Reading for the Real World Intro - Unit 12

Name _____

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

1. You shouldn't let anyone tell you how to vote; you must make that decision _____.
    a. critically
    b. independently
    c. readily
    d. apparently

2. After retirement, I'll depend on my _____ to pay basic living expenses.
    a. retailer
    b. overhead
    c. pension
    d. workforce

3. Parents teach kids _____ habits, such as washing your hands after using the bathroom.
    a. resistant
    b. apparent
    c. hygienic
    d. downside

4. Millions of women found jobs and entered the _____ for the first time in the mid-twentieth century.
    a. workforce
    b. emergence
    c. axiom
    d. estimation

5. _____ on the author's name to go to their website.
    a. Gig
    b. Click
    c. Overhead
    d. Tech

II. Cloze Test

Questions 6 - 10

"Cash is king" was a/an _____(6)_____ one used to hear quite often. It was meant to suggest that, for customers and _____(7)_____ alike, paper money was the most effective, direct, and powerful means of payment. Over the last twenty years, however, this old _____(8)_____ might well have been adapted: the card became king. In recent years, contactless card payment has made using a card in-store quicker, more secure, and more hygienic. But physical cards remain easy to lose and easy to steal. And, as lifestyles and _____(9)_____habits continue to change, our wallets are changing, too.

A major factor driving the payment revolution is the growth of e-commerce. If this was a large market pre-COVID-19, it is now vast. Recent _____(10)_____ by Statista suggest that online retail may be worth more than $5 trillion by the end of 2021. In the past, banks and stores struggled to keep pace with online retail. Today, they are left with little choice. They are working with tech companies to improve and simplify methods of payment to keep up with demand.

6. a. estimation
   b. pension
   c. expression
   d. overhead

7. a. retailers
   b. protections
   c. workforces
   d. payments

8. a. tech
   b. payroll
   c. gig
   d. axiom

9. a. emergence
   b. consumer
   c. downside
   d. expression

10. a. overheads
    b. estimations
    c. clicks
    d. gigs

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

11. ___ "Cash is king" meant that paper money was the best form of payment.
12. ___ People have started preferring card payment over the last twenty years.
13. ___ COVID-19 made e-commerce an even bigger market.
14. ___ E-commerce was a $5 trillion business at the start of 2021.
15. ___ Banks and retailers don't want to cooperate with tech companies.

IV. Word Study: Match the word to its definition.

a. readily
b. qualify
c. axiom
d. biometric
e. simplify

16. ___ a statement or idea that is generally accepted to be true but is not necessarily true
17. ___ to have the right to do, have, or be a part of something
18. ___ easily
19. ___ to make something less complicated and easier
20. ___ using a person's characteristics to prove who they are

V. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

payment	flexibility	downside	emergence	authorize

21. One _____ of living in a large city is air pollution.
22. Only the bank manager can _____ people to unlock this door.
23. If you work from home rather than in an office, your schedule has more _____.
24. The _____ of streaming services has hurt broadcast TV.
25. Will you make your _____ in cash or by card?

1	2	3	4	5
b	c	c	a	b
6	7	8	9	10
c	a	d	b	b
11	12	13	14	15
T	T	T	F	F
16	17	18	19	20
c	b	a	e	d
21	22	23	24	25
downside	authorize	flexibility	emergence	payment