

Vocabulary and Grammar Test

I. Open the brackets using the words in necessary forms.

Maria came home rather late. She 1. (to work) ... hard on the school play they were going to stage the following week. Having closed the door behind her, she realized that the house 2. (to be) ... completely dark and very quiet. "Where 3. (to go) ...?" she wondered. She went upstairs to check the bedrooms. There was no one there, and the beds looked as if nobody had slept in there. She clearly remembered that she 4. (to leave) ... her red sweatshirt on the bed but it wasn't there.

She 5. (to begin) ... to feel scared. And then the phone rang. She picked up the receiver and heard her father's voice saying: "Hi, what's up? We 6. (to try) ... to contact you all evening. Probably you 7. (to switch) ... off your mobile. Ted has won the school chess championship and we 8. (to celebrate) ... it in the pizzeria round the corner. Come and join us." "But you 9. (to finish) ... eating by the time I get there," Maria said. "No problem. We'll order another pizza for you when you 10. (to come)"

II. Insert the right preposition.

1. He had a wonderful talent ... telling genuine jewelry from artificial.
2. I knew it wouldn't be easy when I decided ... a career in nursing.
3. The school buses have been inspected ... safety.
4. At the end of the day she was so tired that she was desperate ... some peace and quiet.
5. I was ... time for my dentist's appointment, but the dentist was still busy with another patient.
6. I don't approve of smoking in public places, it's not fair ... non-smokers.
7. After days of wondering what to give Nick as a present, it occurred ... Ben to give Nick a ticket for a pop concert.
8. Insuring pets ... sickness or accidents is becoming a fast growing business in an effort to cope with huge vet bills.
9. The Congress was bound to agree with the President ... the increase in federal taxes.
10. When you have to talk about a given subject ... length, try to use phrases that organize your arguments into connected speech.

III. Choose the best word to complete the text.

I was born and (1) ... up in Norfolk. I am fanatic about the country and all it has to (2) Why am I so incredibly (3) ... on my country? Firstly, it's clean and the population is very (4) ..., less than half the average for the country. (5) ... there are fewer people, there are fewer chimneys, fewer towns and fewer cars whereas other rural countries have motorways (6) ... through them and in (7) ... it has a hundred miles of unspoilt coastal scenery. Long distance footpaths (8) ... almost the whole of this coast and people wander slowly along them.

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| a) raised | b) brought | c) growth | d) reared |
| a) provide | b) supply | c) offer | d) suggest |

- a) fond b) crazy c) keen d) proud
- a) small b) slight c) thin d) little
- a) Although b) However c) While d) Because
- a) running b) driving c) leading d) diving
- a) practice b) addition c) place d) fact
- a) follow b) accompany c) go d) stretch

IV. Insert the right article.

1. They say they are making ... steady progress towards a peace settlement.
2. His opinions had ... effect on many laws that are still in force today.
3. After leaving school Mark took ... course in business studies at college.
4. Who gave him ... permission to leave the class early?
5. We were driving through heavy rain when the windscreen wipers stopped working, so we were in ... urgent need of repair.
6. A shark can smell blood at ... distance of half a kilometer.
7. Frankly speaking, I didn't have ... heart to tell the children we couldn't keep the puppy any longer.
8. Six months have passed from the start of the strike, but there is still no end in ... sight.
9. The patient's condition is giving ... cause for concern.
10. Success in some careers often depends on ... support of friends and relatives.
11. Captain Cook, ... English explorer, arrived in New Zealand in the 1760s.
12. On ... top of all, one child was in bed with pneumonia.

V. Use the correct form of a main verb from the first box and a preposition from the second box to create the sentences below. You may use the main verb more than once.

1	pay	let	turn (2)	pull	make	catch	take (2)	put	
2	in	to	down (2)	off	back	over	out	aback	up with

1. I'm not going to ... his invitation to spend a holiday in Cyprus.
2. He had promised to play in the match, but he didn't come and ... the whole team
3. The play ... for a week because the leading actress was ill.
4. Can you ... what is written on that sign over there?
5. Everyone ... when the manager stood up and walked out of the assembly-room.
6. He waited excitedly on the platform for his friend's train
7. It seems that other Europeans ... Belgian people who eat chocolate with pride not guilt and eat it in huge amounts.
8. "I ... you ... for that!" shouted Johnny to a friend who had played a trick on him.
9. I know I can always ... Kate for comfort and I am sure she'll never let me down.
10. When the director is away, Tom ... the office.

VI. Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

COFFEE HOUSES

Coffee houses are a (0) speciality of Viennese life. Each one serves a huge (1) _____ of exotic coffees, so you should consult the menu. The most popular coffee is Brauner, which is (2) _____ to espresso. The waiters are (3) _____ polite and must be spoken to (4) _____. Most regulars sit for hours over one cup of coffee and do not feel obliged to order further (5) _____.

Tourists often cause (6) _____ and are seen as (7) _____ who try to strike up conversations. The Viennese do not go to coffee houses to be (8) _____; they go to be seen in public. Upon leaving, it isn't (9) _____ to leave a very large tip. The (10) _____ coffee drinker usually rounds the bill up to the nearest shilling.

0. **SPECIAL**
1. **SELECT**
2. **SIMILARITY**
3. **EXTREME**
4. **RESPECT**
5. **REFRESH**
6. **ANNOY**
7. **INVADE**
8. **SOCIAL**
9. **NECESSITY**
10. **KNOWLEDGE**

VII. Complete each sentence with two to five words, including the word in bold.

1. No one understood me when I tried to explain the problem.
myself I couldn't _____ when I tried to explain the problem.
2. His luggage was heavy. He decided to call a porter.
such He had _____ that he decided to call a porter.
3. Caroline regrets shouting at her friend yesterday.
wishes Caroline _____ at her friend yesterday.
4. "I don't suppose you know where Alison is, do you?" Liz said to me.
whether Liz wanted to know _____ Alison was.
5. As soon as I got into bed I fell asleep.
sooner No _____ into bed than I fell asleep.
6. I'm sure he didn't go to the cinema last night.
have He _____ the cinema last night.
7. You ought to reconsider your decision.
better You _____ your decision.
8. I was so angry that I couldn't speak.
too I was _____ speak.
9. They heard Tom argue with the boss.
was Tom _____ with the boss.
10. You will be late for school unless you leave now.
if You will be late for school _____ now.

VIII. Correct the mistakes.

1. It's high time you tidy your bedroom.
2. If you will get up early you may catch the early train.
3. No sooner had he locked the door when the phone rang.
4. You'd not better be late for your interview.

5. We would better go soon.
6. What I would really like it is a long holiday.
7. "I love chocolate biscuits" "So I do"
8. Rebecca told to her husband that the postman had delivered a parcel for him.
9. By the end of June, I will be working here for six months.
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THE KEY

I.

1) had been working, 2) was, 3) have they all gone, 4) had left, 5) was beginning, 6) have been trying, 7) have switched, 8) are celebrating, 9) will have finished, 10) come

II.

1) for, 2) on, 3) for, 4) for, 5) in, 6) to, 7) to, 8) against, 9) on, 10) at

III.

1) B, 2) C, 3) C, 4) A, 5) D, 6) A, 7) B, 8) B

IV.

1) -, 2) an, 3) a, 4) -, 5) -, 6) a, 7) the, 8) -, 9) -, 10) the, 11) the, 12) -

V.

1) to turn, 2) let down, 3) was put off, 4) make out, 5) was taken back, 6) to pull in, 7) are catching up with, 8) will pay back, 9) turn to, 10) takes over

VI.

1) selection 2) similar 3) extremely 4) respectfully 5) refreshment(s) 6) annoyance 7) invaders 8) sociable 9) necessary 10) knowledgeable

VII.

1. I couldn't make myself understood when I tried to explain the problem.
2. He had such heavy luggage that he decided to call a porter.
3. Caroline wishes she hadn't shouted at her friend yesterday.
4. Liz wanted to know whether I knew where Alison was.
5. No sooner had I got into bed than I fell asleep.
6. He can't have gone to the cinema last night.
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