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Tests

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# Test 1 Sentences

## A Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

- 1 He couldn't rest or sleep because ..... too much coffee.  
a drinking b been drinking c had been drinking d he had been drinking
- 2 My brother, together with his friends, always ..... round collecting wood for bonfire night.  
a go b goes c going d gone
- 3 Some of the girls in my group are surprised that I don't wear make-up, but I don't .....  
a wear b care c do d like
- 4 The team all wanted coffee so I made .....  
a it them b some it c some them d them some
- 5 The director ..... to us that there had been financial problems earlier in the year.  
a concluded b offered c revealed d told

## B Identify the one underlined expression (A, B, C or D) that must be changed in order to correct the sentence.

- 1 The tour of the palace included a visit to the old kitchen where they were baking bread and the huge underground wine cellar which was containing thousands of bottles and felt like a prison.  
A B C D
- 2 None of the children wants to be in the group that has to stay inside because everyone prefer to go outside and play.  
A B C D
- 3 The old ladies were collecting money for people who needed some help at Christmas so, after my wife and I discussed it, we decided to put £20 their collection box.  
A B C D
- 4 Elaine handed Michael the letter that someone had sent her and told him to read it to me, but I asked him to show it me because I wanted to see the signature.  
A B C D
- 5 When Fox became president, this seemed to be the first thing that made happy all the young people, especially those who had felt angry with the old government leaders.  
A B C D

## C Complete this text with appropriate forms of the verbs. Add the other words in the appropriate places.

begin catch give include sneeze fever in November it the flu

Anyone who has a history of health problems and people who are 65 or older should get a flu vaccination every year before the flu season <sup>1</sup> .....

Flu, or influenza, is a serious infection of the nose, throat and lungs. Symptoms <sup>2</sup> ....., cough, runny nose, sore throat, headache and tiredness.

Anyone can <sup>3</sup> ..... and <sup>4</sup> ..... to others. It is spread when an infected person coughs or <sup>5</sup> .....

**D** Complete each sentence in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence above it.

1 Nick told one of the detectives that he had taken the cash box.

Nick admitted .....

2 The police said it was too dangerous and we were convinced.

The police persuaded .....

3 After the princess kissed the frog, he suddenly became a prince.

The frog suddenly turned .....

4 Two hours won't be enough to finish the job, he said to us.

He told .....

5 The wall is white. Someone did it yesterday.

Someone painted .....

**E** Complete this text with appropriate forms of the verbs plus a complement in each space.

be (x2)   become   seem   stand   alone   better   clear   quite satisfied   ready

Donald's presence certainly made a big difference to the speed we arose that day. There was no question of Tam lounging about in bed until the last minute, and we <sup>1</sup> ..... for work by half past seven. Donald had his own map of the job, with all the fences marked out in red ink, and the first thing he did was go for a tour of inspection, accompanied by me. We followed the hill up to the summit, and then came down by way of the cross-fence, Donald all the time checking for wire tension and, of course, straightness. When we got to the encircling fence he <sup>2</sup> ..... with what he'd seen.

'Hmm, quite professional,' he said.

After a while we came to the gateway that <sup>3</sup> ..... Donald looked at it for a moment, and then said, 'Yes, I always think it <sup>4</sup> ..... to do the gate first and build the fences round it.'

Donald had put on some overalls, and it soon <sup>5</sup> ..... that he intended to work alongside us during his visit.

# Test 2 Tenses

## A Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

- I think Mr Wilson..... in this school since 2005 or maybe earlier.  
a teaches b is teaching c has taught d taught
- I stopped watching the game before the end, but I thought we.  
a had won b have won c have been winning d will have won
- That's very sad news. If..... sooner, I would have tried to help.  
a I know b I'll know c I knew d I'd known
- My sister..... me once or twice since she's been living in Athens.  
a was messaging b has messaged c has been messaging d had messaged
- According to the memo, we're..... the meeting at noon tomorrow.  
a having b have c going have d will have

## B Identify the one underlined expression (A, B, C or D) that must be changed in order to correct the sentence.

- My next door neighbour, who is usually shy and doesn't say much, is being very friendly this morning and has a big party tonight for all his friends.  
A B C D
- Martin was used to smoke a lot when he was studying, but since he has been working in the bank, he hasn't been smoking as much.  
A B C D
- People were slipping on the wet floor because no one had cleaned up the water that all of us were knowing had leaked from the coffee machine.  
A B C D
- When you will make a promise, you tell someone that you will definitely give them something or that you definitely will or won't do something.  
A B C D
- As we were entering the building, I noticed a sign that someone has put above the door which said, 'Be alert.'  
A B C D

## C Complete this text by choosing only one of the verbs from each pair for each space.

had decided    was walking    hadn't changed    thinking  
decide    walk    wasn't changing    thought

were looking    whispered    saw    wasn't wearing  
are looking    was whispering    see    didn't wear

I had a very embarrassing moment last Monday. I <sup>1</sup> ..... to school and <sup>2</sup> ..... about the weekend when I noticed that people <sup>3</sup> ..... at me in a strange way. I couldn't understand it, and just when I <sup>4</sup> ..... I was imagining things, I <sup>5</sup> ..... my best friend. 'Look down!' he <sup>6</sup> ..... to me. Then I understood. I <sup>7</sup> ..... any shoes. I <sup>8</sup> ..... out of my fluffy slippers.

**D** Complete each sentence in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence above it.

- 1 We are spending £300 on repairs before we sell the car.  
By the time we sell the car, we .....
- 2 I never had to think about my health before this.  
This is the first .....
- 3 Juliet started working here about six years ago.  
Juliet has .....
- 4 I didn't think it would be good, but it's really bad.  
It's even worse .....
- 5 I haven't talked to my parents since Christmas.  
It was Christmas when .....

**E** Complete this text with these verbs.

believe    holds    be experiencing    had    have been changing  
will keep    lets    is happening    have been    have created

The world is getting warmer and the oceans are rising. Why <sup>1</sup> ..... this .....? One answer is that it could simply be part of a natural process. After all, there <sup>2</sup> ..... ice ages and long periods of warmth in the past, so we could just <sup>3</sup> ..... another warming trend. This kind of answer <sup>4</sup> ..... more supporters a few years ago. What scientists now <sup>5</sup> ..... is that human activity is the cause. For more than 200 years, humans <sup>6</sup> ..... gradually ..... the atmosphere, mainly as a result of industrial pollution. We <sup>7</sup> ..... an atmosphere around the earth that, like a giant glass container, <sup>8</sup> ..... heat from the sun through and then <sup>9</sup> ..... it in. <sup>10</sup> ..... temperatures and sea levels ..... rising? The general answer is unfortunately, yes.

# Test 3 Modals

## A Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

- 1 You're 18! You're ..... to be able to look after yourself by now.  
a have b ought c should d supposed
- 2 A permit is a document which states that you ..... to do something.  
a are allowed b cannot c may d shall
- 3 He ..... have helped us if he'd really wanted to.  
a could b may c must d will
- 4 My laptop ..... be old, but it still works really well.  
a can b could c may d would
- 5 ..... someone please tell me where the library is?  
a Can b May c Must d Should

## B Identify the one underlined expression (A, B, C or D) that must be changed in order to correct the sentence.

- 1 They say it can be going to rain later so you should take an umbrella or you might get wet.  
A B C D
- 2 I was going to ask you if you would read over my essay before I have to hand it in, but when you read it, you ought not be too critical or negative.  
A B C D
- 3 His right hand may have been badly injured and he probably won't be able to type, so I thought that I will offer to do some typing for him.  
A B C D
- 4 Andy was so generous. If I asked him, 'Could I borrow your car?', he would always say, 'Of course, you could!', and he would immediately start looking for the keys.  
A B C D
- 5 I really wish I would have a car of my own so that I could go for a drive in the country and I would be able to go when I want to and not have to wait for a bus or a train.  
A B C D

## C Combine one modal and one verb phrase to fill each space in this text.

can      may not      must  
will      won't

be charged      be paid      be used  
be familiar      be required

Note: Credit cards are used instead of cash, interest is charged and part payment is allowed. Charge cards are used instead of cash, but no interest is charged and full payment is required.

As a new customer of the bank, you <sup>1</sup> ..... with the difference between a charge card and a credit card. Both cards <sup>2</sup> ..... instead of cash in most places to pay for goods and services. Later, when you receive your charge card bill, the total <sup>3</sup> ..... in full every time. However, when you receive your monthly credit card bill, you <sup>4</sup> ..... to pay the total amount. If you choose to pay only part of the bill, you <sup>5</sup> ..... interest on the amount not paid.

**D** Complete each sentence in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence above it.

- 1 Students may not park here.  
Students are .....
- 2 It's possible that his trip was cancelled at the last minute.  
His trip may .....
- 3 She had to get up at five o'clock every morning and she didn't enjoy it.  
She didn't enjoy .....
- 4 It was impossible for him to have committed the crime, according to the report.  
He .....
- 5 It was a bad idea to put this shirt in the washing machine.  
This shirt .....

**E** Complete this text with these words.

be able to    couldn't    might    was able to    would (x2)  
be willing to    had to    should    was going to

'Hello! Mr Appleton!'

The voice was some distance behind him. He stopped raking the leaves and turned to see two women struggling up the driveway towards him. They were wearing identical white T-shirts which had MADD in large black letters across the front. He had a sudden strange thought that they <sup>1</sup> ..... be crazy people who <sup>2</sup> ..... spell. But they didn't look crazy. As they came closer, he <sup>3</sup> ..... make out smaller letters under each of the big letters, spelling out the words 'Mothers Against Drunk Driving'.

'I'm so glad we found you. I'm Nettie Albright and this is Agnes Miller.'

He shook their outstretched hands. Agnes was wearing thin gloves.

'We talked to your wife this morning and she's the one who told us we <sup>4</sup> .....  
<sup>5</sup> ..... find you here. She said she hadn't really witnessed the accident, but  
you had. We were hoping you <sup>6</sup> ..... <sup>7</sup> ..... testify.' She  
<sup>8</sup> ..... stop and take a deep breath.

'You mean the car crash?'

'Yes, exactly, the crash. We need witnesses. That awful man says it wasn't his fault. He  
<sup>9</sup> ..... be jailed immediately! He's a menace to society. We need your help to put  
him away.'

It had happened one early evening in July. I <sup>10</sup> ..... just .....  
cross the street when a car came racing through the red light, narrowly missing me, but  
smashing into another car in the middle of the junction. The woman in that car died. When the  
man who hit her turned out to be very drunk, it all changed from being an accident to being a  
criminal case.



# Test 4 Negatives and questions

## A Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

- 1 What do you think ..... me?  
a told b they told c didn't tell d did he tell
- 2 Why not ..... the meeting for Monday morning?  
a schedule b scheduling c you schedule d do you schedule
- 3 They explained that she couldn't take the course, .....?  
a could she b couldn't she c did she d didn't they
- 4 ..... real work was done in the office while the boss was away.  
a Not a b Not any c No d None
- 5 Good morning, gentlemen. .... of you is first in line?  
a Which b Whose c Who d Whom

## B Identify the one underlined expression (A, B, C or D) that must be changed in order to correct these sentences.

- 1 My neighbour used to say, 'How about helping me carry this?' or 'Give me a hand with this, would you?', but at no time he asked me if I ever needed help with anything.
- 2 I'm not trying to work more, but quite often I have no time for lunch or I don't have much of an appetite, and so I take no longer a whole hour for my lunch break.
- 3 I told Sarah that it wasn't my party. I explained that it was my brother's party, so none of my friends had been invited. I guess she didn't believe me because her first question was, 'Why you didn't invite me to the party?'
- 4 'Did you see those students cheating during the exam?' ~ 'No, but didn't you tell the teacher?' 'I decided not to tell her because I didn't really think it was my business and no one wants to be a tell tale, does he? Don't say anything about this to anyone, will you?'
- 5 Not many people realize that a spider is no insect because insects don't have eight legs and none of them make webs.

## C Fill in the missing words in this dialogue.

- A 'Isn't window-shopping fun? Look at these lovely vases. <sup>1</sup> ..... they beautiful?'
- B 'They're okay.'
- A 'Let's buy one!'
- B 'With <sup>2</sup> .....?'
- A 'Oh, come on, just one.'
- B 'No, I don't think so. They're <sup>3</sup> ..... nicer than the ones we already have at home.'

- A 'Oh, you're such a spoilsport!'
- B 'No, <sup>4</sup> ..... I'm simply trying to avoid spending money that we haven't got!'
- A '<sup>5</sup> ..... we buy anything at all?'
- B 'No. But you can enjoy looking. That, after all, is what window-shopping means.'

**D** Complete each sentence in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence above it.

- 1 The room wasn't only cold, it was also very damp.  
Not .....
- 2 Your sister said she gave the money to someone.  
Who ..?
- 3 Andreas thinks that something has been stolen.  
What ..?
- 4 She suggested that I take the train instead of driving.  
She said, 'Why ..?'
- 5 'What's his name and where does he live?'  
They asked me ..

**E** Complete the text and questions with these words. Then answer the questions.

did   how   never   no   nothing   what   where   which   who   why

Your parents have sent you a ticket to fly to New York where they are planning to celebrate their wedding anniversary. <sup>1</sup> ..... much is happening at work, you've <sup>2</sup> ..... been to New York and you've had <sup>3</sup> ..... holiday trips for more than a year, so you've quickly packed a couple of large suitcases and headed to the airport. You are now sitting on board flight YZ-23, non-stop from London to New York, waiting to take off. The flight attendant hands you a questionnaire. You decide to complete it.

- <sup>4</sup> ..... is your flight number? .....
- <sup>5</sup> ..... are you taking this flight? Business  or Leisure
- <sup>6</sup> ..... paid for your flight? Myself  or Somebody else
- <sup>7</sup> ..... you check in bags for this flight? .....
- <sup>8</sup> At ..... airport did you board this flight? .....
- <sup>9</sup> ..... will you leave this flight? .....
- <sup>10</sup> ..... many flights have you made in the last 12 months? .....