

### BASIC ENGLISH V - WRITTEN TEST

FULL NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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 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.

##### 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.