

6th year plus (Upper-intermediate)

USE OF ENGLISH

1. MIXED TENSES. Read the following funny story. Choose option a - b - c to complete it.

## The Washroom Story



When I have to speak about the most embarrassing anecdote, this is probably the best one...

When I \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Montreal, I decided to stop at one of those rest areas on the side of the road.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (2) into the washroom. The first stall is taken, so I got into the second stall. I \_\_\_\_\_ (3) when I \_\_\_\_\_ (4) a voice from the other stall...

- **Hi there, how \_\_\_\_\_ (5)?**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (6) to myself, what the hell? Okay, I am not the type to strike up conversations with strangers in the loos on the side of the road. I \_\_\_\_\_ (7) what to say, so finally I said:

- **Not bad...**

Then the voice \_\_\_\_\_ (8):

- **So, what \_\_\_\_\_ (9)?**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (10) to find this a bit weird and very uncomfortable, but I finally replied with:

- **Well, I \_\_\_\_\_ (11) east...**

Then I heard the person, all flustered, say:

- **Look, I \_\_\_\_\_ (12) honey--every time I ask you a question this idiot in the next stall \_\_\_\_\_ (13) answering me!**

...A harsh silence fell through the washroom. I gotta tell you I was relieved. But never before \_\_\_\_\_ (14) so stupid! Damn you cell phones... You win this round.

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| 1. a. didn't leave       | b. was leaving       | c. had left            |
| 2. a. goes               | b. go                | c. went                |
| 3. a. had just sat down  | b. just had sat down | c. just sat down       |
| 4. a. listened           | b. heard             | c. had heard           |
| 5. a. is it going?       | b. it is going?      | c. does it do?         |
| 6. a. thought            | b. will think        | c. 'm thinking         |
| 7. a. wasn't knowing     | b. didn't knew       | c. didn't know         |
| 8. a. says               | b. said              | c. sayed               |
| 9. a. you are doing      | b. you doing         | c. are you doing       |
| 10. a. started           | b. had started       | c. 'm starting         |
| 11. a. 'm going back     | b. was going back    | c. had been going back |
| 12. a. 'll call you back | b. called you back   | c. had called you back |
| 13. a. keep              | b. keeps             | c. is keeping          |
| 14. a. had I felt        | b. didn't feel       | c. feel                |

2. **CONDITIONALS.** Read the sentences choose the correct option a -b - c - d.

1. I'd start now if I \_\_\_\_\_ you

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| a. had been | b. am | c. were | d. will be |
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2. What will you do if she \_\_\_\_\_?

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|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| a. doesn't come | b. wouldn't come | c. won't come | d. didn't come |
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3. \_\_\_\_\_ you help me if I needed it?

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| a. Will | b. Do | c. Does | d. Would |
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4. I would have phoned her, if I \_\_\_\_\_ her number.

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| a. know | b. had known | c. knew | d. known |
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5. I \_\_\_\_\_ so happy If I hadn't met you 10 years ago.

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| a. weren't | b. wouldn't be | c. don't be | d. doesn't be |
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6. I wouldn't have passed the exam, if I \_\_\_\_\_ an effort and \_\_\_\_\_ so much.

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| a. didn't make / study | b. wouldn't make / study | c. couldn't make / study | d. hadn't made / studied |
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3. **REPORTED SPEECH.** Rewrite these sentences using the indicated reporting verb in the corresponding tense.

1. "I think you should find a new job." (ADVISE/ME)

He \_\_\_\_\_ a new job.

2. "Don't forget to give Mary this book." (REMIND/HER)

He \_\_\_\_\_ this book.

3. "I'll give you the book tomorrow." (PROMISE/ME)

He \_\_\_\_\_ the book the next day.

4. "Don't bother" I'll take the dog for a walk." (INSIST)

He \_\_\_\_\_ the dog for a walk.

5. It is said that these herbs are good for you. (SAID)

These herbs \_\_\_\_\_ good for you.

6. "Try the oven-baked salmon, said the waitress." (SUGGEST)

The waitress \_\_\_\_\_ the oven baked salmon.

4. **RELATIVE CLAUSES.** Make one sentence from each pair of sentences using a relative clause.

1. This is the station. Paul lost his suitcase here.

This is the station \_\_\_\_\_ suitcase.

2. I don't know the woman. Her son is waiving at me.

I don't know the woman \_\_\_\_\_ at me.

3. 12th December is a very special date for us. We got married that day.

12th December \_\_\_\_\_ that's why it is a very special date.

4. These dresses are made by hand. That's why they're so expensive.

The reason \_\_\_\_\_ is that they are made by hand.

5. There are four chairs. One of them is red. It is broken. It cannot be used.

The red chair, \_\_\_\_\_, cannot be used.

6. Alyson is a good friend of mine. Her mother is my maths teacher.

Alyson, \_\_\_\_\_, is a good friend of mine.

5. **PASSIVE VOICE.** Read about a turning point in history: the invention of the printing machine. Complete the paragraph with a verb in its passive form. Mind using the correct tense.

**PRINTING**

buy | invent | make | not teach | print | write

The earliest books (1.) \_\_\_\_\_ by hand. This took a long time, so very few copies (2.) \_\_\_\_\_. They (3.) \_\_\_\_\_ only by rich and important people. Ordinary people (4.) \_\_\_\_\_ to read. The printing press (5.) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1450 by Johann Gutenberg. He printed copies of the Bible. In the modern world, millions of books, magazines and newspapers (6.) \_\_\_\_\_ every day.

