ENGLISH IN COMMON
5A

FINAL TEST

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ON THIS BOOKLET

Part I: GRAMMAR

A) *Choose the most appropriate word to complete the following sentences. Use section A on your answer sheet.*

1. I _____ by taxi if I were you.
   a) would go b) must go c) 'll go d) none
2. If you _____ some ice in a drink, it will make it cooler.
   a) have put b) put c) will put d) none
3. He's the son of my mother's new husband. He is my _____.
   a) brother-in-law b) stepbrother c) godson d) none
4. _____ needs to be done, doesn't it?
   a) Something b) Anything c) Nothing d) none
5. Angela works _____, so she sometimes has to sleep during the day.
   a) the night shift b) full-time c) part-time d) none
6. Mark's relaxed about what happened; he took it all in_____.
   a) under b) steps c) stride d) bad
7. You're soaking wet. You _____ have gone out in the rain.
   a) would b) shouldn't c) should d) none
8. Cindy _____ say she was sorry several times.
   a) did b) does c) do d) none
9. My children got very _____ when I told them we were going to Disneyland next summer.
   a) uneasy b) excited c) relieved d) sad
10. You'll have to use another printer. This one's _____ of ink.
    a) run out b) sort out c) gone off d) none
11. He _____ walk a mile to school when he was young. There weren't any school buses then.
    a) must b) had to c) don't have to d) had
12. In London, you _____ drive on the left; that's the law.
    a) don't have to b) must c) need to d) none
13. _____ Francesca has a lot of money, she lives in a quite small apartment.
    a) but b) although c) however d) just

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14. Your bank account has money in it. _____, we're unable to authorize the loan.
a) However b) Moreover c) Although d) none

15. My grandparents love to _____ about the old days.
a) reminisce b) nostalgic c) remind d) none

***B-1)** Rewrite the sentences using **CONDITIONALS**. Start each sentence with **IF**. Use section **B** of your answer sheet (1 – 5).*

1. I don't want to be late for my interview so I hope the train comes on time.
2. I'd like to swim more often but I don't live near a pool.
3. Celia's dream is to join a choir but unfortunately she can't sing.
4. Daniel didn't go to the concert because he lost the tickets.
5. We had to stand in line for the tickets so we missed the start of the show.

***B-2)** Each sentence has a punctuation and/or word order mistake. Use section **B** of your answer sheet (6 – 10).*

6. Your visa has expired, nevertheless We are prepared to allow you to stay for a further three months.
7. I hear British Columbia is great for skiing vacations though. I've never been there myself.
8. Pets are not usually allowed in the hotel however, In this case we can make an exception.
9. I've lived even though in Chicago for four years, I still get lost on the subway system.
10. I've been to Scotland, although, I've never seen Stonehenge.

Part II: READING

Read the article:

MATT DRUDGE

This is Matt Drudge, millionaire founder and owner of the Drudge Report, the first and most successful online "newspaper". People have called Drudge the ultimate blogger but he doesn't accept the description. He considers the Drudge Report to be a real newspaper, very different from the thousands of blogs that have sprung up on the internet.

Drudge's fascination for news and gossip stems from a childhood job delivering papers for The Washington Star. It gave him plenty of time and opportunity to catch up with the latest news. Uninterested in school work or sports, Drudge developed an obsession with rumors and political gossip. In school, his only good subject was Current Affairs. Following a series of dead-end jobs, Drudge ended up in Los Angeles in the 1990's, just in time for the beginning of what was to become the internet.

The early internet was a fertile hunting ground for Drudge. He spent hours sifting through the newsgroups and the websites that existed then, searching for rumors and inside stories from the political and entertainment worlds. He launched the Drudge Repot website in 1995, a daily "rumor" bulletin containing his version of the latest and juiciest gossip from Hollywood and Washington. Always managing to be the first with breaking news, Drudge's success was assured when he became the first person to publicize the Monica Lewinsky scandal in 1998.

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Now with revenue of over $ 1 million a year and many thousands of subscribers, the Drudge Report has become a "must read" resource for those hungry for the latest news and gossip. But will the ever-increasing availability of news on the Internet mean the end for its older rival, the conventional newspaper? Drudge doesn't think so. He sees the two working together. As far as news – junkie Drudge is concerned; there can never be too much news.

*A) Match the following phrases to their correct meaning. Use section **A** in your answer sheet.*

1. Sprung up:
   a) Things that are happening now
   b) began or originated with
   c) appeared from nowhere

2. Steams from:
   a) Exciting or shocking scandal
   b) began or originated with
   c) look very carefully at all the details to find something

3. Breaking news:
   a) Things that are happening now
   b) began or originated with
   c) appeared from nowhere

4. News-junkie:
   a) Things that are happening now
   b) Someone who wants to know the latest news all the time.
   c) Appeared from nowhere.

5. Sift through:
   a) look very carefully at all the details to find something
   b) began or originated with
   c) Work that has no future and doesn't lead to a career.

*B) Mark the following statements as **TRUE, FALSE, or I DON'T KNOW**. Use section **B** on your answer sheet.*

1. Drudge calls himself "the ultimate blogger".
2. Matt Drudge doesn't think the internet will take over from newspapers in the future.
3. The Drudge Report is very useful for people who want up-to-date news.
4. He was a journalist for The Washington Star.
5. The Internet didn't exist when Drudge was a child.

*C) Choose the most appropriate answer to these questions. Use section **C** on your answer sheet.*

1. Which was the Drudge's success?
2. Why has The Drudge Report become a "must read" resource?
3. Who's Matt Drudge?
4. How was called "the Drudge"?
5. What's your own opinion about gossip? Is it good or bad? Why?

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6. What is the difference between gossip and scandal?
7. What happened in the 1990's?
8. Is the Drudge Report an ordinary newspaper?
9. How did Drudge spend his time in The Internet?
10. Write your opinion about Matt Drudge. Do you think that he has a good job? Why or why not?

Part III: WRITING

*Write a 200-word blog entry about something important that has happened recently regarding your life. DO NOT FORGET TO USE YOUR **FIRST CLASS SUPERHEROES.***

Part IV: LISTENING

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A)

B) Check the statements as TRUE, FALSE, or I DON'T KNOW. Use section B on your answer sheet.

1. Cara's brother is Charlie.
2. Their godfather was a great chess player.
3. They are living in Canada/
4. Cara's grandpa went skiing with her.
5. They were not given bikes one Christmas.

C) Write the correct answer for the following questions. Use section C on your answer sheet.

1. Who are talking?
2. How old was Cara when her brother started to ride a bike on his own?
3. Was Chris kind of scared of water?
4. Who was a great chess player?
5. How old were Chris and Cara when they started to play chess?
6. Did Chris play chess with Cara after the last time he lost?
7. Which snow sport did they take a couple of years ago?
8. Who is a better skier, Chris or his brother?
9. How would you describe the relationship between Cara and her brother? Why?
10. What were you good at in your childhood and you're not good anymore in the present time?

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