**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PART 1: LISTENING SKILLS**

Listen to an interview. Then use the information to complete the activities that follow.

**A.** Choose the best answer.

**1.** The host says that \_\_\_ is becoming more popular.

**A.** earning higher salaries

**B.** planning for the future

**C.** forming barter networks

**D.** spending too much money

**2.** Mr. Seal says that \_\_\_ is the first way that humans began to do business.

**A.** trading goods

**B.** spending money

**C.** forming networks

**D.** providing services

**3.** Mr. Seal believes that \_\_\_.

**A.** people need to live a simpler life

**B.** America needs to make more goods

**C.** most people can’t control their money

**D.** America was the first country to begin trading

**4.** According to Mr. Marks, people are bartering because they \_\_\_.

**A.** are spending too much money

**B.** don’t want to have too many things

**C.** want to be in touch with more people

**D.** don’t believe America should make more goods

**B.** Listen to the excerpts from the interview and choose the best answers.

**5.** Which **two** words does the host emphasize in the second sentence?

**A.** many **D.** network

**B.** goods **E.** better

**C.** services

**6.** How does the host feel about bartering here?

**A.** bored

**B.** confused

**C.** excited

**7.** Which **two** words does Mr. Seal emphasize?

**A.** really **D.** any

**B.** interested **E.** person

**C.** exchanging

**8.** How does Mr. Seal feel about bartering here?

**A.** bored

**B.** confused

**C.** excited

**PART 2: PRONUNCIATION & SPEAKING SKILLS**

**A.** Listen to the sentences. Complete each sentence with the number or price you hear. The

first one has been done for you.

**Example** It’s Mary’s birthday. She’s *40* today.

**9.** My lucky number is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**10.** I didn’t see snow until I was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**11.** Is he really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? He doesn’t look that old.

**12.** That sweater costs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**13.** Dinner last night was $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**14.** Does that new toaster really cost $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

**B.** Choose the correct statements to complete the conversations.

**Sarah:** We need a new television, but we don’t have much money. **15.** **(Let’s get a cheap one. /**

**All right.)**

**Tom: 16.** **(I don’t think so. / That’s a good idea.)** That way we can save money.

**Julia:** It’s only 12:00. We don’t have to be in class until 3:00. What do you want to do?

**Gina:** I feel like going out. **17.** **(It’s a deal. / Why don’t we go to a movie?)**

**Julia: 18.** **(I don’t think so. / That’s fine with me.)** We don’t have enough time for a movie.

**Miguel:** You look bored. **19.** **(Why don’t you come with me to the mall? / It’s a deal.)**

**Nancy: 20.** **(Well, I don’t know. / OK.)** I’d love to spend time with you!

**PART 3: VOCABULARY**

**A.** Write the letter of the definition for each boldfaced word on the left.

**\_\_\_ 21. valuable A.** not new

**\_\_\_ 22. equal B.** a single thing

**\_\_\_ 23. service C.** group with the same interests

**\_\_\_ 24. network D.** things that are needed

**\_\_\_ 25. item E.** trade

**\_\_\_ 26. used F.** worth a lot

**\_\_\_ 27. exchange G.** the same

**\_\_\_ 28. necessities H.** something done for you

**B.** Read the paragraph. Use the words from the box to fill in the blanks. Not all of the words will

be used.

|  |
| --- |
| borrow member spenddesigned provided was interested in |

I went to the store to buy a new dining room table. I couldn’t 29. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a

lot of money, so I needed to look for something on sale. When I got to the store, I told the

salesman what I 30. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The store had a lot of choices. It even had tables you could

31. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and return at a later date. I saw a nice table that was 32. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ well.

It 33. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everything I needed, so I bought it!

**PART 4: GRAMMAR**

Complete each sentence. Write the correct form of the comparative adjective in parentheses. The

first one has been done for you.

**Example** My bank account is *bigger*  than it was last year.

 (big)

**34.** A car is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than a bicycle.

 (expensive)

**35.** A chair is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than a house.

 (cheap)

**36.** A truck is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than a car.

(heavy)

**37.** Gold is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than paper.

 (valuable)

**38.** I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than you.

 (old)

**39.** We are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than we were this morning.

 (tired)

**40.** This bank is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than the other one.

 (new)