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File Test 2
Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation A

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences. Put the verb in brackets in the past simple or the past continuous.

Example: We *drove* (drive) to Liverpool last week.

1 It _____ (not snow) when I went to bed.
2 When _____ she _____ (pass) her driving test?
3 Silvana _____ (not come) to the theatre with us last night.
4 What _____ you _____ (do) at six o'clock last night?
5 I _____ (not study) when you rang.
6 Last year they _____ (buy) a new house.
7 We _____ (see) Rachel at the restaurant yesterday.
8 _____Davide _____(wear) his suit when you saw him?

8

2 Complete the dialogue. Use the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Lucy *Did you enjoy* (you enjoy) your trip to Italy?
Jean I had a great time!
Lucy That's good. Where [1] _____ (you stay)?
Jean In a really nice hotel in Sorrento.
Lucy Who [2] _____ (you go) with?
Jean Hilde and Mel. We had a few problems while we were there.
Lucy What [3] _____ (happen)?
Jean Mel lost her passport and her purse.
Lucy Really? What [4] _____ (she do)?
Jean We went to the police station.
Lucy What [5] _____ (they say)?
Jean Well – Mel's things were there!
Lucy That was lucky! Who [6] _____ (find) them?
Jean Two children – at the beach.
Lucy That was very lucky!

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3 Complete the sentences with *so*, *because*, *but*, or *although*.

Example: *Although* it was late, we weren't tired.

1 Amal doesn't eat meat _____ he's a vegetarian.
2 _____ the restaurant was expensive, the food was awful.
3 Tomas doesn't like his job, _____ he's looking for another one.
4 It was a nice day, _____ we went to the beach.
5 They're learning Spanish _____ they want to visit Argentina.
6 I invited Ian to the party, _____ he didn't want to come.

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Grammar total 20

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VOCABULARY

4 Underline the correct verb.

Example: **take** / **be** / **have** someone to a restaurant

1 **meet** / **run** / **have** across the road
2 **have** / **leave** / **wait** a good time
3 **invite** / **give** / **drive** somebody to dinner
4 **wait** / **meet** / **drive** along the road
5 **run** / **be** / **play** in a hurry
6 **wait** / **run** / **invite** for a friend
7 **take** / **play** / **give** a song

7

5 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

Example: She didn't *take* many photos when she went to Italy.
do have take

1 You need a passport if you want to go _____.
by plane on holiday abroad
2 The food at the restaurant was _____.
comfortable delicious crowded
3 The weather was lovely. It was _____ every day.
foggy cloudy sunny
4 Julie and Andy _____ their flights online.
booked hired rented
5 I _____ most of my time at the beach when I'm on holiday.
buy go spend
6 Did you _____ any souvenirs when you were in Brazil?
buy take have
7 We went _____ for a few days over Christmas.
by car away out

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6 Complete the sentences with *at*, *in*, or *on*.

Example: We got married *on* 7th May.

1 What did you do _____ the weekend?
2 There was nowhere to sit _____ the train.
3 They played basketball _____ the morning.
4 Stefano was born _____ Rome.
5 They sat _____ the balcony.
6 We arrived _____ the bus stop just before the bus left.

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PRONUNCIATION

7 Match the past forms with the words with the same sound.

asked**d**	called**d**	~~bough~~**t**	understo**o**d
start**ed**	r**ea**d		

Example: **saw** *bought*

1 rent**ed** _____
2 s**ai**d _____
3 **d**og _____
4 c**ou**ld _____
5 **t**ie _____

5

8 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: friend|ly

1 com|for|ta|ble
2 in|vite
3 a|part|ment
4 birth|day
5 a|broad

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Pronunciation total 10

Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation total 50

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Reading and Writing A

READING

1 Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

The perfect picture

Last autumn I was helping my sister to find a photographer for her wedding. I was looking at wedding photographs online when I saw my first sakura picture. Sakura, or cherry blossom, are light pink flowers that arrive in spring on cherry trees. The flowers are very beautiful, and very popular in wedding photos in Japan. In fact, the sakura flowers are very popular with everyone in Japan.

After my sister's wedding, I needed a quiet holiday. I decided to visit Tokyo and see the cherry blossom. I booked a week in a hotel at the end of April. I bought a new camera and searched online for the best places to look at the trees. I arrived safely and checked into my clean, comfortable hotel. I slept well and got ready for my first day of sakura photography.

Then the problems started. Although it was morning, when I arrived at Inokashira Park it was already very busy. Large families were having picnics. Couples were on dates. I couldn't get near to the trees. My pictures were a disaster. At the end of the day, I went back to my hotel feeling quite sad. But when I was looking at my photos that evening, I found one picture of a little boy looking at the flowers. He was laughing. It was a great picture.

The next day I returned to Inokashira Park but this time I only took pictures of people. I spoke to people who I thought looked interesting – people with colourful hats, or unusual hair, or nice faces – and I asked to take their picture with the flowers. I had fun and I met lots of friendly people. Now when I look at my sakura pictures, I remember the cherry blossom but I also remember the stories.

Example: The writer has a small garden.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ✓

1 The writer helped his sister with her birthday party.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
2 Cherry blossom flowers arrive in spring.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
3 Everyone in Japan has cherry blossom parties.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
4 The writer wanted a busy, noisy holiday.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
5 The writer stayed in Tokyo for two weeks.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
6 Inokashira Park was crowded.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
7 The writer couldn't find the river.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
8 The writer was not happy with his pictures on the first day.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

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9 On the second day, the writer went to a new place.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

10 The writer met many friendly people.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

☐ 10

2 Read the article again and answer the questions.

1 What was the writer doing when he saw a sakura photo for the first time?
_____

2 What do sakura flowers look like?
_____

3 What did the writer buy before he travelled to Japan?
_____

4 How did the writer sleep in Tokyo?
_____

5 Which picture did the writer think was great?
_____

☐ 5

Reading total ☐ 15

WRITING

Write a short essay about a holiday you really enjoyed. Answer these questions. (100–150 words)

- Where did you go on holiday?
- Who did you go with?
- How did you travel?
- What activities did you do?
- What was the weather like?

A holiday I enjoyed

I travelled to …

Writing total ☐ 10

Reading and Writing total ☐ 25

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Listening and Speaking A

LISTENING

1 Listen to Laura and Han talking about holidays. Match the sentences to the speaker. Write *L* (for Laura) or *H* (for Han).

1 'I like to take hundreds of photos.' ___
2 'I prefer city holidays.' ___
3 'I usually rent an apartment.' ___
4 'I love to go on holiday with my family.' ___
5 'My last holiday was fantastic.' ___

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2 Listen to five conversations. What is the problem in each conversation? Match the conversations with the situations (A–G). There are two answers you don't need.

Conversation 1 ☐
Conversation 2 ☐
Conversation 3 ☐
Conversation 4 ☐
Conversation 5 ☐

A a lost phone
B an illness
C a missed flight
D a broken camera
E a lost passport
F a missed train
G terrible weather

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Listening total		10

SPEAKING

1 Ask your partner these questions.

1 Did you take many photos on your last holiday? What were they like?
2 What's your favourite photo from your school days? Can you describe it?
3 What kind of photos do you like taking?

Now answer your partner's questions.

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2 Read the information about a famous photo and answer your partner's questions.

Name of photo: *Abbey Road* album cover
Photographer: Iain Macmillan
Year: 1969
Description: The Beatles (John, Ringo, Paul, and George) walking across Abbey Road / near recording studio in London / wearing 1960s clothes / sunny day
Reason it is famous: photo / very popular band / last album cover

3 Now make questions and ask your partner about his / her famous photo.

- What / name / photo?
- Who / take?
- What year / take?
- Can / describe?
- Why / famous?

Speaking total		15
Listening and Speaking total		25

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