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Test-Taking Skills Booster**Unit 9****READING COMPLETION**

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

The Roswell Incident

(1) pilot Kenneth Arnold was flying a plane in the northwest of the U.S. on June 25th, 1947, he saw something strange: objects that looked like plates, or saucers, flying across the sky like a small flock of birds. His story led to numerous other news stories in which people claimed to have seen similar unidentified flying objects (UFOs)—or “flying saucers.” Shortly after, on July 8th, a secret military balloon crashed near Roswell, New Mexico, in the southwest. Nevertheless, the local newspaper reported (2) that a flying saucer had crashed, and the news media from all over demanded more information. However, because the balloon was a secret, the military (3) an official story: that the object that had crashed was just an ordinary weather balloon.

No one questioned that story for more than thirty years. Then, in 1978, UFO lecturer Stanton Friedman interviewed a man who (4) he had seen something stranger than a weather balloon in the wreckage of the 1947 crash. (5) the story of a flying saucer was reborn. Even though versions of that story (6) , most people who believe there was a military conspiracy to hide the truth agree on this basic detail: a flying saucer crashed near Roswell in 1947. (7) the military didn’t want anyone to know the truth, it kept the incident top secret and continues to do so today. Because many details have been added to the story over the years, many still (8) there was a military cover-up. (9) , the story has become a part of popular culture, and Roswell conspiracy fans meet at annual conferences to debate the various versions.

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| 1. A If | B Because | C While | D Whenever |
| 2. A instead | B likewise | C also | D besides |
| 3. A turned on | B began | C opened | D invented |
| 4. A insisted | B forgot | C questioned | D told |
| 5. A Yet | B But | C So | D Likewise |
| 6. A different | B vary | C agree | D interest |

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7. **A** Since **B** While **C** If **D** Despite that
8. **A** forget **B** remember **C** believe **D** wonder
9. **A** Despite that **B** Similarly **C** As a result **D** Even if

LISTENING COMPLETION

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

It is believed that the people of Easter Island may have used the stone figures to (1) religious and political (2) and (3) In total, 540 figures were moved (4) the island. They may have (5) “ ” the figures to their final destination by using (6) to rock the figures back and forth. It’s also possible that they were laid down flat and rolled on logs. However, moving the figures either way couldn’t have been (7) with fewer than 70 people. Explorer Thor Heyerdahl believed the island might have been (8) by South Americans. He sailed a raft called the Kon-Tiki in order to (9) that his theory was possible. Ultimately, DNA evidence (10) that the original inhabitants must have come from Polynesia.