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1. Point: Why being a celebrity can be difficult

1. Celebrities have to look almost perfect all the time
2. They sacrifice their private lives
3. Celebrities are in constant danger

2. Point: Why people lie

1. To avoid hurting someone's feelings
2. To avoid a fight
3. To avoid an argument
4. To avoid spending more time with someone

3. Point: Ways to encourage physical activities

1. Emphasize how good they'll feel
2. Walking to stores rather than driving
3. Take up early morning jogging

4. Point: Symptoms of Depression

1. Change in sleep pattern
2. Eating too much or loss of appetite
3. Thinking or concentrating
4. A feeling of hopelessness

5. Several factors can impact a person's ability to remember

1. Lack of motivation
2. Self doubt
3. Distraction
4. Television or conversation

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1 1. Point: I'm a perfect example of someone who has "math anxiety."

- A. I feel dread every time I sit down to take our Friday math quiz.
- B. Fear of math is almost as widespread as fear of public speaking.
- C. During my last math test, I "froze" and didn't even try to answer most of the questions.

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What are first, also, another and finally called when used in writing?

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2. Point: Elephants are very intelligent animals.

- B. Like chimps, elephants can recognize their reflections in mirrors.
- C. Elephants tear off branches of trees to use as fly swatters.
- D. Elephants have been seen keeping vigil over their dead companions.

3. Point: Drinking coffee can be bad for people.

- B. Coffee in the evening can interfere with sleep at night.
- D. Too much coffee can cause the hands to shake.
- E. Drinking too much coffee can lead to a faster heartbeat and light-headedness.

4. Point: If you think school is difficult, it's even harder for older students.

- B. It takes a lot of work to re-learn study habits.
- C. Many older students have family and job responsibilities in addition to classes.
- D. Some older students are afraid of not "fitting in."

5. Point: Workers in early American factories led difficult lives.

- B. Early factory workers were paid pennies an hour.
- C. Female factory workers often worked in textile mills.
- E. All workers on power machines risked accidents that could maim or kill.

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6. Point: Schools should eliminate the summer vacation.

- B. Students have more energy than adults.
- C. Year-round school can better prepare students for year-round work in the adult world.
- E. Students will learn more and forget less if they attend school twelve months a year.

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7. Point: Some people have very poor telephone manners.

- A. They never identify themselves, but just begin the conversation.
- D. They conduct conversations with people around them at the same time they're talking on the phone.
- F. They often call around 6 p.m., which is most people's dinner hour.

8. Point: My father's boss is an unpleasant man to work for.

- A. He barks orders and never asks for an employee's opinion.
- D. Even when he invites employees out to lunch, he expects them to pick up their own checks.
- E. He changes his mind so often that an employee who pleased him on Friday can be in the doghouse by Monday.

9. Point: There are some simple ways to save money at the supermarket.

- A. Avoid products which charge extra for packaging, such as cheese wrapped individually by slice.
- B. Buy store brands of basic items instead of expensive name-brand products.
- D. Shop when you are not hungry, so that you won't be tempted to buy pricey treats. 

10. Point: Nobody in this neighborhood will miss the Martins when they move.

- B. They keep their poor dog chained to a tree 24 hours a day, and it howls for much of that time.
- D. Over the past few years, the outside of their house has begun to look shabbier and shabbier.
- F. When the neighborhood kids play ball anywhere near their house, Mr. Martin yells at them, "Keep your ball game off my property!"

1. Point: That child is very curious.

- C. 1 He has taken apart all the clocks in the house to see how they work. 2 He borrowed his father's hammer to break rocks because he "wanted to see what they looked like inside." 3 He is forever asking questions that start with "How" and "Why."

2. Point: Aunt Isabel is my least favorite relative.

- A. 1 When we meet, she always has something critical to say, such as "What have you done with your hair?" or "You look terrible in that color." 2 She calls my sister "the smart sister" and me "the dumb one." 3 On my birthday, she said, "I didn't think you wanted a present."

3. Point: Our biology teacher is lazy.

- A. 1 He has his top students present the lessons to the class so he doesn't have to do anything. 2 If someone is having trouble in class, he tells him or her to get help from one of the other students. 3 So he doesn't have to grade papers, he allows us to grade each other's homework and test papers, even midterm and final exams.

4. Point: Margo is a very rude worker.

- B. 1 She keeps customers waiting while she talks with a coworker. 2 When someone asks her about a sale item, she snaps, "If it isn't on the shelf, we don't have it!" 3 When her boss isn't watching her, she answers the telephone by saying, "Yeah, what do you want?"

5. Point: That roller coaster is dangerous.

- C. 1 Last year, it broke down several times, leaving people stranded in their cars sixty feet off the ground. 2 In most cars, the seatbelts are torn and don't always buckle properly. 3 One area of the track shakes and makes a strange grinding sound whenever a car passes over it.

6. Point: Greg is irresponsible.

C. 1 He never pays his bills on time. 2 When he borrows things, he returns them damaged, or not at all. 3 He is usually late for appointments, if he even remembers them at all.

7. Point: The meal I cooked for my girlfriend was horrible.

C. 1 The chicken came out so tough and dry that I could barely cut it with a steak knife. 2 I overcooked the fresh vegetables so much that they changed from a bright green color to the color of an army jeep. 3 The cake I tried to bake collapsed into itself, turning into a shapeless chewy mass that resembled a giant cookie.

8. Point: High-school proms should be banned.

A. 1 Proms pressure students to spend a ridiculous amount of money on gowns, tuxes, flowers, and even limos. 2 Prom preparations distract students for many weeks from the real business of school, which is education. 3 In addition, the social pressure to get a date for the prom makes many people miserable.

9. Point: Neil is a hypocrite—he usually does the opposite of what he says.

A. 1 He spent a half hour talking and laughing with someone yesterday, then later confided to me, “I can’t stand that man!” 2 He lectures his daughters about the dangers of drug addiction, but he is a heavy drinker and smoker.

10. Point: My boss is considerate.

B. 1 Instead of giving us orders, she asks us to do things. 2 She always thanks an employee for completing a task. 3 She often helps out when she sees that things are getting stressful.

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1. I could tell I was coming down with the flu.

B. 1 I know exactly when the flu hit. 2 I was at my desk when I felt a tickle in my throat. 3 I began to cough, and the cough refused to go away. 4 A few minutes later, the words on my computer screen began to swim. 5 I could feel a deep headache developing behind my eyes. 6 By the time I got home later that afternoon, I had a fever of 102. 7 I crawled into bed shivering, even with three blankets. 8 And I was aching so badly I felt as though I’d been hit by a truck.

Commented [5]: Recheck this section, 1-10. Remember: When you are looking for details, you are looking for specific examples. They should not be vague statements without any specific examples.

2. My brother is accident-prone.

B. 1 Even when he does simple jobs, he seems to get into trouble. 2 This can lead to funny but sometimes dangerous results. 3 Things never seem to go right for him, and he often needs the help of others to get out of one problem or another.

Commented [6]: How is this answer describing how the brother is accident-prone?

3. When money gets tight, our family finds ways to economize.

A. 1 There are a lot of corners we can cut when we need to. 2 If you think about it, there are plenty of unnecessary expenses every day that people can cut out when necessary. 3 Food and entertainment are two categories that eat up a lot of money needlessly. 4 Those expenses may not seem like a lot individually, but they can add up to quite a bit. 5 My family has gotten good at being aware of such small ways to save.

Commented [7]: Why did you chose this answer over the other one. Which one provides more examples in terms of the "ways to economize"? Remember, details provide examples.

4. Our old car is ready for the junk pile.

A. 1 If the car's problems were just cosmetic, we might be able to live with them, but it's worse than that. 2 Our car has major mechanical problems that would cost more to fix than would be worth it. 3 Even if we did fix them, that would leave a lot of smaller problems to deal with. 4 Those problems not only affect its appearance but definitely make the car unsafe. 5 It's time to say goodbye to the old heap.

Commented [8]: Why did you chose this one? Which of the two options has more details?

5. The little boy was in a stubborn mood.

A. 1 When I asked him to do something, he gave me nothing but trouble. 2 He seemed determined to make things difficult for me, for he had made his mind up.

6. The food in the cafeteria is terrible some days.

A. 1 They serve canned vegetables, which are not as good as fresh ones. 2 The macaroni and cheese does not do anything for your appetite, and the pizza is not as good as the kind you can get at a pizzeria. 3 Some of the meat is virtually inedible. 4 Lots of luck if you want something good to drink.

7. Our new kitten causes us lots of trouble.

B. 1 He seems to destroy everything he touches. 2 He's always getting into places where he doesn't belong. 3 Sometimes he plays too roughly, and that can be painful.

8. Speaking before a group is a problem for many people.

A. 1 Many people will go to almost any length to avoid speaking to a group. 2 If they are forced to do it, they can feel so anxious that they actually develop physical symptoms. 3 If asked, people will often prefer that anything happen to them as an alternative to having to speak in public.

9. My uncle knew very little about cooking when he got his first apartment.

A. 1 He had to live on whatever he had in the freezer for a while. 2 He was not any good in the kitchen and went through a trial-and-error process of learning how to prepare things to eat. 3 More often than not with his meals, he would make mistakes first, and someone who knows what to do in preparing food would probably not believe some of the things that he did.

10. My family has real problems.

A. 1 My mom was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and hypertension, but we cannot afford the medications she should now be taking. 2 Since my dad lost his job as an insurance agent, we've started to fall behind on our mortgage payments. 3 Then my sister was caught shoplifting cosmetics from our local drug store.