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**Test-Taking Skills Booster****Unit 1****READING COMPLETION**

**Read the selection. Choose the word or phrase that best completes each statement.**

**The Lost Ring**

Last weekend, (1) ..... she was shopping for a new car, Laura Mills found a ring on the floor of one of the cars she was test-driving. She picked it up and put it in her purse, intending to ask the car salesman if a customer had (2) ..... a lost ring. However, by the time she arrived back at the car dealership, she had forgotten about the ring and headed toward home, thinking about (3) ..... she should buy one of the cars she had test-driven. Once home, she opened her purse to put in her keys and discovered the ring. "I felt sort of like a thief, but I certainly hadn't (4) ..... to steal the ring. I wondered what I should do."

(5) ..... driving back to the car dealership immediately, she took the time to examine the ring for any identifying information and found this inscription engraved inside: *To my love on our marriage. BT to LS 2005*. In a burst of creative thinking, Mills thought one of her friends might (6) ..... the ring, so she posted the photo of it on Facebook but was (7) ..... not to show the inscription. She urged her friends to share it, with this message: "Have you lost this ring? I found it at Spotless Car Dealership on the floor of a car. (8) ..... it is yours, identify it with the information on the inscription inside." To her surprise, she got a message from the owner just two hours later.

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|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. <b>A</b> except     | <b>B</b> while       | <b>C</b> during      | <b>D</b> because   |
| 2. <b>A</b> reported   | <b>B</b> said        | <b>C</b> wanted      | <b>D</b> stolen    |
| 3. <b>A</b> since      | <b>B</b> no matter   | <b>C</b> whether     | <b>D</b> after     |
| 4. <b>A</b> meant      | <b>B</b> decided     | <b>C</b> believed    | <b>D</b> included  |
| 5. <b>A</b> Because of | <b>B</b> In spite of | <b>C</b> Rather than | <b>D</b> Due to    |
| 6. <b>A</b> relate     | <b>B</b> recognize   | <b>C</b> resemble    | <b>D</b> resurrect |
| 7. <b>A</b> afraid     | <b>B</b> satisfied   | <b>C</b> needless    | <b>D</b> careful   |
| 8. <b>A</b> Whether    | <b>B</b> No matter   | <b>C</b> Suppose     | <b>D</b> If        |

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**LISTENING COMPLETION**

**You will hear a conversation. Read the paragraph below. Then listen and complete each statement with the word or short phrase you hear in the conversation. Listen a second time to check your work.**

The woman thinks that crime is out of (1) ..... She says that the (2) ..... is full of crime stories. The man agrees, and he thinks crime represents the whole breakdown in (3) ..... The woman feels hopeless about the situation, but the man thinks there's something we can (4) ..... about crime. First, he says the local (5) ..... need more money to fight crime. His second suggestion is not to (6) ..... a lot of jewelry on the street.