

## 1st term 8th grade English recovery exam

Name: .....

Grade: .....

### Listening

#### Part 1

For each conversation, choose the correct answer.

1 You will hear two friends talking about a music performance. The friends agree that

- A the concert hall was too big.
- B the performance was too short
- C the musicians needed more practice.

2 You will hear two friends talking about a play they have seen recently. What surprised the girl about the play?

- A how young the audience was
- B how unusual the ending was
- C how good the acting was

3 You will hear a boy telling a friend about an art course he went on. What did the boy enjoy most about it?

- A the strong focus on drawing and painting
- B the teacher's sense of humor
- C the variety of practice activities

#### Part 2

Listen to people talking in three situations. For each question, choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

4 How will the man book tickets for the show?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

5 What will the man do this winter?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

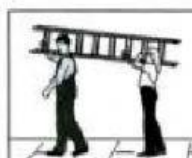
6 How does the man want the woman to help him?



A ☐



B ☐



C ☐

### Reading

#### Instructions

You are going to read a letter from Samuel about an unfortunate living situation. Six sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences (A-H) to fit each gap (7-12). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Dear Joshua,

Hi, how are you? I hope you and your family are well. I want to share with you a story about my recent unfortunate living situation. When my family moved to Rawang, we knew very little about the cement factory that existed there. (7).....For example, the fact that we could actually afford the land, enjoy the fresh air and be far away

from the busy Kuala Lumpur. My father thought that we could use the pond at the back of our house to start a fish farm. (8) .....

However, shortly after moving to Rawang, something happened to my then two-year-old brother, Danial. (9).....He suffered from pneumonia, unexplained coughing and shortness of breath.

A doctor checked Danial's medical file. (10) ..... I wondered about the meaning of his statement and began my research.

(11).....Our fish died. Layers of whitish substances covered the water. When Danial was five, we rushed him to the hospital. (12)..... Doctors confirmed that fine particles from the cement factory had formed deposits in Danial's lungs.

We are still praying that things would be alright. I'll keep you updated on his progress.

From Samuel

A He said that it could be because we lived in Rawang.

B The doctors put him under close observation six times in two months.

C We were more excited about other things.

D That would give the cats something to eat.

E He became sick.

F He was stabbed by someone in the local town.

G It would be a good business and source of income.

H I discovered that the number of children who used inhalers was growing.

#### English in context

Choose the correct grammar or vocabulary based on the context.

Hi, we're Sarah and Jamie! We're twins. We're also travel bloggers with an interest in tourism that doesn't destroy our planet.

We've always been fascinated by Earthships. We read about them in a travel magazine and we often thought it would be fun to stay in one. While we were (13).....our family trip around New Mexico, we (14).....that there were lots of these amazing buildings in Taos, so we immediately booked a stay in one. It was the part of the trip that we were looking forward to most and we weren't disappointed by the experience!

Earthships are very unusual-looking homes. They're long and (15) ....., and they're made from natural materials and stuff that we throw away, such as old tyres and glass bottles. They're built into hills and they use solar and wind power to generate electricity. The water comes from rainwater collected on the (16) ..... Ours was one of the cosiest and most comfortable places we've ever stayed in.

We loved so many things about our Earthship. The windows were huge, rectangular pieces of glass. I'd imagined these buildings might be (17).....inside, but ours was full of sunlight, helping an enormous collection of indoor plants to grow.

Our little bedroom was really cosy, with brightly coloured blankets and rugs. You'll probably know that Jamie isn't a fan of snakes. While we were getting ready for bed one night, we (18) .....one on the floor. After that, our bedroom windows were tightly closed every night!

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| 13. a) planned  | b) planning | c) plan     |
| 14. a) learnt   | b) learn    | c) learned  |
| 15. a) narrow   | b) thin     | c) boring   |
| 16. a) ceiling  | b) roof     | c) basement |
| 17. a) dark     | b) light    | c) gloomy   |
| 18. a) were saw | b) seined   | c) saw      |