

**B1 – MOCK EXAMINATION**

**SECTION 1**

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. In general, he \_\_\_\_ about personal matters with strangers.  
a) isn't speak  
b) doesn't speak  
c) isn't speaking  
d) wasn't spoken
  
2. We \_\_\_\_ the gates to open at 7:00 yesterday but the concert was cancelled at the last moment.  
a) expect  
b) were expected  
c) would expect  
d) were expecting
  
3. He decided to leave the company because he \_\_\_\_ with his boss.  
a) hadn't been getting on  
b) didn't got on  
c) has been got on  
d) did get on
  
4. It's hard to work nights when you \_\_\_\_ during the day.  
a) used sleep  
b) aren't used to sleep  
c) aren't used to sleeping  
d) have been slept
  
5. I don't mind \_\_\_\_ on the condition that you do the washing up!  
a) to cook  
b) cooking  
c) cook  
d) to be cooked

**SECTION 2**

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

1. When you meet the Queen you \_\_\_\_ certain types of protocol.  
a) should to observe  
b) must be observed  
c) were observing  
d) have to observe

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2. It's relatively safe to visit that city. \_\_\_\_, you should avoid large crowds.
- Despite
  - In case
  - Though
  - However
3. He asked me what time \_\_\_\_ because he had a train to catch.
- does the lesson finish
  - the lesson is finished
  - the lesson would finish
  - was the lesson finishing
4. I'm sure that if you \_\_\_\_ hard, you'll see the results in one year.
- practise
  - will practise
  - practised
  - would practise
5. Things seem \_\_\_\_ more expensive with each passing week!
- getting
  - have got
  - to get
  - to be got

### SECTION 3

Choose the correct alternative to complete the second sentence so that the meaning remains the same as the first.

1. Somebody will explain your absence to the manager when he comes in on Monday.  
Your absence \_\_\_\_\_ to the manager when he comes in on Monday.
- has been explained
  - explains
  - is explained
  - will be explained
2. The police will investigate the crime.  
The police will \_\_\_\_\_ the crime.
- give up
  - look into
  - turn down
  - get into
3. I wasn't expecting him to arrive unexpectedly like that.  
I wasn't expecting him to \_\_\_\_\_ like that.
- come on
  - go in
  - turn up
  - get over

4. "Do you want to go to the cinema with me?" he asked her.  
He asked her whether \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema with him.
- she wants to go
  - did she want to go
  - does she want to go
  - she wanted to go
5. "No! Not me! I didn't take your money," he told his colleague.  
He denied \_\_\_\_\_ his colleague's money.
- to take
  - taking
  - of having took
  - being taken
6. My computer stopped working at a moment when I needed it most.  
My computer \_\_\_\_\_ at a moment when I needed it most.
- closed down
  - put down
  - broke down
  - knocked down
7. There have been many changes made to the musical arrangement.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ many changes to the musical arrangement.
- have made
  - made
  - had been making
  - are going to make
8. They started to go to the Health Spa in 2003.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ 2003.
- have gone to the Health Spa for
  - have been starting to go to the Health Spa in
  - have been going to the Health Spa since
  - went to the Health Spa since
9. I hope you don't mind taking care of my dog while I'm away.  
I hope you don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ my dog while I'm away.
- taking after
  - letting down
  - looking after
  - growing up
10. They played the match in spite of the rain.  
They played the match \_\_\_\_\_.
- despite it was raining
  - however it rains
  - even though it was raining
  - if it rained

**SECTION 4**

Complete each sentence with the correct word formed from the word in brackets.

1. That professor's way of explaining is very \_\_\_\_\_ (IRRITATE)
2. She has to make a \_\_\_\_\_ soon. (DECIDE)
3. He filled in the application form \_\_\_\_\_ (CARE)
4. He felt nervous and \_\_\_\_\_ the first time he spoke in public. (SECURE)
5. We were absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ after walking ten kilometres. (EXHAUST)
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the table made it impossible to move. (LONG)
7. Mr. Morgan was a very \_\_\_\_\_ man but he had few friends. (WEALTH)
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ that women cannot do certain jobs is no longer accepted. (BELIEVE)
9. You can ignore this because it is \_\_\_\_\_ (IMPORTANT)
10. The company always treated him \_\_\_\_\_ well. (EXTREME)

**SECTION V**

Read the passage and choose the correct answer to each question.

Have you ever thought that within a single afternoon you could lose your sense of security? That happened to me, and I'm still paying for the consequences of somebody else's action. The feeling of security and serenity, that everyone should have, is often brutally taken away for just a few dollars. Unfortunately, this happens again and again all over the world, and it is hard for the victims of criminal actions to find their serenity again.

It was just a day like any other. My best friend and I were in her shop. I had been out shopping that day and I'd decided to go and see her. It was the middle of the afternoon and we were both happy and making plans for the weekend.

Suddenly a man entered the shop. There was something about him that was strange. He didn't look like one of her usual customers. However, my friend welcomed him politely and asked if she could help him. He had something in his hand in his pocket. We couldn't see what it was. He ordered us to go to the back of the shop and he pulled his hand out of his pocket. We were shocked to see he had a gun!

We were so afraid that we could hardly understand what was happening. Naturally, we obeyed him. The really terrifying thing was that he seemed so calm and so used to this kind of action. "Don't say a single word and do exactly as you are told," he said. He gave us precise orders and kept telling us that he could kill us at any time. He took the money from the cash desk, from our bags and then asked for our jewellery. We gave him everything he wanted. He was unemotional while he was bringing his "job" to a conclusion. Finally, after a few more interminable minutes, he left.

From the moment that man walked out of that shop I have not been the same person. I do not feel safe. I often check to see if someone is following me and am careful not to have valuables with me when I'm out of my house. I now avoid certain parts of town where I went without problems before.

Perhaps I am being silly. After all, apart from being robbed, nothing happened to my friend and me. We were lucky. However, that man seemed ready to kill us as though we were insects if we didn't obey him. This possibility has stayed with me since that horrible day. Now I am sure only of one fact; I blame this man, not for having taken my jewellery, but for having taken away my innocence.

1. According to the text, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) there is a criminal who is robbing shops all over the world
  - b) it can be difficult to recover from the shock of a crime
  - c) most crimes take place in the afternoon
  - d) criminals don't steal much money
  
2. The woman \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) was visiting her friend in her shop
  - b) was buying some jewellery
  - c) was visiting the city for the weekend
  - d) was a customer in the shop
  
3. Which statement is correct?
  - a) The shop owner knew the man who entered.
  - b) The man waited a long time to make his demands.
  - c) The man immediately seemed unusual to the speaker and her friend.
  - d) The shop owner immediately pushed an alarm button.
  
4. The speaker understood that the man had a gun when \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) he pointed the gun at her friend
  - b) she saw the gun in his pocket
  - c) he shot at something
  - d) he took his hand out of his pocket
  
5. The speaker found it particularly frightening that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) the man seemed so agitated
  - b) the man seemed so calm
  - c) the man didn't seem to want money
  - d) the man made no effort to hide his appearance
  
6. The man did NOT take \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) jewellery
  - b) money from the cash desk
  - c) the women's cash
  - d) objects from the shop
  
7. Until the end, the robber remained \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) silent
  - b) calm and efficient
  - c) friendly and conversational
  - d) desperate and unsure
  
8. From the moment the man left the shop, the speaker believes \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) her friend has become more violent
  - b) he has been following her
  - c) she has changed for the better
  - d) she has become more afraid

9. Which information is NOT in the text?
- a) The speaker is helping the police to find the robber.
  - b) The speaker does not go to certain parts of town.
  - c) The speaker avoids wearing expensive things in public.
  - d) The speaker believes she was fortunate.
10. The speaker is angry with the robber because \_\_\_\_\_
- a) of what he did to her friend
  - b) he took valuable personal belongings from her
  - c) she lost her peace of mind because of his actions
  - d) the police have not captured him

#### SECTION VI

Complete the conversation with the words below. Do not use a word more than once.  
Be careful; there are five extra words.

worrying - back - my - early-twenties - interesting - keen - excited - old-fashioned  
argue - mass-produced - middle-aged - despite - personal - liked - agree

Kerry: *Do you think the music that young people are so 1 \_\_\_\_\_ on today is as good as the music we were listening to 2 \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1970s?*

Phil: *It's rather a difficult question to answer. If I say "no", then someone in their 3 \_\_\_\_\_ can accuse me of being another 4 \_\_\_\_\_ person who can't see anything good in what's happening today. It's just my 5 \_\_\_\_\_ opinion but no, I don't think the music is as good today as it was then.*

Kerry: *Yes, I have to 6 \_\_\_\_\_ with you. It just doesn't seem to be as catchy or vital and I think the most 7 \_\_\_\_\_ thing is that it's here today and gone tomorrow. Most of it is so 8 \_\_\_\_\_; there doesn't seem to be much originality in it!*

Phil: *I think there's a lot of very 9 \_\_\_\_\_ and unusual music to be found on the Internet but it's hard to find without a record company promoting it. Unfortunately, most of these artists never become famous.*

Kerry: *Well, I don't care if young people think Pink Floyd are 10 \_\_\_\_\_. I love listening to them on my iPod!*

Now check your answers against the answer sheet!

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