

MOCK EXAM – OCTOBER 2020

1. Read and answer:

Living underground in New York

Mark Johnson has worked for the New York Daily News since he was 19. At the moment, he is investigating New York's freedom tunnels. He is getting really interesting information about them. The editor of the newspaper is eager to publish this piece of information soon.

The number of homeless people living in New York increases every year and is probably 150,000. However, few of us have heard of 'the mole people' – a group of about 7,000 individuals who live underground in railway tunnels that are not used. Some of them have lived underground for over twenty years. They don't like the name 'mole people'. 'We are not moles, we are people. We call this the freedom tunnel,' says Charlie.

Life underground is not that easy, and the inhabitants of the tunnels are proud that they are self-sufficient. They don't beg for money, but they go above ground to make a living. They collect tins in the street and take them to a recycling plant in exchange for a few dollars. They help clean the stairs of apartment buildings. Some collect and sell second-hand books. Unfortunately the city council wants to develop the public transport system and they are planning to move the people out of the tunnels. It is therefore possible that they will be truly 'homeless' again.

- 1 Why do you think Mark Johnson is interested in writing about New York's freedom tunnels?
- 2 How long have some of the 'mole people' lived in the tunnels?
- 3 How do they survive?
- 4 Why are their homes in danger?

2. Match these words or phrases from the text with some of the definitions:

Word/phrase	definition
1 tunnel	a. to make information available to people, especially in a book, magazine, or newspaper
2 publish	b. cause to change position
3 homeless	c. difficult to get
4 move	d. a long passage under the ground, especially one made by people
	e. without a home

W/P	1	2	3	4
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3. Paul, a young man living in one of the freedom tunnels in New York, is now talking to Mark. Complete the conversation:

- Mark :
- Paul : Well, I've been living in the tunnels for more than three years.
- Mark :
- Paul : I like living in the tunnels because I can do what I really want.
- Mark :
- Paul : My family? My parents have a big house near a lake.
- Mark :
- Paul : No, I'm not married. But I'm dating a young university student. Her name is Melissa.
- Mark :
- Paul : I don't know if she would like that. Living in a tunnel is not easy.

4. Choose the correct alternative:

Ten years ago, George Johnson, Mark's uncle, (1) . . . a college professor with a huge six-bedroom house and a fortune (2) . . . \$ 3 million. (3) . . . he doesn't live in that house anymore. Today he lives in a small

caravan (4) . . . there is only second-hand furniture. (5) . . . are certainly no signs that George used (6) . . .
 . a rich man! There is a small garden outside with (7) . . . fruit trees. George (8) . . . some vegetables and
 a few flowers. And what about his clothes? Well, he (9) . . . his clothes and a lot other things (10) . . .
 charity shops.

	A	B	C
1.	has been	were	was
2.	of	from	in
3.	Although	But	Because
4.	when	where	why
5.	They	There	That
6.	to be	be	being
7.	a few	a little	any
8.	grows	makes	does
9.	works	holds	gets
10.	from	for	over

5. Rewrite these sentences without changing their meaning:

- Henry moved to Rome four months ago.
Henry has.....
- Somebody gave Henry some money yesterday.
Some money.....
- Henry is the man. He works in a bank and lives in a tunnel.
Henry is the man.....
- Mark is very tired. He helped a friend move to a tunnel in the morning.
Mark was very tired because he had.....
- Mark likes visiting his friends who live in the suburbs.
Mark is keen.....

7. Put the verbs in their correct place and form:

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| ★ earn | ★ discover |
| ★ be | ★ be |
| ★ know | ★ make |
| ★ feel | ★ have |
| ★ have | ★ say |

But the change in George's life is not a tragedy. George (1) . . . happy to give up the lifestyle of a rich man.
 He was tired of being a person who (2) . . . everything in a world where many people have nothing. He
 made the choice to give all his money away. And this, he (3) . . ., brought him happiness.

'A few years ago,' says George, 'I was a millionaire, but I (4) . . . there were a lot of hungry people in the
 world.' So he gave away all his money to charities. When he (5) . . . two thousand dollars left, he gave away
 small bank notes in the streets of local poor areas. (6) . . . he . . . like Father Christmas? 'It was a lot of
 fun,' says George.

George believes that many people want (7) . . . a lot of money so that they will not have any worries.
 However, he knows that most people never (8) . . . much money.

George decided to stop being rich and (9) . . . that having only a little money makes you free. Are there any
 things he misses? 'Of course not. I (10) . . . much happier now.'

8. Listen and tick the correct column: True, False or Not Mentioned.

- Nick Bear is talking to people living in Caves in Italy.
- Most people living in those caves are over 60 years old.

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- 3 Jane Remington has never lived in a cave.
- 4 Some people would like to live in crowded cities again.
- 5 Some of the caves cannot be inhabited because of pollution levels.

9. Creative writing.

Write about **130** words on the following:

When my parents told me we were going to move to a bigger house, I

Now you go on with the story.