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Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple form of the verbs below.

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- 1 My brother _____ a school chess competition last year.
- 2 I _____ a lot of gifts for my last birthday.
- 3 Last weekend we _____ to the cinema.
- 4 We _____ a book by Jane Austen in our English literature class last week.
- 5 The head teacher _____ to my parents about my poor grades yesterday.
- 6 Colin _____ his maths homework late last night.
- 7 We only _____ one fish in the lake at the weekend.

Mark: ___ /7

2 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets. Use the affirmative, negative or interrogative forms.

- 1 _____ (you / see) the football match last night?
- 2 My parents _____ (go) shopping to buy some new clothes.
- 3 We _____ (have) a great time on our holidays. The weather was hot every day.
- 4 Sally _____ (cook) dinner yesterday. She went to the new restaurant in town instead.
- 5 _____ (Dad / buy) a newspaper this morning?
- 6 _____ (you / write) the party invitation to Suzie yesterday?
- 7 Mark _____ (go) to the theatre because he was busy.

Mark: ___ /7

3 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs below. Use the affirmative or negative forms.

have go be do give visit

Mike and I 1 _____ to London last weekend. We 2 _____ much time so we hurried everywhere. We only 3 _____ one museum and 4 _____ some shopping. Mike 5 _____ really kind and he 6 _____ me a book that he bought in Charing Cross Road.

Mark: ___ /6

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the correct nationalities.

- 1 A person from China is _____.
- 2 A person from Italy is _____.
- 3 A person from Spain is _____.
- 4 A person from the USA is _____.
- 5 A person from Lithuania is _____.
- 6 A person from Egypt is _____.
- 7 A person from Japan is _____.

Mark: __ /7

5 Complete the sentence with the correct prepositions.

- 1 The good students always sat ___ the front of the bus.
- 2 We came back ___ Italy on Monday.
- 3 Give those books ___ Tamara, please.
- 4 She goes to school ___ bicycle.
- 5 We spent the weekend ___ the north of Germany.
- 6 _____ an hour waiting in the queue, we left the shop.
- 7 The weather was awful: it rained ___ two weeks!

Mark: __ /7

6 Complete the dialogue with the words below.

shame fun really what who how

- A Hi! 1 _____ are things with you?
B Fine, thanks. And you?
A I had a difficult weekend!
B 2 _____? What happened?
A Just some family problems.
B What a 3 _____! Well, I went cycling.
A Sounds 4 _____! 5 _____ did you go with?
B Three of my friends from the cycling club.
A 6 _____ was the weather like?
B A bit wet, actually! But we had a good time.

Mark: __ /6

Use of English

7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 When they _____ (BUILD) the Titanic at the beginning of the twentieth century, they _____ (THINK) that it couldn't sink
- 2 The famous _____ (POLAND) composer Frédéric Chopin _____ (BEGIN) playing the piano when he was only five years old.
- 3 In the 2005 Athletics World Championships in Helsinki, the _____ (RUSSIA) pole vaulter Yelena Isinbayeva _____ (BREAK) the world record by jumping over five metres.
- 4 When I was young, my parents _____ (GROW) vegetables and _____ (SELL) them in the local market in our village.
- 5 The 2010 FIFA World Cup final _____ (TAKE PLACE) in the _____ (SOUTH AFRICA) city of Johannesburg, between Spain and the Netherlands.

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Listening

8 Listen to the information about Whitney Houston. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Whitney Houston learned to sing at her local school. _____
- 2 She worked as a professional model after leaving school. _____
- 3 She became famous as an actress in the 1980s. _____
- 4 She married Kevin Costner in 1992. _____
- 5 She appeared on four TV shows and made seven albums. _____

Mark: ___ /5

Reading

9 Read the text.

Emile Zola

Emile Zola, the famous French writer, was born in 1840. His father was an Italian engineer and his mother was French. The family lived in the south of France for a few years, but moved to Paris after Emile's father's death, when he was only three. Zola did not pass his high school exams, so he could not study at university. Instead, he worked in several different jobs, before he decided to become a journalist and writer.

At the age of 28, he knew what he wanted to write: a set of twenty books to tell the story of two parts of the same family living in France at that time. In this way, he showed people both the good and the bad sides of change – the change which the Industrial Revolution was bringing to the country. In that way, many people compare him to Charles Dickens, the English writer, who wrote about very similar ideas.

Zola wanted to describe life as truly as possible, and did a lot of research to prepare his books. So, for example, he visited coal mines before writing a story of the miners' labour problems; or the theatres in Paris, before writing about the life of an actress.

Zola was not just a writer, but also a political journalist. He asked a lot of difficult questions about the activities of the government and the army. For that reason, the government was not very happy with him and made his life very difficult.

Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Zola lived most of his life in _____.
 - a the south of France
 - b Italy
 - c Paris
- 2 When Zola left school, he _____.
 - a became a writer
 - b went to university
 - c found a job
- 3 Zola wanted people to understand both sides of _____.
 - a his family
 - b the Industrial Revolution
 - c Charles Dickens
- 4 Zola spent a lot of time _____ to help him write his novels.
 - a finding out about different places
 - b visiting coal mines
 - c going to the theatre
- 5 Zola _____ the government.
 - a was friendly with
 - b had problems with
 - c didn't worry about

Mark: ___ /5

Writing

10 Write an email (90–120 words) to a friend.

- Greet him / her and ask how he / she is.
- Ask him / her about last weekend's activities.
- Tell him / her about three things that happened to you last weekend.
- Tell your friend to write soon.

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