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**Test-Taking Skills Booster****Unit 4****READING COMPLETION**

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

**Friendship**

In the words of a famous song, friendship is “like a bridge over troubled water.” In other words, you can always count on your friends’ support when you need it the (1) ..... . Friends can tell when you’re feeling (2) ..... , and they know whether or not you want to talk about it. They are thoughtful when it comes to your well-being, and they can (3) ..... according to your needs.

The truth is we need our friends to be dependable—through thick and thin. (4) ..... constantly trying to change you, good friends accept you as you are. And good friends roll with the punches. They get it that inside you’re a good person with flaws, and that those shortcomings are part of who you are. (5) ..... , they know you make mistakes, and they forgive you for them, knowing you’ll try to do better next time. And when people criticize you, friends stick up for you because even (6) ..... you’re being difficult, friends are patient.

While you and your friends may have disagreements, you (7) ..... respect each other’s opinions. Above all, you need to know that you can (8) ..... your friends with your secrets. If there’s a problem between you, a friend will talk to you (9) ..... and not gossip about you with others. We can always count on our friends to be honest with us when others aren’t. Friends don’t keep things bottled up inside. Whenever there’s an (10) ..... , they work things out together and move on.

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| 1. <b>A</b> heaviest    | <b>B</b> most       | <b>C</b> least          | <b>D</b> nearest       |
| 2. <b>A</b> ready       | <b>B</b> cold       | <b>C</b> energetic      | <b>D</b> blue          |
| 3. <b>A</b> criticize   | <b>B</b> argue      | <b>C</b> adjust         | <b>D</b> learn         |
| 4. <b>A</b> Rather than | <b>B</b> Whereas    | <b>C</b> Despite        | <b>D</b> Before        |
| 5. <b>A</b> Moreover    | <b>B</b> Otherwise  | <b>C</b> Whether or not | <b>D</b> Unfortunately |
| 6. <b>A</b> despite     | <b>B</b> especially | <b>C</b> when           | <b>D</b> so            |
| 7. <b>A</b> should      | <b>B</b> never      | <b>C</b> don’t          | <b>D</b> might         |
| 8. <b>A</b> help        | <b>B</b> save       | <b>C</b> trust          | <b>D</b> lend          |
| 9. <b>A</b> formally    | <b>B</b> casually   | <b>C</b> importantly    | <b>D</b> directly      |
| 10. <b>A</b> accident   | <b>B</b> issue      | <b>C</b> attribute      | <b>D</b> examination   |

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**LISTENING COMPLETION**

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

The woman says she sometimes feels (1) ..... because she's so  
 (2) ..... She says that when she puts things away, she then can't  
 (3) ..... She feels embarrassed to (4) ..... because  
 there's such a mess. So she asked her friend Alicia for help because Alicia's so  
 (5) ..... Alicia helped her (6) ..... all her stuff to decide  
 what was important and what she could (7) .....

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

The woman is concerned about what she calls a problem with her  
 (8) ..... It's not a problem at (9) ..... , but she worries  
 when she gets really angry at her (10) ..... and starts  
 (11) ..... at them. She believes that, after a bad day at work, she's  
 just (12) ..... it out on them. As a result, she took a workshop on  
 (13) ..... , where she learned that it's important to let off a little steam.  
 So she took up (14) ..... three days a week. When she feels angry,  
 exercising helps her (15) ..... what's making her mad.