GRAMMAR PRACTICE

A). TENSES (Context: A dialogue)

Fill the blanks in the following sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1) A: When …….. you …….. (meet) this famous British composer?
B: Oh, I met him when I …… (study) in London about five years ago.

2) A: Liz is very tired. She …… (study) for her final exams the whole week!
B: When ……..... the exams ……..... (be)?
A: Next week.

3) A: How ..... Peter and you ..... (meet)?
B: We met at a mutual friend's party about three years ago.
A: And..... (be) it love at first sight?
B: Not really. Indeed, I thought he was rather vain.

4) A: Oh! I see you no longer have the rose tattoo on your ankle. When…….. you …….. (remove) it?
B: Just last week.
A: …….. (be) it very painful?
B: Yes, a bit, but I'm OK now.

5) A: You look upset. What happened?
B: I ……..(have) a terrible argument with a total stranger over a parking space at work.
A: Really? …… anyone……. (contact) the police?
B: Yes, in fact, the police arrives within minutes and arrested him.

6) A: Michael and I broke up last week. What ..... I ..... (do)?
A: Well, If I were you, I …….. (take) a brief holiday and travel somewhere.
B: Yes, thanks, I'll probably do that.

7) A: '…… you ever …… (be) to Australia?'
B: Yes. Indeed, I spent my last summer holidays there.
A: Really? …… you …… (see) any sharks?
B: Oh, no. I didn't go scuba diving to observe them.

8) A: Oh, Tom, I'm so sad.
B: What …….. (happen)?
A: I …… just …… (hear) that Justin Bieber is retiring from music.
B: Really? I didn't know. I'm sorry.

B. REPORTED SPEECH

Rewrite the following sentence in reported speech.

1) 'Don't get too close to the stage,' the security guard told them.

   The security guard told them ……..

2) 'Will you go to Italy tomorrow? Tom asked Giovanni.

   Tom asked him .....

3) 'I have a dream' said Martin L. King

   Martin L. King said that he……

4) 'When is the car going to be ready?', he asked them.

   He asked ……

5) "I´m sorry I made you cry" Sean said.

   Sean apologized for _____

C.) PHRASAL VERBS

Fill the blanks in the following two sentences with a phrasal verb that means the same as the verb in brackets.

1) a) It was a really boring evening. He ..... talking non-stop for literally over two hours. (continue)

   b) He has been very sad lately. He ..... with his girlfriend a month ago. (end a relationship)

2) a) In spite of his looks, he's really very kind. I ……. very well with him. (have a good relationship or be friends with someone).

   b) In the end, he decided to ……. the job offer. (refuse, decline)

3) a) John is very sad. I'm afraid he hasn't ..... his divorce yet. (recover from)

   b) He treated her very badly. He really ……. her ……. (fail or disappoint somebody).

4) a) 'When she read the news on the newspaper, she ……. the paper …….'. (discard, put in the bin or trash)

   b) 'I had to ……. my high-heeled shoes at the end of the concert'. (not wear, remove clothing)