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ESSENTIAL

ENGLISH

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ANSWER KEY

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UNIT 1

EXERCISES

A

1. a 2. d 3. d 4. c 5. a

B

1. elite 2. distinct 3. glory
4. interior 5. role

C

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. a 5. e

D

1. archaeology, n. 2. interior, n.
3. surface, n. 4. chamber, n.
5. afterlife, n.

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

- F / The Great Pyramids of Egypt are located in Egypt.
- F / Kings were buried in the pyramids when they died.
- F / The Great Pyramids of Egypt were built 5,000 years ago.
- F / A queen and king had separate chambers.
- T
- F / In the afterlife, a king went on to become the god of the dead.

Part B

1. a 2. a 3. b

UNIT 2

EXERCISES

A

1. d 2. b 3. b 4. b 5. d

B

1. a 2. d 3. d 4. b 5. d

C

1. b 2. c 3. c 4. d 5. b
6. b 7. d 8. c 9. b 10. c

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

- F / Marcus occupied a home with his family.
- T
- F / A problem arose for Marcus because the blacksmith didn't pay him.
- T
- F / Marcus wasn't compensated for his work.
- T

Part B

1. d 2. c 3. b

UNIT 3

EXERCISES

A

1. d 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. b

B

1. c 2. b 3. a 4. b 5. d

C

1. b, d 2. a, b 3. b, d 4. b, d 5. a, c

D

- newcomers / fake
- repay / neglected
- discouraged / offenses
- shepherd / venturing
- deceive / ridiculous
- hut / wheat
- caretaker / awkward

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

- T
- F / The shepherd couldn't take the sheep outside because it was too cold.
- F / The shepherd gave the wild sheep more wheat than his own.

4. T
5. T
6. F / The shepherd realized that he was wrong.

Part B

1. c
2. a
3. d

UNIT 4

EXERCISES

A

1. b
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. a

B

1. a
2. c
3. a
4. a
5. b

C

1. ax / pine
2. tease / offend
3. loose / overnight
4. chore / grateful
5. alley / sled
6. elbow / scar
7. bunch / persist
8. kids / irritate
9. decent / valentine
10. disgraceful / sensation

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. T
2. F / Mike found a bunch of wood boards.
3. F / Joe was not a decent person at the beginning of the story.
4. T
5. F / Mike used to put together the loose pieces.
6. T

Part B

1. c
2. a
3. b

UNIT 5

EXERCISES

A

1. creature / cursed
2. cemetery / skeletons
3. fancy / hood
4. flashlight / riddles
5. disguise / wicked
6. nourish / rotted
7. starving / spoiled
8. inhabitant / Shortly
9. publication / thrill
10. acquainted / pirates

B

1. d
2. a
3. b
4. c
5. d

C

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| 1. shortly | 2. acquaint |
| 3. riddles | 4. publication |
| 5. inhabitant | 6. fancy |
| 7. curse | |

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. F / People from places like Ireland, China, Egypt, and Mexico believed souls needed food.
2. F / Many cultures believed that souls needed food for their journey to heaven.
3. F / Housewives gave children food if they sang or danced.
4. T
5. T
6. F / Inhabitants from villages started trick-or-treating in the early 1900s.

Part B

1. c
2. c
3. a

UNIT 6

EXERCISES

A

1. senator / districts
2. tapped / skull
3. worm / underneath
4. consoled / broadcast
5. tremendous / executed
6. bulletin / endure
7. grasp / stir
8. alerted / rear
9. drawer / chop
10. bump / closet

B

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| 1. consoled | 2. broadcast |
| 3. closet | 4. underneath |
| 5. senator | 6. tremendous |
| 7. bump | 8. district |
| 9. executed | 10. chopped |

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. T
2. T
3. T
4. F / The cook found a pipe in the closet.
5. F / The cook knew he was going to hit the worm hard.
6. F / The worm slid off the senator's head.

Part B

1. a 2. c 3. c

UNIT 7

EXERCISES

A

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. a 5. b

B

1. b 2. c 3. a 4. c 5. a

C

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. a
6. c 7. a 8. d 9. b 10. d

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. T
2. F / Patsy Ann was abandoned by her owners.
3. T
4. T
5. F / The law said that all dogs had to wear a collar and get shots.
6. F / She couldn't bark.

Part B

1. b 2. d 3. c

UNIT 8

EXERCISES

A

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. anniversary / elegant | 2. arithmetic / upwards |
| 3. ashamed / couch | 4. burst / dripped |
| 5. carpenter / sew | 6. highlands / coal |
| 7. needles / ivory | 8. mill / threads |
| 9. polish / fabric | 10. shed / trim |

B

- | | |
|---------------|------------|
| 1. arithmetic | 2. trim |
| 3. fabric | 4. upwards |
| 5. highlands | 6. mill |
| 7. sew | |

C

1. d 2. b 3. a 4. d 5. b

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. F / Joe and Stella were poor, but not ashamed.
2. T
3. F / They used coal to heat their home.
4. F / They trimmed the bushes together.
5. T
6. T

Part B

1. d 2. d 3. a

UNIT 9**EXERCISES****A**

1. b 2. c 3. a 4. d 5. c

B

1. c 2. c 3. c 4. a 5. b

C

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. boasting | 2. bully |
| 3. Carbohydrate | 4. defeated |
| 5. stinging | 6. dial |
| 7. nod | 8. rival |
| 9. strained | 10. torture |

READING COMPREHENSION**Part A**

- T
- F / Dalton was a nice boy, but sometimes the other boys made fun of him because he was so tall and skinny.
- F / Mitch was dominant in every event.
- F / Dalton's biggest problem was Mitch.
- T
- T

Part B

1. d 2. b 3. c

UNIT 10**EXERCISES****A**

1. a 2. d 3. b 4. d 5. c

B

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. b 5. d
6. d 7. c

C

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. aloud / nowhere | 2. infant / wrinkles |
| 3. divorced / absence | 4. reproduce / urgent |
| 5. sucked / patted | 6. bald / rhymes |
| 7. vanished / crept | 8. wagon / kidnap |
| 9. relief / nap | 10. blanket / imitating |

READING COMPREHENSION**Part A**

- T
- F / Grace was bald and had no wrinkles.
- T
- T
- F / When Anna came back from her room, she found that Grace had vanished.
- F / Anna called aloud for Grace to find her.

Part B

1. a 2. c 3. c

UNIT 11**EXERCISES****A**

1. a 2. d 3. c 4. c 5. a

B

- | | |
|------------|-----------------|
| 1. theater | 2. architecture |
| 3. carpet | 4. cousin |
| 5. modern | |

C

1. b 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. e

D

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. architecture, n. | 2. modern, adj. |
| 3. upper, adj. | 4. welcome, v. |
| 5. temperature, n. | |

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. F / Ella lives in England, which is far away from where Gemma lives.
2. F / Ella was visiting in the summer.
3. F / Gemma was happy because she liked her cousin.
4. T
5. F / A museum and gallery are different places.
6. F / Gemma made many plans for Ella's visit.

Part B

1. a
2. c
3. b

UNIT 12

EXERCISES

A

1. b
2. b
3. c
4. d
5. a
6. a
7. d
8. c
9. b
10. d

B

1. d
2. a
3. c
4. b
5. c

C

1. beam
2. triumph
3. caution
4. exploded
5. rag
6. swift
7. casual

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. T
2. T
3. F / You have to fasten the beam.
4. F / Sam washed the germs off his hands.
5. T
6. T

Part B

1. c
2. b
3. a

UNIT 13

EXERCISES

A

1. voyage / vessel
2. port / aboard
3. sweat / sheriff
4. millionaire / fountain
5. harbor / worship
6. inhabit / enforce
7. trigger / bullets
8. unify / march
9. startle / devil
10. bitter / drift

B

1. voyage
2. aboard
3. trigger
4. sheriff
5. fountain
6. startle
7. unify
8. harbor
9. inhabit
10. devil

C

1. c
2. a
3. b

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. T
2. F / Dan pulled the trigger on his gun and shot bullets in the air to scare people in the town.
3. T
4. T
5. F / Dan was sent on a voyage to the middle of the ocean.
6. F / Every person who inhabited Oceantown disliked Dan.

Part B

1. c
2. d
3. c

UNIT 14

EXERCISES

A

1. a
2. c
3. b
4. d
5. a

B

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|-------------|-------------|
| 1. crown | 2. chef |
| 3. bleed | 4. horrible |
| 5. impolite | 6. kneel |
| 7. massive | |

C

- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. b | 2. d | 3. a | 4. a | 5. d |
| 6. d | 7. a | 8. c | 9. a | 10. d |

READING COMPREHENSION**Part A**

- T
- F / The chef was a horrible person that everyone hated.
- T
- T
- F / The chef was very impolite and always scolded his workers.
- T

Part B

- c
- d
- b

UNIT 15**EXERCISES****A**

- b, c
- a, c
- a, b
- c, d
- c, d

B

- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| 1. diameter | 2. theft |
| 3. scheme | 4. bless |
| 5. famine | 6. exploited |
| 7. slim | 8. routine |
| 9. Pardon | 10. pharaohs |

C

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. ripe / roasted | 2. Pardon / theft |
| 3. famine / pharaoh | 4. stove / cereal |
| 5. harvest / slim | 6. nut / diameter |
| 7. affair / merry | 8. routine / bless |
| 9. exploit / assembly | 10. cheerful / scheme |

READING COMPREHENSION**Part A**

- F / The pharaoh's party was a great affair.
- T
- T
- F / Monkey repeated the routine for four days.
- T
- F / Monkey asked the pharaoh, "Pardon?"

Part B

- b
- a
- c

UNIT 16**EXERCISES****A**

- b
- a
- b
- b
- a

B

- a
- b
- a
- a
- b

C

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. adolescents | 2. sorrow |
| 3. journalism | 4. swell |
| 5. hindered | 6. punishment |
| 7. slices | 8. straws |
| 9. liberty | 10. tidy |

READING COMPREHENSION**Part A**

- T
- F / The boy leaning against the pole complimented Matthew's jacket.
- T
- T
- F / Matthew wants to work in journalism when he grows up.
- T

Part B

- c
- c
- c



UNIT 17

EXERCISES

A

1. b 2. d 3. d 4. b 5. a

B

1. agency 2. shallow
3. confine 4. ash
5. originated 6. affection
7. vibrating

C

1. superstition / originated
2. agency / dismissed
3. slope / lava
4. fate / vibrated
5. confine / sympathy
6. ash / erupted
7. miserable / retrieve
8. affection / wander
9. remainder / shallow
10. navigate / spanned

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. F / The trip to find the magic cup was very difficult.
2. T
3. T
4. F / A superstition said that anyone who retrieved the magic cup would get their greatest wish.
5. T
6. T

Part B

1. d 2. d 3. b

UNIT 18

EXERCISES

A

1. c 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. c

B

1. a 2. c 3. a 4. d 5. b

C

1. a, d 2. a, b 3. c, d 4. b, c 5. a, c

D

1. yield 2. spear
3. thunder 4. retreated
5. troops 6. armor
7. steep 8. independence
9. invasion 10. boom

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. T
2. T
3. F / The knight wore armor, and the warriors used spears.
4. T
5. T
6. F / The flames scared the enemy.

Part B

1. a 2. b 3. c

UNIT 19

EXERCISES

A

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. a

B

1. b 2. a 3. c 4. a 5. d

C

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. daisy / mist | 2. dispute / empty |
| 3. horror / incident | 4. pregnant / spare |
| 5. revenge / plotted | 6. stems / rage |
| 7. orphan / sneak | |

READING COMPREHENSION**Part A**

- T
- T
- F / The girl plotted to get revenge against the farmer.
- F / The girl sighed because the farmer wouldn't give her a pear.
- T
- F / The orphan hadn't eaten supper for days.

Part B

- a
- a
- a

UNIT 20**EXERCISES****A**

- a
- b
- d
- a
- c

B

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. magnificent | 2. necessity |
| 3. outcome | 4. evident |
| 5. dissatisfied | 6. seize |
| 7. dawn | |

C

- | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. c | 2. b | 3. a | 4. b | 5. d |
| 6. a | 7. a | 8. d | 9. d | 10. a |

READING COMPREHENSION**Part A**

- T
- F / Mother Wolf knew how to seize prey.
- T
- F / Mother Wolf made a den beneath the tree.
- T
- T

Part B

- c
- d
- d

UNIT 21**EXERCISES****A**

- b
- a
- a
- b
- a

B

- sugar / population
- female / male
- code / cure
- furthermore / cancerous
- attack / inherit

C

- | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. breast | 2. code | 3. female |
| 4. link | 5. result | |

READING COMPREHENSION**Part A**

- F / Cancer is caused by smoking, drinking alcohol and other things.
- F / Scientists have not found a cure for cancer.
- F / Sugar, alcohol, and cigarette smoke cause cancer.
- F / Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in the male population. / Breast cancer is the most common cancer in the female population.
- T
- F / DNA contains a code that carries all the needed information about the qualities of a living thing.

Part B

- a
- b
- a

UNIT 22

EXERCISES

A

1. a 2. b 3. d 4. b 5. b

B

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. b 5. a

C

1. inquired / dose
2. peered / pose
3. portrait / commissioned
4. coincided / accommodate
5. circus / dyed
6. extent / headline
7. messenger / stripe
8. ranch / informal
9. gender / steering
10. tempted / tame

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. T
2. F / Ben wasn't tempted by money when he had his own circus.
3. T
4. T
5. F / Ben learned about the circus from a messenger with newspaper headlines.
6. F / An artist could be commissioned to paint informal portraits of people posing in front of a funny picture.

Part B

1. c 2. a 3. d

UNIT 23

EXERCISES

A

1. a 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. b
6. c 7. c 8. a 9. b 10. a

B

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. cottage / exhausting | 2. outlaw / prospects |
| 3. wizard / shaved | 4. cautious / gamble |
| 5. ban / daytime | 6. lawn / faded |
| 7. desperate / purse | 8. mow / fierce |
| 9. terrified / confess | 10. seldom / rod |

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. T
2. F / Hans went to the old man's cottage because he liked the prospect of food and warmth.
3. F / The old man in the cottage was a wizard.
4. F / When daylight faded, Hans returned to the cottage.
5. T
6. T

Part B

1. a 2. a 3. d

UNIT 24

EXERCISES

A

1. a 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. a

B

- | | | |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. audience | 2. income | 3. official |
| 4. brief | 5. data | |

C

1. a 2. a 3. b 4. b 5. b

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. F / You have to travel if you want to be a travel writer.
2. F / A travel writer needs a passport to travel abroad.
3. T
4. F / Traveling around the world as a job is a lot of work.
5. F / Travel writers write about their experiences.
6. T

Part B

1. b 2. a 3. a

UNIT 25**EXERCISES****A**

1. a 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b

B

1. c 2. b 3. b 4. a 5. d

C

1. a, d 2. b, c 3. a, d 4. a, b 5. b, d

D

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| 1. fraction | 2. dynasty |
| 3. ray | 4. illusion |
| 5. via | 6. circulated |
| 7. resigned | 8. frost |
| 9. trembled | 10. lieutenant |

READING COMPREHENSION**Part A**

- F / The sun's rays don't shine on Greenland for three months.
- F / He wanted to start a dynasty in his name in Greenland.
- F / Erik the Red's consequent punishment for killing his neighbor was to leave Iceland.
- T
- T
- F / Erik gave it the name Greenland because he wanted many people to settle there.

Part B

1. c 2. b 3. b

UNIT 26**EXERCISES****A**

1. a, d 2. b, c 3. a, d 4. a, c 5. b, c

B

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1. disgusting | 2. collapsed |
| 3. wiped | 4. curved |
| 5. embraced | 6. autumn |
| 7. wire | 8. altered |
| 9. drain | 10. receipt |

C

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. collapsed / altered | 2. ginger / blend |
| 3. autumn / envied | 4. aside / wires |
| 5. crushed / receipt | 6. fireworks / fuse |
| 7. paste / wiped | 8. curved / embraced |
| 9. jealous / disgusting | 10. flour / drain |

READING COMPREHENSION**Part A**

- F / The brothers blended flour and ginger together when trying to make cookies.
- T
- F / The model rocket worked after the wires were moved.
- F / The mailbox collapsed because the rocket curved into it.
- T
- T

Part B

1. a 2. b 3. d



UNIT 27

EXERCISES

A

1. a 2. a 3. b 4. b 5. a

B

1. a 2. a 3. d 4. a 5. c

C

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Meanwhile | 2. ambassador |
| 3. necklace | 4. acknowledge |
| 5. insult | 6. conquered |
| 7. precious | 8. stack |
| 9. rumors | 10. prejudice |

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. T
2. F / The Spanish had blonde hair.
3. T
4. T
5. F / Atahualpa thought that Pizarro had insulted him.
6. F / Pizarro did not agree that Atahualpa was a god.

Part B

1. a 2. b 3. b

UNIT 28

EXERCISES

A

1. a 2. b 3. c 4. b 5. d

B

1. c 2. b 3. b 4. d 5. c

C

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1. postponed | 2. congress |
| 3. merchant | 4. institution |
| 5. chemist | 6. dairy |
| 7. splash | 8. suburb |
| 9. tide | 10. ache |

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. T
2. F / The chill of the arctic water made Marcus's finger ache.
3. F / Marcus didn't work in an institution with his father.
4. F / In the end, everyone was very happy with Marcus.
5. T
6. T

Part B

1. b 2. a 3. d

UNIT 29

EXERCISES

A

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. c 5. b

B

1. d 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. c

C

1. traced / bomb
2. circumstances / nuclear
3. glance / certificate
4. grief / coffin
5. devastated / cope
6. rotated / souvenir
7. criticism / frowned
8. gazed / microscope
9. license / submarine
10. portrayed / groom

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. F / The photographs portrayed important events from the grandfather's life.
2. T
3. T
4. T
5. F / The certificate was from the day the grandfather got married.
6. T

Part B

1. c 2. c 3. c

UNIT 30

EXERCISES

A

1. d 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. d

B

1. b 2. c 3. a 4. c 5. c
6. a 7. d

C

1. fracture 2. spouse 3. tolerate
4. insight 5. deter

D

1. optimism / proficient 2. headache / shoulder
3. shoved / spouse 4. fracture / limb
5. rafts / ridge

READING COMPREHENSION

Part A

1. T
2. T
3. F / Bob implemented a plan to return home to his spouse and children.
4. T
5. T
6. T

Part B

1. c 2. d 3. a