the correct definition.

- _____ 16. pass down A. strong feeling of liking something
- _____ 17. enthusiasm B. a difficult thing that makes you try hard
- _____ 18. challenge C. be unsuccessful
- _____ 19. fail D. give something to a younger person

Complete the sentence. Choose A, B, or C.

20. Children usually _____ their parents until they are about 18 years old.
- A. depend on
 - B. pass over
 - C. lean on
21. Nar is washing dishes in a hotel now, but his _____ is to be a manager there.
- A. lifestyle
 - B. future
 - C. goal

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Read the dictionary entry. Then write the answer to the questions.

re•spon•si•bil•i•ty noun (pl. re•spon•si•bil•i•ties)

1 [count, noncount] **responsibility (for sb/sth)** a duty to deal with something so that it is your fault if something goes wrong: *I refuse to take responsibility if anything goes wrong.* ♦ *It is John's responsibility to make sure the orders are sent out on time.*

2 [noncount] the fact of something being your fault; blame: *A terrorist group claimed responsibility for planting the bomb.*

22. What is the plural form of *responsibility*?

23. Is the word *responsibility* a count noun, noncount noun, or both?

24. What two prepositions can follow *responsibility*?

Read the excerpt from the dictionary entry. Then write the answer to the questions.

take 1 verb [T] (pt. **took**, pp. **tak•en**)

> **CARRY/LEAD** to carry someone or something or to go with someone from one place to another: *Take your coat with you—it's cold.* ♦ *Could you take this letter home to your parents?* ♦ *The ambulance took him to the hospital.* ♦ *I'm taking the kids swimming this afternoon.*

> **REACH AND HOLD** to put your hand around something and hold it (and move it toward you): *She held out the keys, and I took them.* ♦ *He took a sweater out of the drawer.* ♦ *She took my hand/me by the hand.*

> **REMOVE** to remove something without permission: *Who took my pen?*

25. What part of speech is *take*?

26. What irregular forms are listed for *take*?

27. How many definitions are listed for *take*?

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Write the comparative form of the adjectives.

28. safe _____

29. happy _____

30. realistic _____

31. intelligent _____

Correct the error in superlatives in the sentence.

32. This book is the interestingest book I have read.

33. This is the baddest storm we have had this year.

34. Chinese is most difficult language to learn.

Match the parts of a personal letter with their order within a letter.

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|--------------------|----------------|
| _____ 35. greeting | A. first part |
| _____ 36. closing | B. second part |
| _____ 37. body | C. final part |
| _____ 38. heading | D. third part |

Choose the best response.

39. Which is an example of the heading of a personal letter?

A. 4811 W. Argyle St.

Chicago, IL 60640

August 26, 2009

B. What are you doing this summer? Do you have any travel plans?

C. Hi Carolyn,

40. Which is an appropriate closing for a personal letter?

A. Dear Sahra,

B. How are you?

C. Take care,