BASIC ENGLISH V - WRITTEN TEST

FULL NAMES: _____**DATE:** _____

Section 1: LISTENING (20 points) [Track 12] [Track 14] [Track 18] [Track 20]

A. Listen to Oliver and Taryn talking about exercise. Choose the correct answer to the questions.

a) How often does Oliver play soccer?

(1) every afternoon (2) every week (3) never

b) Why does Oliver think he should do more exercise?

(1) to be in better shape (2) to forget about work (3) to have a less stressful life

c) What is Oliver trying to give up?

(1) coffee (2) smoking (3) soccer

d) How many times a week does Taryn go swimming?

(1) ten times (2) three times (3) every week

e) Which sport did Taryn do at school?

(1) jogging (2) swimming (3) tennis

B. Listen to Miles and Tracy talking about jobs. Choose the correct information.

a) Miles **does / doesn't** earn much money.

b) Miles has been to many places in **the USA / the world**.

c) Miles **has to / doesn't have to** wear a uniform.

d) Tracy arrives at work at **5:00 a.m. / 6:30 a.m.**

e) Tracy has never had a **better / worse** job than this one.

C. Listen to the interview with John Mullin and Choose the correct information.

a) The conference is about **world leaders / climate change**.

b) **The President / John Mullin** is flying to Japan tomorrow.

c) John Mullin thinks the government should spend more money on public **transportation / highways**.

d) A group of protesters is going to demonstrate in **Tokyo / the White House**.

e) John Mullin wants everybody to **take the bus / drive to work**.

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D. Listen to Jane and Mark talking about school. Choose the correct information to complete the sentences.

a) Jane's parents _____ .

(1) sent her to boarding school (2) lived near her school (3) moved when she was nine

b) Jane's school _____ .

(1) was modern (2) was nice (3) was very strict

c) At Jane's school, the students _____ .

(1) could go out for two or three hours every night (2) couldn't go anywhere (3) could go out when they wanted

d) At Mark's school, the students _____ .

(1) had to go to math classes (2) didn't like math classes (3) didn't have to go to math classes

e) Mark thinks his school _____ .

(1) wasn't very good (2) prepared him for life (3) was great

Section 2: GRAMMAR (20 points)

A. Choose the correct alternative.

a) Why can't you stand **to go** / **going** shopping with him?

b) Lana enjoys **to walk** / **walking** very much.

c) She refused **to come** / **coming** to my party on Saturday.

d) Julian spent a lot of time **to look** / **looking** for some black jeans.

B. Complete the sentences with the simple present or present progressive form of the verbs in parentheses.

Kevin is a lawyer. He usually (1) _____ (go) to his office in the morning, but today he (2) _____ (work) at home. He (3) _____ (like) expensive clothes and he always (4) _____ (look) very smart in his suits.

C. Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
bad	(5) _____	_____
exciting	(6) _____	_____

D. Complete the text with the present perfect or simple past form of the verbs in parentheses.

My friend is an actor. She lives in Los Angeles, and she (1) _____ (have) a lot of interesting jobs. She (2) _____ (travel) all over the world, and (3) _____ (appear) in a couple of Hollywood movies. Last year, she

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(4) _____ (go) to Africa to be in a movie starring Matt Damon. She

(5) _____ (not see) him, though! I (6) _____ (not be)

so lucky with my work. I (7) _____ (never travel) anywhere for my job, but I

(8) _____ (visit) my friend in Los Angeles for my holiday earlier this year.

E. Write questions for the answers.

(9) Q: _____ ?
A: Yes, I have to go to school on Saturdays.

(10) Q: _____ ?
A: No, I can't wear red shoes.

Section 3: VOCABULARY (20 points)

A. Put the words in the box into the correct group.

bracelet	denim	leather	plain	striped	top

a) Clothes and accessories: _____

b) Design: _____

c) Material: _____

B. Complete the text with the words in the box.

found	full-time	money	pay-raise	time off	well paid

Hayley works in a bank, but she doesn't like her job. It's a (1) _____ job, but it's not very (2) _____ . She asked for a (3) _____ , but her boss said no. Hayley wants to make more (4) _____ . Last week, she (5) _____ a new job in a computer company. She had some (6) _____ to go for an interview, and on Thursday she heard she got the job. Hayley was very happy.

C. Complete the text with the words in the box.

broke away	buzzing	demanded	made their way	slogans	took part in

This weekend, more than 120,000 people (1) _____ a demonstration against climate change, organized by environmental groups. Central Washington, DC was (2) _____ with activity, as protestors marched to the Mall carrying banners with (3) _____ criticizing the government. The demonstrators (4) _____ to the White House where they (5) _____ urgent

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action from the President. A small group of protestors (6) _____ and tried to get into the White House, but they were arrested by police.

D. Underline the correct alternative.

a) I don't **share / have** anything in common with my best friend's boyfriend.

b) You need to **make / have** an effort to get to know Frank a bit better.

c) He's always very **bright / clean** and tidy. I'm sure your parents will like him.

d) Julia and Larry both **share / make** the same taste in music.

e) Luke is very talented. He's going to **have / make** a successful career.

Section 4: READING (20 points)

A. Read the text and choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 The writer's wife _____ .

a) loves getting gifts b) doesn't like surprises c) has everything she needs

2 The writer was _____ about buying a gift for his wife.

a) excited b) nervous c) confident

3 His sister-in-law _____ .

a) gave him some good ideas b) wasn't very helpful c) bought some flowers

4 The writer wanted to get his wife _____ .

a) something unusual b) something cheap c) something boring

5 His wife _____ .

a) loved the jacket b) didn't like the jacket c) thought the jacket was original

The last time I went shopping I wasn't very successful. I wanted to get my wife a gift for her birthday. You don't know my wife, but she has everything she needs. I asked her what she wanted and she said, "a surprise." I didn't want to hear this. What do you buy the person who has everything? My wife knows what she likes, but I don't! So, I asked my wife's sister to give me some ideas. She said flowers were good, but I always get my wife flowers, so they aren't a surprise. A box of chocolates? She's on a diet. A book or a CD? Boring. I spent a whole afternoon at the mall looking for something fantastic, original, special – and not too expensive. In the end, I bought her a jacket. It was orange, and very original. I thought it was perfect! When I gave it to her, she smiled and asked me where I got it. She took it back to the store the next day, and bought a book.

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B. Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

a) Life for children hasn't changed a lot. ___

b) Children in the past had to do a lot of schoolwork. ___

c) Children in the past could play all day. ___

d) The writer's grandmother was unhappy when she left home. ___

e) People didn't have to work hard in the past. ___

When my grandmother was young, life for children was very different from today. My grandmother grew up on a farm, and I think she had more freedom than children do now. But even in the cities there were fewer cars, and children could play outside a lot more than today. My grandmother and her brothers and sisters certainly didn't have to do as much schoolwork as children do nowadays, but they couldn't play all day because they had to help on the farm and in the house. My grandmother left home when she was fourteen, and got a job working as a servant in a big house. That was the end of her childhood. She lived far away and couldn't visit her parents very often. She said she missed them very much. Everybody in the house had to work long hours every day. But on Sundays, my grandmother didn't have to go to work. She could spend the day doing whatever she wanted. When my grandmother was seventeen, she met my grandfather, got married, and had children. I think life then was hard, and childhood was short.

Section 5: WRITING (20 points)

Write a 3-paragraph composition about education, shopping, and the environment. (In approximately 180 words)

In the first paragraph, describe your studies and your future dream job.

In the second paragraph, describe your favorite place to shop and what you usually buy there.

In the third paragraph, explain how people can protect the environment through eco-friendly habits (at school, work, or while shopping.) **Use simple present and future expressions in your writing.**

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