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GRADE 10 ENGLISH GRAMMAR

MODULE 1: PRESENT TENSES

PART B: PRACTICE EXERCISES

Exe 1: Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

a) When you passed the town hall clock, *did you notice/were you noticing* what time it was?

b) Last night my neighbours *were shouting/would shout* for hours and I couldn't get to sleep.

c) When you lived in London, *did you use to travel/were you travelling* by bus?

d) Everyone was having a good time, although not many people *danced/were dancing*.

e) Jill was really hungry because she *didn't eat/hadn't eaten* all day.

f) Before we went to the theatre, we *called in/had called* in at George's cafe for a pizza.

g) It took a while for me to notice, but then I did. Everyone *stared/was staring* at me. What had I done wrong?

h) Nobody bothered to tell me that the school *decided/had decided* to have a special holiday on Friday.

i) I *was trying/tried* to get in touch with you all day yesterday. Where were you?

j) A: Excuse me, but this seat is mine.

B: I'm sorry, I *didn't realise/hadn't realised* that you were sitting here.

Exe 2: Put each verb in brackets into a suitable past verb form.

This time last year I (1) _____ (cycle) in the rain along a country road in France with a friend of mine. We (2) _____ (decide) to go on a cycling holiday in Normandy. Neither of us (3) _____ (be) to France before, but we (4) _____ (know) some French from our time at school and we (5) _____ (manage) to brush up on the basics. Now we (6) _____ (wonder) if we (7) _____ (make) the right decision. We (8) _____ (plan) our route carefully in advance, but we (9) _____ (forget) one important thing, the weather. It (10) _____ (rain) solidly since our arrival and that night we (11) _____ (end up) sleeping in the waiting room at a railway station. Then the next morning as we (12) _____ (ride) down a steep hill my bike (13) _____ (skid) on the wet road and I (14) _____ (fall off). I (15) (realise) _____ immediately that I (16) (break) _____ my arm, and after a visit to the local hospital I (17) _____ (catch) the next train to Calais for the ferry home.

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Unfortunately, my parents (18) (not/expect) _____ me home for a fortnight, and (19) _____ (go) away on holiday. So, I _____ (20) (spend) a miserable couple of weeks alone, reading 'Teach Yourself French.

Exe 3: Complete the article with the correct form of these verbs.

adopt come across conduct eat ever hear lose try wonder

Back to the future For a long time, I (1) _____ what kind of diet could really make a difference to my long-term health and weight goals. Like many dieters, I (2) _____any number of diets, but after losing weight, I always piled the pounds back on again. However, while I was browsing through a diet magazine, I (3) _____a fascinating article about the 'caveman die t'. It was the first time I (4) _____of this new trend.

Also known as the Paleolithic diet, it is based on the idea of eating only what would have been available 4 0 ,0 0 0 years ago; in other words, lean meats, fish, berries and vegetables. Foods such as pasta, rice, bread and dairy products are not allowed. In a recent study, (5) _____by a Swedish university, two groups of women followed two completely different diet plans - the paleo and a standard diet plan. After six months, those on the paleo diet (6) _____an average of 6.2 kilos. The other group, who (7) _____a diet of proteins, dairy and grains, had only managed to lose an average of 2.6 kilos. Since the diet first became well-known, countless celebrities (8) _____it and swear by its effectiveness.

Exe 4: Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

a) *Once/Afterwards* I'd read the manual, I found I could use the computer easily.

b) It was more than a month *before/until* I realised what had happened.

c) I managed to talk to Carol just *as/while* she was leaving.

d) It wasn't *until/up* to 1983 that Nigel could afford to take holidays abroad.

e) George always let me know *by the time/whenever* he was going to be late.

f) I was having a bath *at the time/that time*, so I didn't hear the doorbell.

g) We bought our tickets and five minutes *after/later* the train arrived.

h) According to Grandpa, people used to dress formally *those days/in his day*.

i) Everyone was talking but stopped *at that time/the moment* Mr Smith arrived,

j) The letter still hadn't arrived *by/until* the end of the week.

Exe 5: Complete the sentences with these expressions of time.

as soon as by the time How long in those days the other day whenever

1. _____I got to the dinner party, the other guests had already finished their starters.

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2. _____ate at the New Mexican, I always used to order beef tacos and guacamole.

3. _____Kate had wolfed down her supper, she leapt from the table and hurried back to her room.

4. _____ had you been following the paleo diet before you saw a reduction in your weight?

5. When my grandma was growing up, there were food shortages on many occasions. _____, food wasn't wasted as it is today.

6. _____I was browsing in the street market, when I found the most unusual cups and saucers.

Exe 6: Complete the text by writing one word in each space.

When I was a young man I spent a year in France, studying French at the University ò Grenoble. Every Friday I (1) _____ eat at the Alps cafe. I didn't (2) _____ to spend much money, as I (3) _____ not afford it, but it was a little tradition of mine to eat there. Anyway, I'm going to tell you a true story which happened on one occasion when I (4) _____ eating there. I remember I was having a pasta dish at (5) _____ time. A beautiful girl came up to me and said, 'I was (6) _____ if you wanted to walk with me in the park?' I had never seen her (7) _____, so I was rather taken aback. I was (8) _____ to go with her when I noticed a tough-looking man was watching our every movement. (9) _____ my discomfort, the girl whispered to me, in English, 'Park - five minutes!', and then disappeared. Well, my bill (10) _____ ages to arrive, and by the time I (11) _____ to the park, there was no sign of the girl. I asked an old lady (12) _____ was sitting there if she (13) _____ seen a young girl waiting around. I described the girl to her. The old lady said that the girl (14) _____ had to rush to the railway station, and that I (15) _____ to follow her there urgently. She had also left me a note. It said, 'I will explain everything. Meet me on platform 6.'

Exe 7: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

a) I intended to call you yesterday, but I forgot. (going)

→ I _____ call you yesterday, but I forgot.

b) Sylvia asked if I wanted more pudding, but I said I couldn't eat any more. (had)

→ When Sylvia offered_____ enough.

c) Owing to illness, Sally was unable to sing the solo, as arranged. (have)

→ Sally was_____ but she fell ill.

d) Diana wasn't always as rude as that. (be)

→ Diana_____ rude.

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e) We've changed our minds about going to Rome, as originally intended. (intending)

→ We _____ we've changed our minds.

f) When I lived in London cycling to work was part of my daily routine. (used)

→ When I lived in London I _____ day.

g) I might possibly go to the theatre tonight. (wondering)

→ I _____ going to the theatre tonight.

h) I had to go past your house so I decided to drop in. (passing)

→ I _____ so I decided to drop in.

i) About 100 people were waiting for the late bus. (arrived)

→ By_____ about 100 people waiting.

j) What were you doing at the moment of the explosion? (occurred)

→ When _____ what were you doing?

Exe 8: Choose the best answer.

Milan's world fair

'Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life' was the them e of Milan 's World Fair which the city (1) _____ in 2015. Organisers (2) _____ the exhibition to attract more than 20 million visitors over a period of six months, and their estimates weren't far wrong. A record-breaking 22 million people (3) _____ the exhibition by the time it closed its doors on 31 October. The team of architects responsible for the design of the space (4) _____ it to be different from other international exhibitions. A long central avenue (5) _____ flanked on both sides by plots of land allocated to each participating country in an attempt to recreate the Roman foundation of Milan. Each country (6) _____ its allotted plot to grow plants and vegetables from their homeland. However, the organisers found it difficult to implement the designers' original vision, as many of the participating countries (7) _____ to follow the original plan, opting instead to impose their own ideas on their individual plots. The final result, although varied, was visually confusing and (8) _____ to the overall design concept.

1.A. has hosted	B. hosted	C. was hosting	D. had hosted
2. A. I were expecting	B. have expected	C. would expect	D. used to expect
3. A. have visited	B. were visiting	C. visited	D. had visited
4. A. wanted	B. were wanting	C. would want	D. have wanted
5. A. used to be	B. was being	C. had been	D. would be

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6. A used B. was using C. was going to use D. was about to use

7. A. refused B. had refused C. would refuse D. were refusing

8. A hadn't conformed B. didn't conform C. wasn't conforming D. wouldn't conform

Exe 9: One verb in each sentence is in the wrong tense. Identify the incorrect word or phrase and write it in the correct tense.

Ex: 00. Has been studying-had been studying

1. I've been having a lot of problems with my computer recently and so I got a technician to come and have a look at it, but she has told me that it was because I wasn't using it properly.

2. It was a few days since I heard from Roger, but he left Russia last Monday and he was planning to arrive in China yesterday, so I called his mum to see if she had heard anything.

3. Pat and I were having a really good discussion when Jason suddenly appeared and decided that he wanted to join in, even though he has known absolutely nothing about what we were talking about.

4. I had never been visiting a working prison before, so when the opportunity came up I was really eager to have a look around and I certainly wasn't disappointed, although we weren't actually allowed to see the area where the prisoners live.

5. Charlie didn't know what Callum had said to Imogen, but he could see immediately that she had been crying and he was putting his arm around her to comfort he, which made her feel a little better.

6. although there was no reason to doubt what Alex said, I was ringing Rick to check and he told me that Alex had been right and the concert really had been cancelled because the lead singer had come down with flu.

7. The year before, I had given Lisa a CD for her birthday, but this particular year I wanted to surprise her, so I went into town and I was looking round the shops when suddenly I had seen an old-fashioned hat, and it was her size, I immediately bought it.

8. Olivia was cycling to school, as she usually did on those days when her father was working and wasn't able to drive her, when she was passing an old woman, who was waiting for the lights to change so that she could cross the road.

1. _____ 5. _____

2. _____ 6. _____

3. _____ 7. _____

4. _____ 8. _____

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Exe 10: If a word or phrase in bold is in the correct form, put a tick. If it is incorrect, write the correct form on the line.

The mobile phone

People (1) **have been dreaming** of having a personal means of communication for a long time. In the late 1960s, the idea (2) **had seemed** so far in the future that it (3) **was included** in the science fiction series, Star Trek. Since the 1980s, however, mobiles (4) **became** a part of everyday life. Although they (5) **were** initially seen as status symbol of successful business people, mobile use (6) **had spread** to include practically everyone in the developed world, old and young alike.

The impact on social life (7) **had been** enormous. We have got used to the idea of having constantly changing social plans, where a quick phone call is all it takes to arrange things. Before this was possible, there were many occasions when friends who (8) **had arranged** to meet completely (9) **had missed** each other because of a slight misunderstanding. People would often have to make very careful arrangement to be sure of meeting up.

As mobiles (10) **have been becoming** more popular, so they (11) **have become** more powerful. The large, unreliable mobile phone of the 1980s (12) **has evolved** into a small, stylish camera phone of today.

1. _____ 4. _____ 7. _____ 10. _____
2. _____ 5. _____ 8. _____ 11. _____
3. _____ 6. _____ 9. _____ 12. _____

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