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Test-Taking Skills Booster**Unit 7****READING COMPLETION**

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

Compulsive Shopping: the Problem and the Solution

In the last hundred years, the way in which we consume material goods has changed radically. (1) _____, for our grandparents, shopping was for buying things that were necessary to satisfy physical needs. Today, (2) _____, although we continue to buy necessities, we now (3) _____ additionally to indulge ourselves in luxuries, such as expensive gym shoes or the latest electronic and digital technology. (4) _____, shopping itself has for many of us become entertainment. While there is no harm in being entertained, some people have unfortunately gone entirely overboard. (5) _____ for most people an occasional indulgence may cause them to come up a bit short at the end of the month, for others spending becomes a catastrophe with extremely troubling consequences. Such people cannot resist temptation, and they often buy merely to acquire. Then (6) _____ do they find themselves in considerable debt, but they sink into psychological distress (7) _____. Recent studies suggest that extreme impulse buying is on the increase, affecting an estimated 5 to 10 percent of the adult population in many countries. (8) _____, what can or should be done about this growing worldwide problem? Some say that (9) _____ compulsive shoppers shop to avoid or hide their feelings of anxiety or loneliness, the only way to combat the problem is with psychological counseling and self-awareness. (10) _____ experts, problem shoppers need to learn that “you can’t buy happiness.”

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| 1. A Likewise | B To begin with | C Secondly | D Similarly |
| 2. A whereas | B furthermore | C in contrast | D following that |
| 3. A entertain | B travel | C work | D shop |
| 4. A Third | B Least importantly | C Secondly | D Even though |
| 5. A Because | B When | C Finally | D Whereas |
| 6. A while | B furthermore | C not only | D in addition |
| 7. A since | B as well | C didn’t either | D however |
| 8. A Finally | B For instance | C Therefore | D For one thing |

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9. **A** yet **B** because **C** like **D** however
10. **A** According to **B** Whereas **C** In contrast to **D** Not only

LISTENING COMPLETION

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

Nina greets Ross in the store and he asks her what she's (1) She tells him that she needs (2) for her (3) because her old one is (4) She has been told that the store has some really (5) ones. If she can find one with a good price she might buy one for her (6) too because their air conditioner is really old.

The woman sees a (7) that she really likes. Her husband agrees that it's (8) , but he wonders if it's (9) since it has no price tag on it. The wife guesses that the store purposely doesn't put the price on items in the window so customers have to (10) and ask. The husband says stores like it when customers do that because then if you don't buy the item, they might be able to talk you into (11) They're happy they (12) one.