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Test-Taking Skills Booster**Unit 2****READING COMPLETION**

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

Ludwig van Beethoven

The gifted young Ludwig van Beethoven had already composed his first piece of music by the time he was twelve. (1) _____, at the age of sixteen, he went to study in Vienna, Austria, the (2) _____ of European cultural life at the time and home to the most brilliant musicians and composers of the period. Beethoven proved to be an imaginative composer.

(3) _____ Beethoven remembered for his great genius, but also for his strong and difficult personality. In one infamous incident, Beethoven became so annoyed with a waiter that he behaved rudely, emptying a plate of food over the man's head. (4) _____, he could be quite egotistical, saying once, "There are and will be thousands of princes. There is only one Beethoven." (5) _____ anyone in the audience talked during a concert, he would stop immediately and walk out. Many in musical and aristocratic circles admired Beethoven (6) _____ his difficult behavior, and they knew he might lose his (7) _____ at any time. They always forgave his insults and moody temperament. Beethoven was also well-known for his (8) _____ and eccentric behavior. He often walked through the streets of Vienna muttering to himself, and he completely neglected his personal appearance. Because he would always let his clothes get dirty, his friends would (9) _____ during the night and replace them with new ones.

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| 1. A Likewise | B Then | C Since | D Now that |
| 2. A heart | B importance | C well-known | D beginning |
| 3. A Neither is | B Even if | C Not only is | D However |
| 4. A In contrast | B In addition | C While | D As a result |
| 5. A For instance | B While | C If | D Because |
| 6. A despite | B during | C even so | D even if |
| 7. A music | B mind | C temper | D personality |
| 8. A charming | B strange | C amusing | D likeable |
| 9. A visit | B relax | C worry | D leave |

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LISTENING COMPLETION

- A** 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 man mentions that the actor Anthony Hopkins also (1)
The woman is surprised and wants to know if the man has actually
(2) the actor's music before. He says that he watched a video on
(3) in which an (4) played one of his pieces. However,
he found the music a little (5) for his taste.

- B** 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 wonders if the man likes (6) music and he says he's
(7) it because it always makes him (8) However,
she finds it (9) listen to because she thinks it always has the same
(10) and every song (11) Whenever she hears it,
she wants to (12) and listen to something else.