GRAMMAR TEST

I. Put the verb in brackets into the PRESENT SIMPLE or PRESENT CONTINUOUS tense.

Dear Mum, I _____ (JUST WRITE) to tell you how much I _____ (APPRECIATE) the money you have sent me, and to tell you how I _____ (GET) on in my first term at university. In fact, I _____ (REALLY ENJOY) myself. I _____ (STUDY) quite hard as well, but at the moment I _____ (SPEND) a lot of time making new friends. I _____ (STILL STAY) with my friend Jill and I _____ (LOOK) for some place to live on my own. Only a small number of first year students _____ (LIVE) in college here and I _____ (SEEM) to be spending a lot of time travelling. I _____ (ATTEND) lectures every morning, and most afternoons I _____ (STUDY) in the library. In

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fact, I _____ (WRITE) this letter right now instead of an essay on Shakespeare. I think I'll buy some new clothes with the money you've sent me. Everything _____ (COST) a lot here, and I _____ (SAVE) to buy a coat for the winter months. It _____ (GET) really cold here in the evenings. I now _____ (KNOW) some other students and we _____ (HAVE) quite a good time. I _____ (ALSO LEARN) to drive. University students _____ (GET) a refund if they take their tests here. I _____ (LOOK) forward to coming home next month.

See you soon.

Kate

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II. Past Tense – *Simple or progressive*

1. It _____ (rain) when we _____ (come) out of the shopping centre.

2. It _____(happen) very quickly. The car _____ (come) out of the side road and then the van _____ (drive) into the back of it.

3. I _____ (be) ill last week.

4. He _____ (break)his leg when he _____ (ski).

5. I _____ (look)out of the window and saw that people _____ (walk) in the park.

6. Emma _____ (pass) her exam a few weeks ago.

7. When we _____ (see) the spaceship we _____(stop) the car.

8. When _____ (you buy) the car? – I _____ (buy) it a few years ago.

9. He _____ (sit) in the garden when a wasp _____(sting) him in the nose.

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10. Claire _____ (go) to Egypt last month.

III. Fill in the correct form of the *Present Perfect tense*

1. The earth _____ here for billions of years (be).

2. We _____ cards for the last few hours (play).

3. We _____ problems with our new car recently (have)

4. _____ on anything interesting lately ?(you work)

5. Cuba _____ a socialist country since 1959 (be)

6. I _____ care of my neighbour's cats while they are away (take)

7. I _____ my car for three years (have).

8. _____ an important fight? (the boxer , ever, win)

9. John and Mary _____ with each other since the day they got married (quarrel).

10. It _____ hard since last night (rain).

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