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UNIT 1 Lesson A

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1 Read and choose the best words to fill in the blanks.

Good morning, Greg. I'm Jill, the head of the marketing team here at XGen. I'll be conducting your interview today. 1. _____ of XGen, I'd like to welcome you to our 2. _____.

Thank you, Jill. It's a great honor for me to be here today. I've always been impressed by XGen's work.

One thing you ought to know is that XGen is highly 3. _____. We believe that a challenging environment encourages and promotes creativity. I hope you're not intimidated.

Well, I believe that I'm ambitious and hardworking. I'm confident you'll find that I'm 4. _____ of keeping up. In fact, my skills and talents make me uniquely qualified for this position, so I'm precisely what XGen is looking for.

It says here on your résumé that you recently won a(n) 5. _____ from the 6. _____ of Future Leaders for an essay you wrote about your personality and work habits. Tell me more about that.

Absolutely. In addition to writing about my 7. _____, such as my positive attitude, I also mentioned how I overcame my 8. _____, for instance, my messy desk and my poor study habits. To be honest, I think highlighting my weaknesses and how I overcame them is the reason my essay won the top prize.



Excellent! I think that's all I need from you for now. Our department head is just finishing up an interview with another candidate. So, sit tight, and she'll be with you shortly. Good luck!

Thank you so much, Jill. It was a pleasure meeting you.

1.	a. On a behalf	b. On behalf	c. In a behalf	d. In the behalf
2.	a. competition	b. awards	c. institution	d. behalf
3.	a. competitive	b. capable	c. strong	d. awarded
4.	a. more of capable	b. most than capable	c. most of capable	d. more than capable
5.	a. association	b. strength	c. institution	d. award
6.	a. Awards	b. Institutional	c. Association	d. Competition
7.	a. weakness	b. awards	c. strengths	d. competitiveness
8.	a. strengths	b. weaknesses	c. capabilities	d. awards

2 Read and circle the answers.

Shortly after completing his interview, Greg was offered a job at XGen. He initially had some difficulties with time management and organization; he often turned up late to meetings and forgot to fill out important documents. Nevertheless, his managers tolerated his weaknesses because he always recorded better-than-average sales. His sales record not only helped him to win back-to-back annual awards but also to get an early promotion to assistant manager. The company's competitive nature kept Greg motivated, and his career continued to go from strength to strength.



Greg was also known for his helpful nature, and coworkers often went to him with tough questions. He was an extremely impressive team member and was highly valued by his coworkers. Now that Greg is ready to move on to other opportunities, he is proud to list his experience at XGen on his résumé. The only thing left for him to do now is get letters of recommendation from his superiors.

1. What did Greg likely enjoy the least about XGen?
a. helping his coworkers
b. the competitive environment
c. the meetings and paperwork
d. his managers tolerating him

2. What does the phrase "go from strength to strength" refer to?
a. Greg becoming more and more capable
b. Greg improving on his weaknesses
c. Greg getting promoted to assistant manager
d. Greg moving from job to job

3. What is NOT true about Greg's coworkers?
a. They frequently sought his help.
b. Greg's managers couldn't overlook his weaknesses.
c. His coworkers thought he was important.
d. His managers promoted him rather quickly.

4. What is Greg most likely to do next?
a. go and talk to his superior about an opportunity
b. see if his coworkers need help
c. get his managers to write recommendation letters
d. fill out some remaining paperwork

Lesson B

1 Read the sentences. Write *PP* for present perfect or *PPC* for present perfect continuous.

1. I have lived with these circumstances for ten years now. ____
2. We have been waiting for their response for days. ____
3. John has given us sufficient information. ____
4. She has chosen to commit herself to studying science. ____
5. I have been coping with this anxiety for years. ____



2 Circle the best responses.

1. How's the interview going?
   a. I have interviewed here twice before.
   b. You have been waiting since you asked me.
   c. We've been talking for hours, but now we're on break.
   d. They asked for three hours, but they have been kind.
2. Tell me about your work experience.
   a. Well, I have been working in the industry for three years.
   b. Well, I have been studying it in college.
   c. Well, I have thought about working in the future.
   d. Well, I have been planning my career for a while.
3. What's your plan after graduation?
   a. I have finished most of my classes.
   b. I have been planning to graduate this year.
   c. I have been planning on going into sales.
   d. I have been working in sales since November.
4. What's your greatest regret about your time in school?
   a. Hmm... No one had ever asked me that before.
   b. Hmm... No one has ever asked me that before.
   c. Hmm... No one has ever been asking me that before.
   d. Hmm... No one was ever asking that before.
5. How long have you dreamed of being an engineer?
   a. I've dreamed about it since I've been little.
   b. I have been dreaming about it since a while.
   c. I have dreamed since I was little about it.
   d. I've been dreaming about it since I was little.

3 Read and fill in the blanks with the words in the box. One word will not be used.

assume committed conditions cope intention tough sufficient respond

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jen Carpenter, and I'm writing this letter with the 1. _____ of applying for the marketing manager position listed on XGen's website. I know that the position you listed will be 2. _____, but I am certain I can 3. _____ with the challenges. In my current position as assistant manager at Mesquite Zoo, I have dealt quickly and effectively with a wide range of issues. And while my current role isn't directly related to marketing, I believe I have a(n) 4. _____ amount of experience to take on a role in the field. My involvement in a campaign to attract more visitors to the zoo is particularly relevant. On top of this, I am a hard-working and dedicated person. No one cares about the animals at our zoo more than I do. Please take a look at my attached résumé for a complete description of my education and work experience. Thank you for your time, and I will await your reply.

Dear Ms. Carpenter,

Thank you for your application. We have just finished reviewing your information. Unfortunately, based on your experience, we don't feel you would be a good fit at XGen. Since you did not list any formal marketing experience on your résumé, we must 5. _____ that you don't have any. You did not list any jobs other than working at the zoo. We do believe that you are 6. _____ to caring for your animals. However, XGen is not a zoo. Therefore, we will not be considering you for the position. Please do not 7. _____ to this letter.

4 Answer the questions with information that is true for you.

1. What strengths would you bring to XGen?

   _____

2. What are your three biggest weaknesses?

   _____

3. How do you cope with stress?

   _____

Lesson C

1 Listen. Fill in the blanks with the words you hear. Track 1-01

1. The students _____ difficult situations before.
2. The police _____ at that suspicious man for hours.
3. She's _____ before.
4. Our company _____ many years now.
5. Stella _____ several occasions over the last few months.

2 Listen and circle the answers. Track 1-02

1. When did Ricardo's encounter happen?
   a. just after graduating high school
   b. right before graduating high school
   c. a while before graduating high school
   d. a while after graduating high school
2. Why did Ricardo start to become suspicious?
   a. He heard his friend was going to cheat in the interview.
   b. He heard his friend say he cheated on the application.
   c. He heard his friend say he cheated on the essay.
   d. He heard his friend talking about the interview with someone.
3. Why do you think Antonio said, "Work smarter, not harder"?
   a. because his friend had a plan to work instead of cheat
   b. because actually doing the work is easier than cheating
   c. because cheating isn't as hard as actually doing the work
   d. because he knew Ricardo was going to cheat rather than work
4. What is NOT true about Antonio?
   a. He went to the university of his choice.
   b. He was known to be honest.
   c. His other friend didn't know his full plan.
   d. He never talked to Ricardo after the interview.
5. What is true about Ricardo?
   a. He had to study abroad because of his bad reputation.
   b. He abandoned Antonio before the interview.
   c. He wouldn't have passed the interview without Antonio.
   d. He got into the local university he applied to.

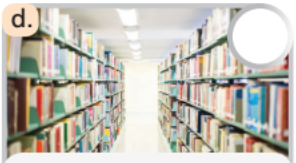
3 Listen again. Number the boxes in order (1-4). Track 1-02

1. What is the correct order of locations?

a. 
foreign university

b. 
local university

c. 
waiting room

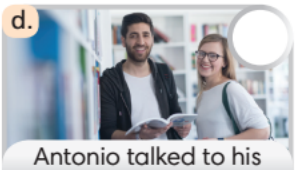
d. 
library

2. What is the correct order of events for Antonio?

a. 
Antonio ignored Ricardo.

b. 
Antonio copied Ricardo.

c. 
Antonio got into the university.

d. 
Antonio talked to his friend.

3. What is the correct order of events for Ricardo?

a. 
moved to a foreign country

b. 
attended an interview

c. 
showed his essay to Antonio

d. 
finished high school

Lesson D

1 Circle the defining relative clauses. Underline the non-defining relative clauses.



1. Henry, who is truly a unique employee, has worked at the music shop for ten years.
2. Jim's workplace, which is an ideal distance from his home, closes at 5:00 p.m.
3. Greg is that outstanding employee who won the award for making the most annual sales.
4. I worked at the shoe store that had the widest selection of sneakers.
5. Have you seen Ricardo, whose reputation was ruined, working at the burger restaurant?

2 Read the letter. Underline the errors and write the corrections on a separate piece of paper.

Dear XGen,
Thank you for allowing me to interview for the Institution Manager position. Please take another look at my résumé. I hope you will note that I has been a manager for three years, where is longer than some of the other interviewees. I know that I don't have sufficient experience in your industry, but I am a fast learner and very hard-working. I'm sure I can succeed in the position, who is ideal for me, if given the chance. Please take your time to deliberate so you can make the choice when is right for your company. Thanks for your time and consideration. I hope to hear from you soon.
Sincerely, Jen

3 Unscramble.

1. the management / Jen, who applied for / position, considered herself / ideal candidate. / to be the

   _____

2. for the candidate's / I wasn't there / was made a / few weeks ago. / selection, which

   _____

3. fit for / a few months ago / that the woman / the job. / who wrote to us / Initially, I thought / wasn't a good

   _____

4. who hired / Do you truly / the right choice? / think the man / him made

   _____

4 Read the sentences. Fill in the blanks with *who*, *which*, *whose*, or *where*.

1. The company _____ I interviewed at last week has over three thousand employees.
2. Bill, _____ best friend is Ted, recently got accepted to the University of San Dimas.
3. Esteban's mother, _____ grew up in Caracas, has worked at that company for twenty years.
4. Diana just had an interview at Oklahoma State University, _____ is her ideal place to attend college.
5. Mary, _____ application you're looking at, is the most outstanding candidate we've had all year.
6. The company you work for is the same place _____ Spencer initially applied.

Lesson E

1 Match the words to their antonyms.

1. tough •	• a. easy
2. sufficient •	• b. lastly
3. respond •	• c. terrible
4. initially •	• d. ignore
5. ideal •	• e. inadequate
6. outstanding •	• f. worst

NOTE
An antonym is a word that has the opposite meaning of another word.
Ex *first / last*

2 Circle the present perfect verbs. Underline the present perfect continuous verbs.

1. I have been working on this essay for hours. It's about this castle that has stood for hundreds of years.
2. She has read about two universities this morning. She has been reading since she woke up.
3. Greg has been working hard for ten years. He's been a sales manager for the company since 2010.
4. He's been preparing for the interview all morning. I've heard he's been to several interviews already.
5. I have gone to twenty interviews in the last month. I've not been having any luck!

3 Fill in the blanks with the words in the box.

respond	committed	circumstances
tough	assume	coping



1. Is it safe to _____ that I've got the job?
2. I'm sorry. I don't know how to _____ to that.
3. Under the _____, I can't let you take any more vacation.
4. It's _____ to understand what's happening here.
5. Don't worry; I think you're _____ just fine.
6. Thanks! I'm _____ to doing a good job.

4 Listen and circle the best responses. Track 1-03

1. a. Well, from what I've heard, this is a good place to work.
   b. Well, to be honest, I plan to make more money than that.
   c. Well, I grew up in Denver but went to school at UCLA.
   d. Well, I'd like to find out more about your company.
2. a. From what I've heard, this institution has the highest salaries.
   b. From what everyone says, this is the best place to study engineering.
   c. From what I've been reading, this is a good place to raise kids.
   d. From what people say, the association takes care of employees.
3. a. Let me think about that. Well, people say I am not very organized.
   b. Let me think about that. Well, one of my good points is my dedication.
   c. Let me think about that. Well, I hope you can answer my questions.
   d. Let me think about that. Well, is there anything else you need?
4. a. I am very good in competitive environments.
   b. People say I'm a very tough person.
   c. It was tough for my friend when I betrayed him.
   d. I had a hard time in my film studies class.
5. a. I'm not sure how to answer that, but I can look it up for you.
   b. No one has asked me that before, but my strength lies in my skills.
   c. Let me think about that. To be honest, this isn't a stressful situation.
   d. That's a tough question. You know, I usually don't get stressed out.



Review

Look at the checklist. Check the things from the unit you can do.

Unit 1: Checklist	Yes (O)	No (X)
A I can participate in college interviews.		
B I can answer difficult interview questions.		
C I know about how interviews can go badly.		
D I can write a follow-up letter.		
E I can conduct a mock interview.		

Score / 5

1 Write a response to the following questions and statements.

1. Tell me about your interests. _____
2. What do you want to major in? _____
3. What are your strengths? _____
4. What are your weaknesses? _____

2 Circle the best responses.

1. Why should we hire you over other candidates?
   a. Well, my weakness is my inability to cope with stress.
   b. Well, I plan to major in English literature.
   c. Well, I have always dreamed of making a high salary.
   d. Well, I have more education and experience than others.
2. How would you benefit this university?
   a. I think my debate experience will help your debate team.
   b. I've been planning to attend school here for a while.
   c. I'm not sure how to respond, but the interview was tough.
   d. I've always been good at coping with tough situations.
3. What's your greatest regret in life?
   a. I'm most proud of my academic performance.
   b. I've always wanted to attend school here.
   c. I wish that I had studied harder in high school.
   d. I'm pretty good at managing my time and work.
4. What are your plans after graduation?
   a. I've always planned on graduating early.
   b. I've been thinking of traveling for a few months.
   c. I've been to a few interviews before this one.
   d. I've been practicing interview questions.

3 Read and write *D* for defining relative clause or *ND* for non-defining relative clause.

1. Dirk, who is an excellent basketball player, plans to attend Boston College. ____
2. Alice wants to attend the same university that her parents went to. ____
3. Malcolm, who is Angus's brother, just graduated and plans to find a job now. ____
4. Maria, whose application was already rejected, decided to apply one more time. ____
5. Donnie and Carlos had an interview with the same person that interviewed Chuck. ____

4 Read the questions. Then write your answers on the lines with the given type of clause.

1. Tell me about your family life. (non-defining relative clause)
   _____
2. Tell me something impressive about yourself. (defining relative clause)
   _____
3. How do you plan to make yourself a better person? (non-defining relative clause)
   _____