AIOE – PRE INTERMEDIATE (9-10)

Name:

1 Select the correct alternative.

a) Hans has **rosy / thick** eyebrows.

b) Are you ill? Your cheeks look very **pale / straight**.

c) The dentist admired her **straight / full** teeth.

d) Angelina Jolie is famous for her **full / pointed** lips.

e) Your hair is beautiful. It's so **wavy / pale**.

2 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

ambitious insecure loyal sensitive shy sociable

a) Lara's friends were very _____ and supported her during the terrible divorce.

b) I get a bit nervous in groups of people. I'm really _____.

c) Jenny is very _____. She wishes she had more confidence.

d) Martin is really _____. He wants to set up his own company and be rich.

e) Sue and Marta are _____ and enjoy being with other children at school.

f) Patrick cried when his friend was ill. He's very _____.

3 Complete the sentences with the *to*-infinitive or *ing*-form of the verbs in parentheses.

a) Are you looking forward to _____ (go) on vacation?

b) I've decided _____ (learn) to swim this year.

c) Pam doesn't need _____ (buy) a new bicycle.

d) He should stop _____ (smoke). It's an awful habit.

e) Brian really enjoys _____ (cook).

f) Do you want _____ (have) dinner outside tonight?

4 Write sentences in the simple "present perfect" with *for* and *since*.

a) I / know / Paula / 2004

_____

b) We / be / in this house / ten years

_____

c) Rafael / work / with us / March

_____

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d) They / not / see / their son / five days

_____

e) We / be / best friends / we were children

_____

5 Complete the sentences with the simple "present perfect or the present perfect progressive" form of the verbs in parentheses.

Lisa Connor is bored with her life. She (1) _____ (live) in the same town since she was born, and she (2) _____ (work) at the post office since she left school. But now Lisa (3) _____ (decide) that it's time for a change. She said, "I (4) _____ (do) this job for a long time, and I (5) _____ (make) a lot of friends, but I (6) _____ (think) of leaving my job for a while. For the past few weeks I (7) _____ (look) for a new job. I (8) _____ (always / want) to be rich and famous, so I'm thinking of becoming an actor." Good luck, Lisa.

6 Complete the conversations with the words in the box.

Can you give me a hand I'll keep my fingers crossed I just can't see eye to eye I'm pulling your leg It cost an arm and a leg

Colin: I've got my driving test tomorrow. I hope I pass.
Kathy: Oh yes. Good luck. (1) _____ for you.

Barman: Here's your drink. That's $500, please.
Daniella: What?
Barman: Don't worry. (2) _____. It's $2.30.

Tricia: I can't do this on my own. (3) _____ with dinner?
Mark: OK. I'll do the potatoes.

Ann: This stupid cell phone doesn't work.
Bob: Take it back.
Ann: Yes, I will. It really should work. (4) _____.

Theo: Have you been arguing with Jim again?
Ann: Yes. (4) _____ with him.

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Listening

[Track 22]

7 Listen to the conversation between Anna and Jake. Select the correct information.

a) Anna asks Jake **when / where** he was born.

b) Leo men are **good-looking / confident**.

c) Jake has **often / never** traveled abroad.

d) Pisces women are **easygoing / shy**.

e) Gemini women **like / don't like** being with other people.

8 Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

a) Having negative thoughts can make your life shorter. ___

b) The study in a US hospital has now finished. ___

c) Researchers studied depressed cancer patients. ___

d) Optimistic people don't get ill. ___

e) People who are happy about getting older often live longer lives. ___

Do optimists live longer? The answer is almost certainly yes. Scientists have found that people who smile and laugh a lot are not only happier, but tend to be healthier and live longer than people with negative thoughts. According to ongoing research in a US hospital, easygoing, cheerful patients with a positive outlook are about 20% more likely to live longer than depressed patients. The researchers have been studying 250 cancer patients for five years. Of course, both optimists and pessimists can get cancer, but it seems that having a good sense of humor and an optimistic attitude helps people respond to stress much better. It may even help to strengthen their bodies and immune systems. And even healthy people who feel happy about getting older live on average seven years longer than people who are unhappy about getting old. So, forget your worries, put a smile on your face, and look forward to a long and happy life!

9 Select the correct alternative.

a) People who **lead / make** a healthy life will live longer.

b) Slow down! You're always in a **fast / hurry**.

c) When I left my country, I really missed my **extended / network** of friends.

d) Moira liked to go for a **hurry / brisk** walk every morning.

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10 Put the words in the box into the correct group.

eggplant boil cucumber chop fry garlic broil slice trout sprinkle bake shrimp

a) Ways of preparing food: _____

b) Ways of cooking food: _____

c) Food: _____

11 Complete the features of a car with the missing vowels (*a, e, i, o, u*).

a) tr _ n k

b) _ n g _ n _

c) _ _ r c _ n d _ t _ _ n _ n g

d) s _ n r _ _ f

e) s _ _ n d s y s t _ m

f) l _ _ t h _ r s _ _ t s

12 Write questions with *will*.

a) you / phone me / later ?

_____

b) they / be / here on Friday ?

_____

c) Magda / cook dinner / for us tonight ?

_____

d) I / have time / to finish my work ?

_____

13 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

1 When Ben _____, we'll leave.

a) will arrive b) is arrived c) arrives

2 I'll go to bed as soon as this show _____.

a) finishes b) finish c) will finish

3 If I miss my train, I _____ you from the station.

a) call b) will call c) am calling

4 As soon as I finish this work, I _____ home.

a) will go b) go c) going

5 We'll open the wine when they _____ here.

a) get b) are getting c) will get

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14 Write sentences with *used to / didn't use to* + infinitive.

a) I / watch this show / when I was young

_____.

b) Nell / not like / mushrooms

_____.

c) My friends / have / an old yellow Ford

_____.

d) Derek / not go / to the same school as me

_____.

15 Complete the conversations with the words in the box.

beans cake cheese sardines tea

A: Do you like diving?

B: No, water sports aren't really my cup of (1) _____. I prefer shopping.

A: How was your trip?

B: Oh, the train was really busy. Everyone was packed in like (2) _____.

A: I've got to program my new cell phone. Can you help me?

B: Sure. It'll be a piece of (4) _____. I did mine last week.

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