Note: In communicative exercises where several answers are possible, this answer key contains some examples of correct answers, not all possible answers. Any valid answer in this type of exercise should be considered acceptable.

Exercise 1
Answers will vary. Following are examples of appropriate responses:
1. People can shop, bank, and do research on the Internet. This saves trips to stores, the bank, and the library.
2. People can check work e-mail at home. They can spend too much time surfing the Web.
3. Answers will vary.

Exercise 2
Answers will vary.

Exercise 3
2. The more time people spend on the Internet, the more time they spend working at the office.
3. The more time people spend on the Internet, the less time they spend talking to friends and family on the phone.
4. The more time people spend on the Internet, the less time they spend with family and friends.
5. The more time people spend on the Internet, the less time they spend attending events outside of the home.

Exercise 4
Answers will vary. Following are examples of appropriate responses:
2. I'd like to give Karate a try. It sounds challenging.
3. Chess is difficult, but it's a great game.
4. I find aerobics stimulating.
5. I'd like to take up yoga. I've heard it's very relaxing.
6. I think ping-pong is fun.
7. I find embroidery a little boring.
8. Wood carving sounds interesting.

Exercise 5
Answers will vary. Following are examples of appropriate responses:
yoga; It sounds relaxing. Is it difficult?
crocheting; I hate to say this, but I find crocheting a little dull.

Exercise 6
1. do; circle emotionally, underline soothing (A)
2. play; circle intellectually, underline stimulating (A)
3. do; circle socially and financially, underline interact (V) and pays off (V)
4. restore; circle physically, underline demanding (A)

Exercise 7
Answers will vary.

Exercise 8
2. Megan Bloom has a large antique English porcelain teapot.
3. Sam Dentel has a rare 1987 Chinese gold giant-panda coin.

Exercise 9
1. three-hundred-year-old
2. one-and-a-half-hour
3. two-carat
4. nine-hundred-page
5. twentieth-century
6. thousand-dollar

Exercise 10
Answers will vary. Following are examples of appropriate responses:
cellphones: don't have to be home to make and receive calls; leisure activities and time with friends may be interrupted
PDAs: can check e-mail anywhere; might be expected to respond to work messages at night or on the weekend
laptops: don't have to be at your desk to use your computer; work doesn't end when you leave the office—can work at home, on vacation
e-mail: can make fewer phone calls; friends and family might not talk as much
voice mail: don't miss any calls; have to return lots of calls

Exercise 11
Answers may vary but should include some of the following: the longer hours we work; the fewer and shorter vacations we take; the more stressed we are

Exercise 12
Answers will vary.

Exercise 13
Answers will vary.

Exercise 14
1. blurry
2. invades
3. virtually
4. plugging away
5. 24/7

Exercise 15
Answers may vary but should include some of the following:
1. checking e-mail, taking business calls, checking PDAs, working on a laptop
2. checking sports scores, shopping, reading the news, ordering tickets, planning vacations, chatting with friends, browsing the Web
3. A more definite separation of work and home life would be better now only for employees but also for employers.
4. Answers will vary.

Exercise 16
Answers will vary.

Exercise 17
Answers will vary.

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Exercise A
Answers will vary. Following are examples of appropriate intensifiers:
1. rather
2. slightly
3. really
4. very
5. wonderfully
6. considerably
7. extremely
8. fairly

Exercise B
1. quickly
2. softly
3. angrily
4. beautifully
5. fairly
6. hard

Exercise C
Answers will vary.