***UNIT 2***

***Practice Test***

***Open for Business***

Imagine you have a pet turtle. It is lonely. Where could it play with other turtles? There are no turtle parks. But what if you created one? You could charge a small fee. People could bring their turtles.

Many new businesses start just like this. Someone gets an idea for a product or service. It meets a want or need. Most also hope to make a profit. This means they make more money than they spend running it. Here are some examples of businesses. They serve a specific need or want.

**Need a Lift?**

Some businesses do work for charity. They donate things to people in need. They do not make a profit. A bike shop fixes used bikes. It makes them safe. It gives them to people who need transportation. Bikes can be expensive. Many people cannot afford them. This business helps those people get a bike.

**Fun for All**

One day, a father noticed that his daughter’s special needs stopped her from enjoying outdoor activities. He wanted a fun place for her to play. He helped design a special amusement park. At this amusement park, everyone can enjoy the rides. They have special seats that fit wheelchairs.



**Trash to Treasure**

Resale shops are another type of business that helps people. Resale shops sell everything from clothes to useful household items such as furniture. People donate or sell used items to the shop. The items are then sold to customers at a discounted price.

**Homework Help**

Some businesses help students learn. Tutoring centers help students with schoolwork. At these centers, tutors or teachers work with students individually or in small groups. The extra practice helps improve their understanding.

A lot of planning must happen before starting any business. Owners must decide what type of business to open. Then lots of decisions need to be made. The owner has to find a location, set competitive prices, hire employees, and advertise. Starting a business can be very rewarding. What type of business would you like to start?

Read the paragraph from the article.

Many new businesses start just like this. Someone gets an idea for a product or service. It meets a want or need. Most also hope to make a profit. This means they make more money than they spend running it. Here are some examples of businesses. They serve a specific need or want.

What is the paragraph mostly about?

****A.Making a profit is important.

****B.Businesses have many products.

****C.It is difficult to start a new business.

****D.Businesses can serve wants and needs.

Read the detail about starting a business.

Reselling items keeps them out of landfills.

In which section of the article does this detail belong?

****A. Need a Lift?

****B. Fun for All

****C. Trash to Treasure

****D. Homework Help

This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

### Part A

Which business from the article helps people get around town?

****A. bike shops

****B. resale shops

****C. tutoring centers

****D. amusement parks

### Part B

Which sentence from the article tells about this business?

****A. “This business helps those people get a bike.”

****B. “At this amusement park, everyone can enjoy the rides.”

****C. “The items are then sold to customers at a discounted price.”

****D. “Tutoring centers help students with schoolwork.”

***from The Capture of Father Time***

***by L. Frank Baum (w/glossary)***

“The Capture of Father Time” is a short story about Jim, the son of a cowboy, who is very good with a lasso. In this part of the story, Jim has borrowed a horse from a butcher and is riding across a field and practicing with his lasso when he catches something unexpectedly.

1 Suddenly, on making a long cast with his lasso, the loop caught upon something and rested about three feet from the ground, while the rope drew taut and nearly pulled Jim from his horse.

2 This was unexpected. More than that, it was wonderful; for the field seemed bare of even a stump. Jim’s eyes grew big with amazement, but he knew he had caught something when a voice cried out:

3 “Here, let go! Let go, I say! Can’t you see what you’ve done?”

4 No, Jim couldn’t see, nor did he intend to let go until he found out what was holding the loop of the lasso. So he resorted to an old trick his father had taught him and, putting the butcher’s horse to a run, began riding in a circle around the spot where his lasso had caught.

5 As he thus drew nearer and nearer his quarry he saw the rope coil up, yet it looked to be coiling over nothing but air. One end of the lasso was made fast to a ring in the saddle, and when the rope was almost wound up and the horse began to pull away and snort with fear, Jim dismounted. Holding the reins of the bridle in one hand, he followed the rope, and an instant later saw an old man caught fast in the coils of the lasso.

6 His head was bald and uncovered, but long white whiskers grew down to his waist. About his body was thrown a loose robe of fine white linen. In one hand he bore a great scythe , and beneath the other arm he carried an hourglass.

7 While Jim gazed wonderingly upon him, this venerable old man spoke in an angry voice:

8 “Now, then—get that rope off as fast as you can! You’ve brought everything on earth to a standstill by your foolishness! Well—what are you staring at? Don’t you know who I am?”

9 “No,” said Jim, stupidly.

10 “Well, I’m Time—Father Time! . . . I’m invisible to the eyes of human beings unless they get within three feet of me, and I take care to keep more than that distance away from them. That’s why I was crossing this field, where I supposed no one would be. And I should have been perfectly safe had it not been for your beastly lasso. Now, then,” he added, crossly, “are you going to get that rope off?”

11 “Why should I?” asked Jim.

12 “Because everything in the world stopped moving the moment you caught me. I don’t suppose you want to make an end of all business and pleasure, and war and love, and misery and ambition and everything else, do you? Not a watch has ticked since you tied me up here like a mummy!”

### Part A

According to Father Time, what is the effect of Jim capturing him?

****A. Time stops around the world.

****B. Father Time crosses the field.

****C. Father Time becomes invisible.

****D. Time speeds up around the world.

### Part B

Which sentence from the passage **best** supports the answer to Part A?

****A. “‘Now, then—get that rope off as fast as you can!’” (paragraph 8)

****B. “‘I’m invisible to the eyes of human beings unless they get within three feet of me, and I take care to keep more than that distance away from them.’” (paragraph 10)

****C. “‘That’s why I was crossing this field, where I supposed no one would be.’” (paragraph 10)

****D. “‘Not a watch has ticked since you tied me up here like a mummy!’” (paragraph 12)

Sort the events into the order they happened in the story. The first event goes at the top.

* **Jim dismounts from his horse.**
* **Jim's lasso catches on something.**
* **Jim begins circling the spot where his lasso has caught.**
* **Jim's horse begins to snort with fear.**
* **Jim hears a voice demanding that he let go.**
* **Jim sees that he has caught an old man with his lasso.**

What problem does Jim cause at the end of the story?

****A. Father Time becomes a mummy.

****B. Father Time is caught, so time stops.

****C. Father Time becomes invisible.

****D. Father Time decides to quit his job.

Thomas wanted to have a party to celebrate becoming a decade old.

Knowing the meaning of the Greek root deca, how old is Thomas?

****A. 50

****B. 20

****C. 10

****D. 5

Mr. Hepler found a very peculiar flower with the strangest shape and colors.

Which word is an **antonym** of the word peculiar?

****A. delicate

****B. unique

****C. common

****D. exceptional

Select the sentence that **best** combines the following sentences.

The kitten purred and licked my hand. The kitten was very fuzzy.

****A. The kitten purred, licked my hand, was fuzzy.

****B. The kitten licked my hand and purred and was fuzzy.

****C. The kitten was fuzzy and the kitten purred and licked.

****D. The fuzzy kitten purred and licked my hand.

Use the drop-down menus to select the words that correctly complete the sentences.

My teacher gave me the             hug! She is the             person I know.

Choose the words that correctly complete the sentences.

My father told me that in school he was the             in math across the entire grade. I never imagined that his ability in math could be             than mine!