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Test A

Tenses – present

A Read the conversation between two students. Then look at the answers below and write the correct answer in each space.

Lisa: Who ¹ is Michelle talking to?
 Amy: I can't see Michelle.
 Lisa: You ² looking in the right place. She's over there.
 Amy: Oh, that's Adrian. He's new here.
 Lisa: Really? Where ³ he live? ⁴ you know?
 Amy: No, I ⁵ know anything else about him.
 Lisa: What ⁶ they talking about, I wonder?
 Amy: Well, he ⁷ look very interested. He's got a very bored expression on his face. And he ⁸ saying anything.

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| ◆ a) are | b) do | c) does | d) is |
| 1 a) aren't | b) doesn't | c) don't | d) isn't |
| 2 a) are | b) do | c) does | d) is |
| 3 a) Are | b) Do | c) Does | d) Is |
| 4 a) aren't | b) doesn't | c) don't | d) 'm not |
| 5 a) are | b) do | c) does | d) is |
| 6 a) aren't | b) doesn't | c) don't | d) isn't |
| 7 a) aren't | b) doesn't | c) don't | d) isn't |

B Read Tessa's postcard to Angela and write the missing words. Use one word only in each space.

We're ¹ having a great time here. It's beautiful, and the sun ² shining. Yesterday I went water skiing! What ³ you think of that?
 I still think postcards are nicer than emails, so I'm ⁴ at a table in our hotel room and writing a few. The room is fine, but we ⁵ like the food very much. But it ⁶ matter because we ⁷ out to a restaurant every evening.
 We're both ⁸ very lazy at the moment. I ⁹ up quite late in the morning, and Dan ¹⁰ up even later. You know of course how much Dan's work ¹¹ to him and how he's ¹² talking about it. Well, the holiday is so good that he's forgotten all about work. So it's the perfect holiday. The only problem is that it's ¹³ us a lot of money. But we'll worry about that later.

C Each of these sentences has a mistake in it. Write the correct sentence.

- ◆ The children is doing their homework now.
The children are doing their homework now.
- 1 The girls are play tennis at the moment.

- 2 Both my brothers likes sport.

3 Anna wearing her new coat today.

4 What colour you like best?

5 My suitcase is weighing ten kilos.

6 At the moment I stay at a hotel.

7 Robert catch the same bus every morning.

8 What is this word here mean?

D Complete the conversations. Put in the correct form of each verb.

Use the Present Continuous or the Present Simple.

◆ A: Is Jessica in, please?

B: Yes, but I think (I / think) she's busy at the moment.

She's washing (she / wash) her hair.

1 A: _____ (I / think) of buying a new car.

B: But cars _____ (cost) so much money. What's wrong with the one we've got?

A: _____ (it / get) old and unreliable now.

2 A: Your new trousers _____ (look) nice.

B: Thank you. The trouble is _____ (they / not / fit) properly.

_____ (I / not / know) why I bought them, really.

3 A: What _____ (you / do)?

B: _____ (I / weigh) this parcel. _____ (I / need) to know
how many stamps to put on it.

4 A: _____ (I / think) this road is really dangerous. Look how fast that lorry
_____ (go).

B: _____ (I / agree). People shouldn't go so fast.

5 A: _____ (I / like) musicals. And this is a great show, isn't it?

_____ (you / enjoy) it?

B: Yes, I am. _____ (I / love) every minute of it.

6 A: _____ (I / always / fall) asleep. I just can't keep awake.

B: What time _____ (you / go) to bed?

A: About ten o'clock usually. But _____ (it / not / make) any difference.

7 A: Could you post the goods to me, please?

B: Yes, certainly.

A: _____ (I / live) at a guest house at the moment as

_____ (I / look) for a flat. So could you send them to my work address?

B: Yes, of course. And you'll have the goods by the end of the week,

_____ (I / promise).

8 A: Why _____ (you / want) to change the whole plan?

B: I'm just not happy with it.

A: And _____ (I / not / understand) why _____ (you / be)
so difficult about it.

Test B

Past Simple and Past Continuous

A Put in the Past Simple of the verbs in brackets.

- ◆ The car stopped (stop) at the lights.
- 1 We _____ (leave) the cinema before the end of the film.
- 2 The streets _____ (be) crowded with people.
- 3 My grandmother _____ (die) last year.
- 4 Everyone _____ (have) a marvellous time.
- 5 We _____ (not / like) the food they gave us.
- 6 Claire _____ (go) to Egypt last month.
- 7 The accident _____ (happen) last weekend.
- 8 It _____ (not / be) a very comfortable journey.
- 9 I _____ (know) that ages ago.

B Write a second sentence that has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

- ◆ There were lights on the spacecraft. (had)
The spacecraft had lights on it.
- 1 I had my old coat on. (wearing)

- 2 I was on holiday, and you were on holiday, too. (we)

- 3 It isn't true that I made a mistake. (didn't)

- 4 The boys were in the middle of a game of cards. (playing)

- 5 No one told me about the change of plan. (know)

- 6 My friend was the winner of the competition. (won)

- 7 Is it a fact that the Romans built this wall? (did)

C Lorna Bright is a long-distance walker. Look at this part of her diary describing a morning's walk along the coast. Write the missing words. Use one word only in each space.

It was a fine day ◆ when I started out on the last part of my walk around the coast of Britain. The sun was ¹ _____, and a light wind ² _____ blowing from the south-west. I was pleased that it ³ _____ raining. I knew by now that I ⁴ _____ like rain. In fact I ⁵ _____ it.

I ⁶ _____ along the cliff top and then down into the lovely little fishing village of Wellburn, past a café where people ⁷ _____ having morning coffee. Three miles past Wellburn I ⁸ _____ down for five minutes and ⁹ _____ a drink. Now it ¹⁰ _____ getting warmer, so I ¹¹ _____ off one of my jumpers. I ¹² _____ stop for long because I ¹³ _____ to reach Seabury by lunch time. ¹⁴ _____ I finally got there, it ¹⁵ _____ just after half past twelve.

D Each of these sentences has a mistake in it. Write the correct sentence.

- ◆ The hotel were very quiet.
The hotel was very quiet.
- 1 It was peaceful, and the birds were sing.
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- 2 I washed my hair when my phone rang.
.....
- 3 You came not to the club last night.
.....
- 4 It taked ages to get home.
.....
- 5 We tried to keep quiet because the baby sleeping.
.....
- 6 As I was watching him, the man was suddenly running away.
.....
- 7 We pass a petrol station two minutes ago.
.....
- 8 Everything was seeming OK.
.....
- 9 Where bought you that bag?
.....
- 10 When I heard the alarm, I was leaving the room immediately.
.....

E Complete the sentences. Put in the correct form of each verb. Use the Past Continuous or Past Simple.

- ◆ When Martin arrived (arrive) home, Anna was talking (talk) to someone on the phone. Martin started (start) to get the tea.
- 1 I (lie) in the bath when the alarm (ring). It (stop) after a few seconds.
- 2 It (be) cold when we (leave) the house that day, and a light snow (fall).
- 3 Your friend who (come) here the other day (seem) very nice. I (enjoy) meeting her.
- 4 When I (see) the man, he (stand) outside the bank. He (have) a black baseball cap on.
- 5 When I (open) the cupboard door, a pile of books (fall) out.
- 6 I (walk) along the street when I suddenly (feel) something hit me in the back. I (not / know) what it was.
- 7 We (go) to London yesterday, but on the way we (hear) about a bomb scare in Oxford Street. So we (drive) back home straightaway.
- 8 Something very strange (happen) to me on my way home from work yesterday afternoon. I (drive) along the bypass at the time. Suddenly I (see) my mother in the seat beside me. But she died three years ago.

Test C Present Perfect and Past Simple

A Put in the past participles of the verbs in brackets.

- ◆ We've found (find) all the answers.
- 1 Have you _____ (wash) the car?
- 2 You haven't _____ (eat) very much.
- 3 They've _____ (open) a new supermarket.
- 4 You've _____ (write) it in pencil.
- 5 I've _____ (make) the sandwiches.
- 6 We've _____ (have) our lunch.
- 7 United have _____ (score) a goal.
- 8 The balloon has _____ (land) in a field.
- 9 Who's _____ (break) this glass?
- 10 It's warm because the heating has _____ (be) on.
- 11 Have you _____ (sell) your flat yet?
- 12 I've _____ (finish) that job at last.

B Complete the second sentence so that it follows on from the first. Use the Present Perfect.

- ◆ My hair is tidy now. I 've brushed _____ my hair.
- 1 The door is open. Someone _____ the door.
- 2 This is Oliver's drawing. Look, Oliver _____ a picture.
- 3 The dish is broken. Someone _____ the dish.
- 4 United are the winners. United _____ the game.
- 5 There's no more wine in the bottle. We _____ all the wine.
- 6 The floor is clean now. I _____ the floor.
- 7 I know my number now. I _____ my number by heart.
- 8 The guests are here now. The guests _____.
- 9 I'm still working on my project. I _____ with my project yet.

C Decide which word is correct.

- ◆ I'd like to borrow this book. Has Anna read it yet _____ ?
a) done b) for c) just ~~d) yet~~
- 1 Ben writes very quickly. He's _____ finished his essay.
a) already b) been c) for d) yet
- 2 What are you going to do? ~ I don't know. I haven't decided _____.
a) just b) long c) since d) yet
- 3 I've _____ to London. I went there in June.
a) been b) gone c) just d) yet
- 4 Have you _____ done any skiing?
a) ever b) for c) just d) long
- 5 My boyfriend hasn't visited me _____ week.
a) for b) last c) since d) this
- 6 I haven't seen that coat before. How _____ have you had it?
a) already b) for c) long d) since

- 7 The girls have to the cinema. They won't be back until ten o'clock.
a) already b) been c) gone d) just
- 8 I haven't seen my parents last Christmas.
a) already b) before c) for d) since
- 9 This is the first I've ever lived away from home.
a) already b) since c) that d) time
- 10 This programme must be new. I've seen it before.
a) ever b) never c) since d) yet

D Some of these sentences are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓). If it is incorrect, cross the unnecessary *have* or *has* out of the sentence and write it in the space.

- ◆ Susan has lost her keys. She can't find them anywhere. ✓
- ◆ Christopher ~~has~~ hurt his hand, but it's OK now. has
- 1 The directors have arrived half an hour ago, but they didn't stay long.
- 2 It's raining, and Peter has left his umbrella behind, look.
- 3 It's a long time since your friends have last visited us.
- 4 None of you have called me for weeks. Aren't we friends any more?
- 5 We can play tennis now. The others have finished.
- 6 The company has bought some land, but then it sold it.
- 7 The TV isn't on now. Someone has turned it off.
- 8 Tessa has posted the parcel. It's on its way to you.
- 9 Several bombs have gone off in the city centre. It has happened an hour ago.
- 10 Simon has left. He and Oliver have left after lunch.

E Put in the Present Perfect or Past Simple of the verbs in brackets.

- ◆ I 've had (have) these shoes since my 18th birthday.
- ◆ I tidied (tidy) my desk, but now it's in a mess again.
- 1 The last time I (go) to Brighton was in August.
- 2 I'd like to meet a ghost, but I (never / see) one.
- 3 I've finished my homework. I (do) it before dinner.
- 4 And the race is over! And Micky Simpson (win) in a record time!
- 5 I (work) for a computing company for a year. That was after college.
- 6 What time (you / get) to work this morning?
- 7 Martin (be) to Greece five times. He loves the place.
- 8 The President (come) out of the building and is going to make a speech.
- 9 You won't believe this, but I've got some tickets for the concert. ~ Oh, well done. How
..... (you / get) them?
- 10 Of course I can ride a bike. But I (not / ride) one for years.
- 11 Marilyn Monroe (be) in about 30 films.
- 12 (you / ever / bake) your own bread? ~ No, but I might try it some time.
- 13 Julia (be) very ill three years ago.
- 14 Someone has left a message for you. They (call) last night.
- 15 (you / see) the news today? ~ No, not yet. I'll watch it at ten o'clock.
- 16 We moved here in 2003. We (be) here a long time now.

Test D

Tenses – past and perfect

A Read the conversation. Then look at the answers below and write the correct answer in each space.

Tessa: Hello, Robert. I [♦] haven't seen you for ages.

Robert: Hello, Tessa. Great to see you. What have you ¹ doing lately?

Tessa: ² just started a new job in computer software.

Robert: You ³ working for Tuffex Plastics when we last met.

Tessa: That's right. I hadn't ⁴ working there long before I got fed up. I ⁵ realized what a horrible job it would be. But what about you? ⁶ you found a job?

Robert: Well, six months ago I ⁷ working for a car hire company, but then they ⁸ bankrupt. So I'm out of work now. ⁹ been looking around for another job.

Tessa: Well, I'm sure you'll find one soon.

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| ♦ a) didn't | b) hadn't | c) haven't | d) wasn't |
| 1 a) been | b) had | c) has | d) was |
| 2 a) I'd | b) I'll | c) I'm | d) I've |
| 3 a) did | b) had | c) have | d) were |
| 4 a) be | b) been | c) done | d) had |
| 5 a) didn't | b) hadn't | c) haven't | d) wasn't |
| 6 a) Did | b) Had | c) Have | d) Were |
| 7 a) been | b) had | c) have | d) was |
| 8 a) go | b) going | c) gone | d) went |
| 9 a) I'd | b) I'll | c) I'm | d) I've |

B Write a second sentence that has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets.

♦ Lucy had a green dress on. (wearing)

Lucy was wearing a green dress.

1 The doctor began work at six o'clock and is still working. (has)

2 Rupert didn't have his credit card. (forgotten)

3 I didn't want to go without taking a photo. (until)

4 Isabelle has been writing the report. It is finished now. (written)

5 My wait in the queue has lasted 40 minutes so far. (I)

6 When we arrived, everyone was on the dance floor. (dancing)

7 The laptop has been mine for four years. (had)

8 In the middle of our lunch there was a knock at the door. (when)

9 Dan felt sick from eating too many cakes. (because)

C Write the sentences correctly.

- ◆ I like this dress. I've been having it for ages.

I've had it for ages.

- 1 It was my first day back at work. I was on holiday.

- 2 I'm quite tired now. I play badminton.

- 3 I had to sit down. I'd been having a shock.

- 4 You need a rest. How much have you been working?

- 5 The robbery happened at midday. Lots of people walked along the street outside.

- 6 My sister speaks good English. She is practising her English since last summer.

- 7 At last I have my qualification. I've been passing my exam.

- 8 Michelle looked really sunburnt. She'd lie in the sun for too long.

- 9 We got to the coach stop at nine yesterday. But the coach has already gone.

D Complete the conversations. Put in the correct form of each verb.

- ◆ A: Did you buy (you / buy) anything at the antiques sale yesterday?

B: No I wanted (I / want) to buy some jewellery, but I'd left (I / leave) my credit card at home.

- 1 A: Are you still copying those addresses?

B: No, that's all of them. (I / finish) now.

- 2 A: The train is never going to get here.

B: How long (we / wait) now?

A: At least half an hour. (we / be) here since ten to five.

- 3 A: Did you have a nice chat with Tessa?

B: No, not really. When (we / drink) our coffee, (she / hurry) off home.

- 4 A: It's terrible about that plane crash, isn't it?

B: Yes, awful. (I / have) breakfast when (I / hear) the news.

- 5 A: So you sing in a rock band, do you? How long (you / do) that?

B: Oh, since I was 16. (we / do) about a dozen gigs.

- 6 A: Do you know what Katherine was so upset about yesterday?

B: No, I don't. But I'm sure (she / cry). Her eyes looked red.

A: Perhaps (she / have) some bad news.

- 7 A: The shooting was very frightening, I suppose.

B: It certainly was. When we (hear) the shot, we all (throw) ourselves to the floor.