

ENGLISH PRACTICE TEST FOR FORM 9

TASK 1 VERB TENSES

Put the words in the brackets into the correct tense form.

- 1) My sisters _____ (meet) at a cafe on Sunday at 1 pm.
- 2) I _____ (wait) for an hour before the nurse called my name. Pierre _____ (work) with me for several months, but he still can't remember my surname.
- 3) Henry _____ (have) backache for nearly a year before his wife made him go to the doctor.
- 4) Ben looks well. _____ (he/be) on holiday?
- 5) We _____ (walk) around the town when it _____ (start) to rain last night.
- 6) Don't ring my home number over the weekend because I _____ (stay) at Donald's house.
- 7) I can't wait until July! I _____ (not/have) a break since Christmas, so I _____ (need) a holiday.
- 8) This time next year she _____ (finish) school already and _____ (look) for a job.
- 9) Mary _____ (fly) to New York every spring.
- 10) _____ (she/work) since morning?
- 11) Pete _____ (have) the same bike for seven years.
- 12) Thomas _____ (work) from home this week.
- 13) I _____ (go) to school yesterday.
- 14) My parents _____ (take) me to the cinema when I was little.
- 15) _____ (you/forget) to buy some milk yesterday?
- 16) _____ (he/go out) with his friends on Fridays?
- 17) _____ (we/have) breakfast at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning? By the time the dinner was ready, the children _____ (not/do) their homework.
- 18) The plane _____ (land) at 9pm.

TASK 2 WORD FORMATION

Use the words in brackets to form a word that fits in the space.

A Sophie can be very 1) _____ (care) at times. Although she tries to be 2) _____ (help) and is always willing to offer her 3) _____ (assist), more often than not her 4) _____ (clumsy) causes great 5) _____ (frustrate) to her family and friends.

B The 1) _____ (organise) of the fireworks display had been a difficult job, but now the children were shrieking with 2) _____ (excite) as each 3) _____ (colour)

4) _____ (explode) lit up the sky. In the warm glow of the bonfire we could see that every child wore an 5) _____ (express) of great 6) _____ (happy).

C We are having an 1) _____ (extend) built to our house. The 2) _____ (build) have been working on its 3) _____ (construct) for two weeks and now it looks quite 4) _____ (impress). The extra space will be very 5) _____ (use).

D Although he is a/an 1) _____ (interesting) person he is driving a car without a licence that is 2) _____ (legal). Besides, he is 3) _____ (literate) so he can't read or write. The telephone company has 4) _____ (connect) his phone when he failed to pay the bill. Moreover, he is very 5) _____ (social) and he is rude to people. But everything is actually 6) _____ (relevant) to our discussion.

TASK 3 OPEN CLOZE

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only ONE WORD in each gap. There is an example at the beginning.

Over the past twenty years, computers and the Internet 0) have become steadily more and more important to us. In fact, how much we rely 1) _____ computer technology continues to grow every day. We seem to use computers for almost everything 2) _____ days. Whether we are shopping at the supermarket, filing out taxes, driving our car, 3) _____ communicating with relatives and co-workers, it appears that a computer needs to be a part of 4) _____ scene.

This explosion in computer technology has resulted in a rush to install computers 5) _____ every classroom and to "wire" every school to the Internet. In the USA, 6) _____ September 1984 and September 1997 alone, the number of computers in secondary schools increased to more 7) _____ 8 million units. Both educators and students alike have been forced to 8) _____ up with this new wave of technology. Teachers have found that even 9) _____ they themselves are still trying to learn the most basic computer skills, they are expected to teach students about computer know-how.

Few people would question the role that computers could play in education. Some educators claim that students 10) _____ are supplied with computers and given the opportunity to use 11) _____ in a classroom setting, will get better grades than those students who learn without having had 12) _____ computer experience. These people say that just 13) _____ computer technology has improved the way cars work, computers 14) _____ make the classroom a better place in which to teach the difficult concepts and ideas that students need to become brighter, 15) _____ successful adults.