

Insight Upper-intermediate Short Test 1.2 A

A Grammar

Complete the sentence using the words in the brackets in the past perfect simple or past perfect continuous.

- 1 Dana asked me if I _____ (see) her mother.
- 2 Sam _____ (never / live) away from his family until he started university.
- 3 Molly had a headache, because she _____ (look at) the computer screen for a long time.
- 4 We _____ (already / finish) our dinner, when Katie walked through the door.
- 5 Jakub _____ (concentrate) so hard on building the shelves, that he didn't notice the sun going down.
- 6 Oscar's phone _____ (ring) for several minutes before he noticed it.
- 7 Claire _____ (understand) the problem even before her tutor explained it to her.
- 8 By the time the restaurant _____ (finally / deliver) the order, Pete was no longer hungry.
- 9 The ground was white, as it _____ (snow) since the night before.
- 10 As Ben looked around the bend, he realized that he _____ (reach) the village.

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B Vocabulary

Read the dialogue and choose the correct answer.

- 1 **Woman** I think Linda's party was brilliant last night. She was so ___ to everyone's needs. Did you see how well she looked after little Emily? She had made her a special meal with all her favourite vegetables, and then an amazing ice cream for dessert.
Man I agree. She thought of everything. I think she was a fantastic host.
A ☐ striking B ☐ attentive C ☐ incremental
- 2 **Boy** I can't work out the answer to the last clue of this crossword. I've been working on this thing for hours now!
Girl I know, it's ___. Maybe if we asked Tom? You know he loves doing crosswords, so he'll be happy to help.
A ☐ in the interim B ☐ a great deal C ☐ a conundrum
- 3 **Boy** Martin is looking quite ___. I hope he's feeling OK.
Girl He's been playing computer games online with friends for hours every night! He only gets a few hours' sleep before he has to get up for school.
A ☐ striking B ☐ haggard C ☐ attentive
- 4 **Girl** Do you know who the new restaurant manager is? I wanted to get in touch about a possible weekend job.
Boy No. I think the person they have at the moment is there ___. The new manager is supposed to start next month, so it's probably better to wait until they arrive.
A ☐ in the interim B ☐ an incremental C ☐ a great deal

5 **Teacher** Why has Anh Long quit the rugby team?

Parent Well, he felt that he was being ___ by the new coach. After making a mistake in the first match of the season, he wasn't given enough opportunities to play in later games. He felt it was impossible to improve if he couldn't participate.

- A ☐ haggard B ☐ penalized C ☐ striking

6 **Woman** Elizabeth's new painting is wonderful, isn't it? I've always admired her work, but this painting really is special.

Man I think the way she's used colour makes the painting very ___. It makes it stand out, and it's a big change from her other work.

- A ☐ striking B ☐ gradual C ☐ incremental

7 **Boy** What did Yasemin think of the new animated movie? I'm taking my younger brother to see it tomorrow.

Girl She loved it! She's been talking about it ___ since she saw it. I think we'll be watching that one quite a few times in the next couple of weeks!

- A ☐ a conundrum B ☐ a great deal C ☐ in the interim

8 **Daughter** I want to open a bank account. I'm trying to save some money to buy a new laptop.

Father That's a good idea. You should get an account where you can pay in money each month, so that the total increases by ___ amount.

- A ☐ an incremental B ☐ an attentive C ☐ a haggard

9 **Girl** How did the birthday party go for your little brother? I know you were planning it for a while.

Boy I'm annoyed with myself. I forgot to order the cake, and he was really upset. I should have been more ___ when I was planning the party.

- A ☐ haggard B ☐ striking C ☐ attentive

10 **Woman** I hadn't realized that the tree in the garden had grown so high! It looks amazing.

Man Well, it's a ___ thing. It grows so slowly, that it's difficult to notice the change. The same thing happened with the plants we grew last year – they seemed to grow in a day!

- A ☐ conundrum B ☐ haggard C ☐ gradual

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Test score

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