**Reading Success 5 Midterm Test**

**Units 1-20**

**A. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the box.**

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| afraid | occasional | sidewalk | disappointed | score |
| critic | ignore | rod | figure out | bait |

1. Despite having studied all night long, my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was low.

2. My mother was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when I told her that my test score was low.

3. My fishing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not very strong because it is made of bamboo.

4. Which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will attract salmon?

5. Let’s not see that movie because the film \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ said it was boring.

6. We mostly caught rainbow trout, but we did catch the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ large-mouth bass.

7. You should always walk on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because it’s safer than the road.

8. I can’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how to get this bait onto the hook.

9. I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this fish is too small.

10. Jim’s parents told him to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his baby sister when she tries to bother him.

**B. Match the word to its definition.**

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| 1. reel in | a. not wanting to wait |
| 2. jerk | b. meeting and getting to know; contact |
| 3. panting | c. to pull a fish closer to you by winding a spool |
| 4. impatient | d. having a famous person’s signature on it |
| 5. autographed | e. breathing very noisily and deeply through one’s mouth |
| 6. fare | f. to fill out a form to try to get something |
| 7. apply | g. a sudden pull |
| 8. exposure | h. money paid to ride a taxi or bus |
| 9. endangered | i. to sleep for long periods of time |
| 10. hibernate | j. very rare; at risk |

**C. Read and answer the questions.**

Everybody loves pandas. They look so cute. Let’s find out a bit more about them. The giant panda is a large white bear with black patches around the eyes, over its ears, and across its round body. It used to live in the lowland forests of central and south-western China, but the forests have been cut down to make farms, and the giant pandas that survive now live in the mountain ranges nearby. The giant panda is an endangered species. About three hundred of them live in zoos around the world, and scientists estimate that there are about two or three thousand living in the wild.

Giant pandas weigh about 100 grams when they are born and grow to about 150 kilograms. They eat mostly bamboo though they also eat honey, fish, eggs, and bananas. They live for about 30 years. For most of that time they live alone, only coming together in the mating season. Male pandas do not stay with the female after mating, and the female raises her cubs alone.

Many bears hibernate during winter, but pandas don’t. They do not make permanent homes either. Pandas just roam through a territory, eating bamboo as they wander. Because bamboo doesn’t have much nutrition in it, giant pandas have to eat a lot of it and move slowly to save energy. That’s why, although they can climb trees, they don’t like steep slopes.

People have always thought of giant pandas as rare and noble animals. The mother of one Chinese emperor was buried with a panda skull in her tomb. The first Westerners did not know about giant pandas until the late 19th century. In 1936 a living giant panda cub was brought to the US. This was the first giant panda to live outside China. Since then, giant pandas have played an important role in Chinese diplomacy with Western nations through loans to zoos.

If you haven’t seen a giant panda yet, go to the zoo. You are sure to agree that they look cute.

1 Why are there so few giant pandas alive today?

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2. Where do the wild giant pandas live today?

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3. How are pandas different from many bears?

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4. Why don’t pandas like to climb trees?

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5. Where did the first giant panda live outside of China?

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**D.** **Read the passage. Underline the mistake and write the correction on the line.**

Iceland is an island in the North Atlantic Ocean, just south of the Arctic Circle. It is about 300 km east of Greenland and 1,000 km west of Norway. It is a fascinating island, where rivers of ice flow next to hot springs and volcanoes. It is so far north that the sun shines there for almost 24 hours a day during summer and hardly shines there at all during winter. Over 300,000 people live there. Most of them work in the fishing industry.

This 100,000-square-kilometer island was historically part of Denmark but became an independent republic in the 20th century. The capital city, situated on the south-east coast, is Reykjavik, and half the population lives there. Icelanders don’t have family names, so they are always addressed by their first names, and girls don’t change their names when they marry. Young couples live together with one set of parents for a number of years while they save money for a wedding and a house. During this time, they begin to have children. Most firstborn children are born before their parents are married.

It is very expensive to live in Iceland because everything must be imported. Buildings are usually made of reinforced concrete because Iceland has many earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Hot water is piped to the buildings from the hot springs around the island. The largest hot spring spouts water 60 meters into the air. The huge glaciers on the island are sometimes more than one kilometer thick and cover one-eighth of the land. However, farmers can grow tomatoes, vegetables, and even bananas by trapping warm air from the hot springs in greenhouses.

Most of Iceland is an uninhabitable plateau with volcanoes. The people live on the grassy lowlands around the coast. There have been over 200 volcanic eruptions in Iceland. In 1963 an underwater volcano erupted just south of Iceland and formed a new island, called Surtsey. Birds visit the island and plants have begun to grow there, but the only people allowed to go there are scientists.

1. Iceland is an island near the Atlantic Circle. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Iceland gets a lot of sun in winter. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Most of the people in Iceland live in the capital city. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Most couples don’t have children before marriage. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. People in Iceland live on a plateau with volcanoes. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**A.**

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2. disappointed

3. rod

4. bait

5. critic

6. occasional

7. sidewalk

8. figure out

9. afraid

10. ignore

**B.**

1. c

2. g

3. e

4. a

5. d

6. h

7. f

8. b

9. j

10. i

**C.**

1. There are few giant pandas alive today because the areas where they lived have been turned into farmland.

2. Today wild giant plants live in mountain ranges.

3. Pandas are different from many bears because they don’t hibernate.

4. They don’t like to climb trees because it uses too much energy.

5. The first giant panda outside of China lived in the US.

**D.**

1. Iceland is an island near the Atlantic Circle. (Arctic)

2. Iceland gets a lot of sun in winter. (summer)

3. Most of the people in Iceland live in the capital city. (half)

4. Most couples don’t have children before marriage. (delete word)

5. People in Iceland live on a plateau with volcanoes. (on the grassy lowlands around the coast)