**Reading Success 6 Final Test**

**Units 21-40**

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

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| depicts | laughed | opportunity | aristocrats | take risks |
| dilute | resumed | sets | bully | authorities |

1. The flight attendants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ meal service after the turbulence stopped.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ used to own the land that the peasants farmed.
3. Christina has won two of the three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ played in the tennis match.
4. The TV show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Japanese as villains.
5. I thought the joke was funny, but no one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Many people distrust the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because they think that they abuse their power.
7. This is a rare \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to see a giant panda in the wild.

8. You should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bleach before you use it, or else it will be too strong.

9. There is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at school who is mean to the weaker students.

10. Many people say that you must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to be successful.

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

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| 1. unexpected | a. of great importance |
| 2. weed | b. the smallest unit of any substance |
| 3. valuable | c. previous; past |
| 4. invite | d. to go through something |
| 5. atom | e. an unwanted plant |
| 6. sore | f. to vomit |
| 7. former | g. a wealthy landowner |
| 8. throw up | h. to ask someone to visit or go with you somewhere |
| 9. penetrate | i. painful and uncomfortable |
| 10. aristocrat | j. something surprising |

**Read the passage. Rewrite the statement to make it correct.**

Madagascar

Madagascar is the fourth largest island in the world. Its area is 587,000 square kilometers, which makes it slightly larger than France but smaller than the Ukraine. It is almost exactly the same size as Botswana. It’s in the Indian Ocean, off the south-eastern coast of Africa, and was uninhabited and isolated for millions of years. This means that many of the plants and animals on Madagascar evolved differently from those in the rest of the world.

There are about 9,000 types of plants on Madagascar that are not found in the rest of the world. There are also many unique species of birds and animals. A more common sight in Madagascar is the giant jumping rat, which is the size of a rabbit. Large birds called elephant birds lived on Madagascar but have been extinct for hundreds of years. Many of the other rare animals on the island, such as lemurs and chameleons, are also under the threat of extinction due to the clearing of native vegetation. Since the arrival of humans about 2,000 years ago, 90 percent of the original forest, where lemurs live, has been destroyed.

Lemurs are Madagascar’s most famous animals. They are primates; although they are similar to monkeys and apes in some ways, they are not really related to them. There are almost 100 different species of lemur, the smallest of which weigh just thirty grams, while others are up to nine kilograms.

Archeologists have found evidence that people lived on Madagascar as early as 300 BCE, but the first written records are of Muslim traders visiting the island around 700 CE. They established trading posts along the northwest coast. During the Middle Ages, the rulers of Madagascar grew rich and powerful by trading with Arab, Persian, and Somali merchants. In 1500 Portuguese traders found Madagascar, and the French soon followed. They began to trade in coffee, vanilla, cocoa, rice, beans, bananas, and peanuts—all of which were easily grown in Madagascar. The island also became a hiding place for many pirates.

Madagascar became a French colony in 1890 and gained independence in 1960. The population of the island grew from just over 2 million in 1900 to 21 million in 2010. The people come from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds. Sailors sometimes called Madagascar the Island of the Moon because it was so strange. Today it is still a very interesting place to visit.

1. Madagascar is the fourth largest country in the world. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Many plants and animals in Madagascar evolved differently because it was inhabited for millions of years. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Rice, vanilla, and coffee were shipped to Madagascar. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. The island was very poor during the Middle Ages. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. The island is a French colony today. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**D.** **Read the passage. Answer the questions.**

Discovery Trips in the Blue Mountains

▪ Trip 1 Black Bear Count

There have been fires in this area in the last few years, and the Office of National Parks is not sure how many black bears have survived. Some bears have been seen since the fires, and the Office has asked for volunteers to help count them. The entire trip will last three hours. Booking’s essential.

Cost: free When: May 8

▪ Trip 2 Garland Valley

Bring your binoculars and lunch for this walk in a beautiful area of the Blue Mountains. Garland Valley is close to the town of Garland but is part of the National Park. Many wild animals live in this area, including many rare birds and reptiles. This is a great walk for bird-lovers. The trip lasts four hours. Booking’s essential.

Cost: $15 When: May 8, May 15

▪ Trip 3 Flashlight Adventure

Put on your warm clothes, bring a flashlight and a pair of binoculars, and come for a night walk along the Dungog Valley. A guide will lead the tour. Many of the animals you will see on this trip can only be seen at night. The guide will tell you about the lives of the animals you see. Numbers are strictly limited on night trips, so be sure to book early. This walk lasts two and a half hours.

Cost: $12 When: May 8, May 15, May 22

Essential equipment:

• Please bring enough water and food for all walks.

• Wear good walking shoes—no high heels or sandals.

• Wear a hat for day walks.

• Dress warmly for night walks.

• Children must be with an adult.

• Make sure your flashlight works well and bring extra batteries for night walks.

• Follow all instructions from guides during the walks. The mountains are a dangerous place.

Bookings:

• Bookings for the above trips can be made by telephone (893-4847) or on the Internet at [www.bluemountaintour.com](http://www.bluemountaintour.com).

1. On which date can all three trips be booked? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Which trip should a birdwatcher take? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Which trip should you not take if you do not like cold weather? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Which trip is the longest? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What do you need for day walks that you don’t for night walks? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**A.**

1. resumed

2. aristocrats

3. sets

4. depicts

5. laughed

6. authorities

7. opportunity

8. dilute

9. bully

10. take risks

**B.**

1. j

2. e

3. a

4. h

5. b

6. i

7. c

8. f

9. d

10.g

**C.**

1. Madagascar is the fourth largest country in the world. (island)
2. Many plants and animals in Madagascar evolved differently because it was inhabited for millions of years. (uninhabited)
3. Rice, vanilla, and coffee were shipped to Madagascar. (grown in / traded in)
4. The island was very poor during the Middle Ages. (powerful)
5. The island is a French colony today. (is no longer)

**D.**

1. May 15th

2. Trip 2

3. Trip 3

4. Trip 2

5. A hat