

ENGLISH ASSESSMENT B1+ (INTERMEDIO 9)

FINAL EXAM

SECTION 1: GRAMMAR - FIND THE ERROR AND REWRITE

Find the grammatical error in each sentence, underline or identify it, and rewrite the sentence correctly on the line provided.

EXAMPLE:

- **INCORRECT:** HE STOPPED TO SMOKE THREE YEARS AGO BECAUSE IT WAS UNHEALTHY.
- **CORRECT:** HE STOPPED SMOKING THREE YEARS AGO BECAUSE IT WAS UNHEALTHY.

1. I stopped to have headaches after the doctor changed my prescription last month.

○ Correction: _____

2. My brother avoids to drive during peak hours because of the heavy traffic jams in the city.

○ Correction: _____

3. Do you know where does he live now that he has moved to a new apartment downtown?

○ Correction: _____

4. Unless we will reduce air pollution immediately, the quality of life in cities will worsen.

○ Correction: _____

5. She told to me that she was planning to start her own business after graduation.

○ Correction: _____

SECTION 2: GRAMMAR - MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct option (A, B, C, or D) to complete each sentence.

EXAMPLE:

- **QUESTION:** I REMEMBER _____ MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER WHEN I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD.
 - A) TO MEET
 - B) MEETING
 - C) MEET
 - D) MET
- **ANSWER:** B) MEETING

1. I really need to get fit, so I am considering _____ a gym membership next week.

- A) to join
- B) joining
- C) join
- D) joined

2. The mechanic explained that the breakdown occurred _____ a fault in the engine system.

- A) due to

- B) in case
 - C) unless
 - D) so that
3. We should take an umbrella with us _____ it starts raining while we are walking home.
- A) unless
 - B) even if
 - C) in case
 - D) although
4. _____ tries to solve this complex logistical problem will need a lot of patience.
- A) Whatever
 - B) Whoever
 - C) Whenever
 - D) Wherever
5. As soon as I _____ my final university examinations, I am going to celebrate with my friends.
- A) will finish
 - B) finished
 - C) finish
 - D) am finishing

SECTION 3: GRAMMAR - FILL IN THE BLANKS

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs or structures in brackets.

EXAMPLE:

- **QUESTION:** IF YOU DO NOT WEAR A HELMET, YOU _____ (BE) IN DANGER OF INJURY.
 - **ANSWER:** WILL BE
1. If the government bans single-use plastics, ocean pollution _____ (decrease) significantly.
2. I miss _____ (spend) time with my old school friends now that we live in different cities.
3. They decided _____ (not / move) abroad until their children complete primary school.
4. We will be waiting for you outside the station as soon as your train _____ (arrive).
5. She asked me where I _____ (buy) my new bicycle, but I could not remember the store name.

SECTION 4: GRAMMAR - REORDER THE WORDS

Unscramble the words to create correct sentences or questions.

EXAMPLE:

- **WORDS:** TO / ME / DOCTOR / TOLD / REST / THE / MORE

- **ANSWER:** THE DOCTOR TOLD ME TO REST MORE.

1. wonder / much / how / money / earns / monthly / he / I

○ Answer: _____

2. road / users / carefully / obey / should / traffic / all / laws

○ Answer: _____

3. house / price / steep / a / thirty-year / mortgage / is / high / paying / a

○ Answer: _____

4. whenever / visit / city / I / public / transport / use / I / that

○ Answer: _____

5. recycling / waste / we / start / will / unless / increase / garbage / our

○ Answer: _____

SECTION 5: VOCABULARY - MATCHING

Match the vocabulary words or phrases on the left (1–10) with their correct definitions on the right (A–J).

EXAMPLE:

- **TERM:** 0. ALLERGIC REACTION
- **DEFINITION:** Z. A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT CAUSES AN ADVERSE RESPONSE TO A SUBSTANCE.
- **MATCH:** 0 – Z

Terms:

1. Sprained ankle
2. Cost of living
3. Traffic congestion
4. Zero waste
5. Organic food
6. Single-use plastic
7. Stepfather
8. Mortgage
9. Graduation
10. Retirement

Definitions:

- **A.** The amount of money needed to sustain a standard of living in a specific area.
- **B.** An injury caused by twisting or tearing ligaments around a joint.
- **C.** A philosophy aimed at sending no trash to landfills or oceans.
- **D.** A loan provided by a bank or lender to help purchase real estate.
- **E.** Food produced without the use of artificial chemical fertilizers or pesticides.
- **F.** The state of heavy vehicle traffic causing delays on roads.
- **G.** Disposable plastic items designed to be used only once before being thrown away.
- **H.** The man who is married to one's mother but is not one's biological father.
- **I.** The act of receiving a degree or diploma upon completing university or school.
- **J.** The point in life where a person permanently stops working in their profession.

SECTION 6: VOCABULARY - FIRST-LETTER COMPLETION

Complete each sentence by filling in the missing word. The first letter is provided.

EXAMPLE:

- **QUESTION:** I HAVE A TERRIBLE S_____ THROAT, SO IT HURTS WHEN I SWALLOW.
- **ANSWER:** SORE

1. I think I have **i**_____ my wrist while playing tennis; I need to see a specialist.
2. A high level of **i**_____ forces many young couples to take out long-term bank loans.
3. Modern cities are trying to reduce **p**_____ by introducing electric bus networks.
4. Micro-plastics are entering the food **c**_____ and threatening marine life ecosystems.
5. My **g**_____ and godfather were present at the family ceremony last Sunday.
6. After ten years of a happy **r**_____, they decided to organize a huge anniversary party.
7. Driving at high speed without a seatbelt is extremely **d**_____ for all road users.
8. She received a generous financial **b**_____ from her company after finishing the project.
9. You must obey the speed **l**_____ when driving through school zones in town.
10. Wearing a protective **h**_____ is mandatory for cyclists on busy city streets.

READING PASSAGE

NAVIGATING MODERN LIFE: HEALTH, CITIES, AND CONNECTIONS

Modern living presents a complex blend of lifestyle choices, financial pressures, and environmental challenges. Dr. Elena Rostova, a specialist in urban health and sociology, recently published a comprehensive study investigating how city infrastructure directly affects personal well-being and social relationships. According to her research, urban residents face unique physical and mental health issues caused by sedentary office routines, pollution, and the high cost of living.

"Many patients visit clinics suffering from chronic neck stiffness, persistent headaches, and high stress levels," explains Dr. Rostova. "They frequently ask whether they should take prescription medications or alter their daily habits. In most cases, making small adjustments—such as walking to work, reducing single-use plastic consumption, or using bicycle lanes—produces remarkable improvements in long-term health."

The study also highlighted the economic burden felt by young adults. High property prices mean that purchasing a home requires taking out a heavy mortgage that lasts for thirty years. Consequently, many individuals choose to delay major life events, such as getting married, having children, or changing careers. Financial stress often impacts personal relationships, leading to misunderstandings between partners, family members, and colleagues.

Despite these obstacles, sustainable living initiatives are offering new hope. Cities that invest in zero-waste programs and extensive public transit systems report higher levels of community satisfaction. "Whatever choices we make today regarding our environment and personal health will determine the quality of life for future generations," concludes Dr. Rostova. "Small personal changes, when multiplied across a city, can transform society."

SECTION 7: READING - TRUE / FALSE / DOESN'T SAY

Read the text above and decide if the statements are TRUE (T), FALSE (F), or DOESN'T SAY (DS).

EXAMPLE:

- **STATEMENT:** DR. ELENA ROSTOVA IS A SPECIALIST IN URBAN HEALTH AND SOCIOLOGY.
- **ANSWER:** T

1. Dr. Elena Rostova published a study focusing exclusively on suburban agricultural communities.
2. Sedentary office routines are listed as one of the causes of health issues in cities.
3. Dr. Rostova recommends prescription drugs as the primary solution for all urban health problems.
4. Walking to work can contribute to improvements in long-term health.
5. Most young adults in the study preferred buying apartments over single-family houses.
6. A thirty-year mortgage is mentioned as a consequence of high property prices.
7. Financial difficulties have no impact on personal or family relationships.
8. Cities with zero-waste programs report higher community satisfaction levels.
9. Dr. Rostova believes that individual actions have no effect on overall urban society.
10. The study was financed entirely by an international environmental organization.

SECTION 8: READING - MULTIPLE CHOICE

Choose the correct option (A, B, C, or D) based on the reading passage.

EXAMPLE:

- **QUESTION:** WHAT IS DR. ELENA ROSTOVA'S PROFESSION?
 - A) A CARDIOLOGIST
 - B) A SPECIALIST IN URBAN HEALTH AND SOCIOLOGY
 - C) AN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
 - D) A FINANCIAL ADVISOR
- **ANSWER:** B) A SPECIALIST IN URBAN HEALTH AND SOCIOLOGY

1. What main topic does Dr. Rostova's recent study investigate?
 - A) The history of international transport systems
 - B) The relationship between city infrastructure, personal health, and social connections
 - C) Techniques for starting a successful business in large cities

- D) Methods for negotiating mortgage interest rates with commercial banks
- 2. Which physical symptoms are common among urban patients mentioned in the text?
 - A) Broken bones and sprained ankles
 - B) Severe skin rashes and eye infections
 - C) Chronic neck stiffness, persistent headaches, and high stress levels
 - D) Food allergies and digestive complaints
- 3. According to Dr. Rostova, what produces remarkable health improvements?
 - A) Taking expensive daily vitamins
 - B) Moving to a remote rural area
 - C) Making small daily adjustments like walking or cycling
 - D) Changing professions every five years
- 4. Why do many young adults delay major life events like buying a home or starting a family?
 - A) Because they lack interest in long-term relationships
 - B) Due to high property prices and heavy thirty-year mortgages
 - C) Because government laws prohibit early marriage
 - D) Due to a lack of available public transportation options
- 5. How does financial stress affect people according to the passage?
 - A) It encourages people to save money faster
 - B) It causes misunderstandings between partners, family, and colleagues
 - C) It forces municipalities to build more bicycle lanes
 - D) It reduces the level of air pollution in major cities
- 6. What type of municipal investment leads to higher community satisfaction?
 - A) Building expensive highway expansions
 - B) Zero-waste programs and extensive public transit systems
 - C) Closing down city health clinics
 - D) Increasing taxes on organic food products
- 7. What does the word "sedentary" in paragraph 1 most closely mean?
 - A) Highly active and energetic
 - B) Involving little physical activity and sitting down for long periods
 - C) Requiring continuous international travel
 - D) Dangerous and full of physical risk
- 8. What is the main benefit of small personal changes according to the conclusion?
 - A) They allow people to retire ten years earlier
 - B) They eliminate the need for traffic laws
 - C) They can transform society when multiplied across a city
 - D) They reduce bank mortgage interest rates immediately
- 9. What connection does the text make between environment and health?
 - A) Environmental choices directly determine future quality of life and health
 - B) Environmental pollution has no measurable effect on physical health
 - C) Public health depends entirely on genetics rather than environment
 - D) Recycling programs increase personal healthcare costs
- 10. What is the overall tone of Dr. Rostova's conclusion?
 - A) Pessimistic and hopeless
 - B) Indifferent and uncaring
 - C) Constructive and encouraging regarding individual effort
 - D) Critical of young adults' lifestyle choices

SECTION 9 LISTENING

Listen to a podcast between two employees of Sports Store, a big company specializing in sport equipment. Choose the correct options to answer the questions.

1 Why have Danny and Jack decided to make a podcast?

- A to explain what they do in their job to customers
- B to promote the work of the sports retail industry
- C to tell people working in sports retail what the job is about

2 What job did Jack have before getting a full-time job at Sports Store?

- A He trained people to ski.
- B He taught football to school kids.
- C He was a professional sportsperson.

3 What does Sports Store appear to specialize in?

- A team sports in general
- B top-end sports clothing
- C popular mountain sports

4 How does Jack describe Sports Store?

- A It has numerous stores worldwide.
- B It offers good promotion prospects.
- C It sells products that are good value.

5 Which of the following is a reason why Jack took a job at Sports Store?

- A He liked the people employed there.
- B He was very passionate about retail.
- C He thought the pay was very good.

6 How did Jack end up being a product trainer?

- A Being ambitious, he applied for and got the job.
- B Being knowledgeable in his field, others encouraged him to go for the job.
- C Being good in store, he was asked to do the job.

7 Which of the following does Jack describe as a result of his training courses?

- A employees often work harder
- B customers spend more
- C product quality is raised

8 According to Jack, which of the following aspects of his training courses does not change?

- A their location

B how long they last

C their general approach

9 What is the most common subject of Jack's blogs?

A how funny things tend to happen on training courses

B how best to support customers in making sensible purchases

C how products react when put to the test

10 According to Jack, which of the following is true?

A He has stopped doing training courses face to face.

B He has made videos of some of the training courses he has run.

C He has helped make training videos for new employees.

SECTION 10 LISTENING

Read the statements below based on the recording and write **True (T)** or **False (F)** next to each item.

1. **Jack and Danny have been working in the sports retail industry for more than ten years.**
2. **Jack used to work as a professional footballer before joining "Sports Store".**
3. **Jack applied for the position of National Product Trainer all by himself.**
4. **"Sports Store" sells products such as climbing gear, adventure bikes, and ski equipment.**
5. **Jack holds all of his training courses at the company's head office.**
6. **The length and approach of the training courses are exactly the same for every store branch.**
7. **Jack tests new products to their limits and writes about the results in blogs.**
8. **Most of the content Jack writes for the website consists of personal anecdotes about his travels.**
9. **The product videos are designed as temporary training for new employees before they attend a full course.**
10. **Jack believes customers visit "Sports Store" mainly because it offers the lowest prices on the market.**