

# Reading for the Real World Intro - Unit 9

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## I. Vocabulary: Choose the best word to fill in the blank.

1. Irina is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the French martial art, savate.
  - a. fusion
  - b. physique
  - c. practitioner
  - d. volley
2. Henri did not study \_\_\_\_\_ for the exam, so he got a low grade.
  - a. aerobically
  - b. victory
  - c. historically
  - d. sufficiently
3. At the end of the 20-game season, the goal \_\_\_\_\_ between the two top teams was just 2.
  - a. declaration
  - b. meditation
  - c. limitation
  - d. differential
4. Although the Lions won every regular season game, their \_\_\_\_\_ ended with a loss in the playoffs.
  - a. fatigue
  - b. dominance
  - c. barrier
  - d. novice
5. To improve your \_\_\_\_\_ performance, you must spend a lot of time training in the gym.
  - a. simultaneous
  - b. fad
  - c. athletic
  - d. separate

## II. Cloze Test

### Questions 6 - 10

\_\_\_\_(6)\_\_\_\_, there has always been a gap between men and women in sports; female athletes have not been treated with as much respect and admiration as male athletes. This is reflected in the pay \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_, with female athletes usually earning much less than male athletes. However, there are signs that this male \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ is beginning to change. Laila Ali, for example, is someone who has helped women athletes get the \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_ they deserve. Now retired, she became a boxing champion like her father, Muhammad Ali. She gained a lot of attention for women's boxing because of her family name and beauty, but her fame really comes from her own success. Ali won fifteen of her eighteen \_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_ by knockout, and she earned more money than many male boxers did at the time.

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| 6. | a. Sufficiently<br>b. Separately<br>c. Lucratively<br>d. Historically | 9.  | a. status<br>b. physique<br>c. abdomen<br>d. concept   |
| 7. | a. fatigue<br>b. differential<br>c. limitation<br>d. optimal          | 10. | a. victories<br>b. novices<br>c. volleys<br>d. fusions |
| 8. | a. meditation<br>b. barrier<br>c. dominance<br>d. accomplishment      |     |                                                        |

### III. Reading Comprehension: Based on the reading in section II, indicate whether each statement is true (T) or false (F).

11. \_\_\_\_ Male athletes have been paid more money than female athletes only in the past 10 years.
12. \_\_\_\_ This difference in pay seems to be changing recently.
13. \_\_\_\_ Laila Ali is the daughter of a famous boxer.
14. \_\_\_\_ Laila Ali knocked out 18 male opponents.
15. \_\_\_\_ Laila Ali earned a lot of money because of her success.

**IV. Word Study: Choose the SYNONYM ( = ) or ANTONYM ( ↔ ) for each word.**

16. Which of the following is a synonym for *novice*?
- a. athlete
  - b. beginner
  - c. historian
  - d. expert
17. Which of the following is a synonym for *fusion*?
- a. isolation
  - b. position
  - c. combination
  - d. declaration
18. Which of the following is an antonym for *optimal*?
- a. worst
  - b. best
  - c. limit
  - d. lucrative
19. Which of the following is an antonym for *fatigue*?
- a. diet
  - b. consume
  - c. tire
  - d. energize
20. Which of the following is an antonym for *simultaneously*?
- a. instantly
  - b. separately
  - c. lucratively
  - d. dominantly

**V. Fill in the blank with the correct word.**

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21. Although this area is now filled with modern apartments, \_\_\_\_\_, it was a warehouse district.
22. Considered \_\_\_\_\_, Tina and Jake are just average badminton players, but they are great together as a team.
23. A few hours with a tutor really helped Hillary to better understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of quantum mechanics.
24. If you always \_\_\_\_\_ to do your best, you will feel like a success.
25. My parents want me to have a career that brings a level of social \_\_\_\_\_, like a doctor or lawyer.

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| c            | d          | d          | b      | c      |
| 6            | 7          | 8          | 9      | 10     |
| d            | b          | c          | a      | a      |
| 11           | 12         | 13         | 14     | 15     |
| F            | T          | T          | F      | T      |
| 16           | 17         | 18         | 19     | 20     |
| b            | c          | a          | d      | b      |
| 21           | 22         | 23         | 24     | 25     |
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