

# 1<sup>st</sup>. PARCIAL – ENGLISH TEST

**BEFORE YOU BEGIN, CAREFULLY READ THE INSTRUCTION GIVEN ON EACH TASK. DO NOT RUSH INTO CONCLUSIONS. DO YOUR BEST !**

## Vocabulary

**Change the Noun or Verb into an Adjective by using –able, ible. Complete the sentence**

comfort	This hotel has very _____ beds.
respond	Being _____ grants you many rewards.
understand	Her sadness is _____ she just lost a dear person.
memory	My grandma's 80 <sup>th</sup> . Birthday is _____ for the entire family
suit	These toys are not _____ for children under five.
sense	We should be more _____ towards poverty.

**Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.**

Exams can be very **relaxing** / **stressful** so it's important to find ways to relax.

The government has started a **campaign** / **charity** to warn people to drive more carefully.

I **gave up on** / **got into** learning pottery sculpture. I'm not skilful for that.

We carried out a **charity** / **survey** to find out what young people like doing in their free time.

The mountain walk was really **scary** / **tiring**. I went straight to bed when I got home.

If you get a pet, you must **care for** / **help out** it.

I like to pull my **hood** / **sleeve** up when it's cold. It keeps my head warm.

## MATCH WORD – SYNONYM

1	crash into	A	system, technique
2	crowd	B	considerate
3	thoughtful	C	broadcast
4	sleep in	D	interrupt
5	disturb	E	encounter
6	deal with	F	cope with
7	advert	G	stay in bed
8	methods	H	multitude

**Use the words in the box to complete the sentence.**

miserable - visible – hospitable - sociable – edible – impossible

They enjoy having people over. They are very \_\_\_\_\_

This Physic work is \_\_\_\_\_. It's to difficult and the time is short.

The red moon wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ for the southern countries.

The cake isn't \_\_\_\_\_. It's just a décor item.

He lost all of his possessions on the Earthquake. He's felling \_\_\_\_\_ right now.

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She is very ..... . She makes friends easily.

Complete the text with the correct Present or Present Perfect form of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

### The real Shelly Smith

Shelly Smith ..... (win, just) her third Grammy award; this time for the best song. Her fast-paced pop music is known all over the world and she regularly..... (entertain) her fans with her electrifying concerts. She ..... (visit, already) every continent and she plans to do at least eighty concerts this year. Not only that, but currently she ..... (record) her fifth album, which will be released later this year. The most incredible thing about Shelly is that she is still only twenty-five years old.

There is no doubt that Shelly ..... (enjoy) the sort of lifestyle that many people can only dream of. She's got an amazing voice, a modelling career and she's worth millions. On stage she sings high energy pop hits, but in her free time ..... (not listen, usually) to pop music. Instead, her real interest is jazz music. Although few fans will be aware of it, she ..... (sing) in a little-known jazz group for the last five years. In contrast to her pop act, Shelly's jazz group only performs small concerts, usually to less than 100 people.

Shelly tends to stay at home with her family when she ..... (not work). Although she has a flat in New York, she ..... (not stay) there often. In fact, she ..... (not visit) New York since last year. Shelly's family all live in Manchester where she was born and together they ..... (buy, just) a large house there. There's enough room for her parents and sister and she ..... (spend) her time with them whenever she can. Shelly stays in touch with her old friends and she ..... (go) out with them when she's at home.

At the moment, Shelly ..... (plan) to stop entertaining her fans. In fact, her diary for next year is already full of concert dates. However, Shelly ..... (say, recently) that she would like to stop touring in the future and move back to Manchester. We hope it's not too soon!

### Use of English

Complete the second sentence so that that is has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

I find it annoying that Hector leaves his books all over the floor.

ALWAYS

Hector ..... his books all over the floor – it's so annoying!

I've had some help from my brother with my geography project for the last few weeks.

OUT

My brother has ..... with my geography project for the last few weeks.

Lena isn't a regular player in our netball team.

REGULARLY

Lena ..... for our netball team.

It has been about a year since I last saw her.

FOR

I ..... about a year.

We started to live here last Christmas.

BEEN

We ..... last Christmas.

Their aeroplane landed in New York a few minutes ago.

JUST

Their aeroplane ..... in New York.



You are going to listen to people talking in ten different situations. For questions 1–10, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear

You hear a mother talking to her daughter about the school holidays. What does the girl say about staying at her grandmother's house?

- A She would be unhappy because she only watches TV there.
- B She would love to spend time there.
- C She would prefer to go with someone else.

2 You hear a boy talking about an exam he has taken. What was the problem?

- A He was too nervous for the grammar and vocabulary part.
- B He didn't want to take the speaking test with a partner.
- C He didn't say enough in the speaking test.

3. You hear a boy discussing a show he has been to. Why was he disappointed?

- A The show was less than ninety minutes long.
- B The second act was extremely bad. None of the performers were very famous.
- C None of the performers were very famous.

4. You hear a news story about a girl who has done something special. What has she done?

- A worked hard for a local charity.
- B recently met the Prime Minister.
- C helped out in a new type of restaurant.

5. You hear two friends talking about a tennis match. How did the match make them feel?

- A disappointed
- B excited
- C exhausted

6. You hear two friends talking about buying a present for someone. Why do they decide to buy a purse?

- A Nancy already has a handbag.
- B A handbag costs too much.
- C Nancy has just lost a purse.

7. You hear a girl talking to her father about a concert. What is the problem?

- A Her father is planning to go out at the same time.
- B The girl doesn't think the band has been practising enough.
- C Her father doesn't want her to go to the concert.

8. You hear two friends talking about one of their teachers. Why do they say about her?

- A The last teacher was more interesting.
- B She has been quite disappointing so far.
- C Her style of teaching is better than the last teacher's.

9. You hear a woman talking about losing her wedding ring. How does she feel about it now?

- A scared about telling her husband
- B desperate to find it
- C looking forward to getting a new one

10. You hear a boy talking to a friend about a new jacket he has bought. He's happy because

- A he can wear it to school or out with his friends.
- B he often has a problem finding the right size.
- C he really wanted something sporty.

#### DICTATION

You are going to listen to a recording about a new charity. Listen to the whole recording once. Then you will hear the recording again with pauses for you to write down what you hear. Make sure you spell the words correctly.


#### READING

You are going to read an article about four young people spend Saturday morning. For questions 11–17, choose from people A–D. The people may be chosen more than once.

Which person/people:

would prefer not to do their activity at the weekend?
regularly takes part in a team sport?
thinks their Saturdays are different from those of most children?
takes part in an activity for fun? would rather get up later on Saturday mornings?
would rather get up later on Saturday mornings?
finds it difficult to concentrate on their activity?
eventually followed someone else's advice?

Read the article again and answer the questions in your own words.

Why does Stuart think it would be better to work during the week?

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How does Nadia feel by the end of Saturday morning?

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Why do the animals Amelia works with need help?

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What did Tom think would happen if he didn't work?

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How will Tom's activity benefit him in the future?

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**The weekend starts here ...**

**Four teenagers tell us how they spend their Saturday mornings.**

#### **A Stuart**

Unfortunately, I can't just do what I want because I have to go to school. It's not usual for children to have school on Saturdays, but mine does things differently. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are free so we can play sports, but there are classes on Saturdays instead. We have four and half hours of lessons and this year we've got History, Science and Maths. The classes are all right and the teachers make an effort to make them interesting. The problem is that we're all exhausted by Saturday and it's really hard to pay attention in class. All of us have got friends who go to 'normal' schools and we know that they're out having fun. If I had the choice, I would have extra classes during the week instead. I'm sure we would get more work done that way.

#### **B Nadia**

I can never wait for Saturdays to arrive. After a whole week of sitting at my school desk, I have to get out and use up some energy. For me, Saturday morning is all about sports and having fun with my friends. I usually get up around seven thirty and go for a jog around the park. I know it's early, but I love that part of the day. It's so peaceful because most people are still in bed at that time. After that, I go home and have some breakfast. I don't stay there long though because I usually play football with my mates. We play in a local league and we have matches most Saturdays. We don't take it too seriously, but we enjoy having a good run around and chasing after the ball. By lunchtime, I'm usually exhausted and I go home for a rest!

**C Amelia** In general, I prefer to keep my Saturday mornings free. We're expected to work hard at school and we get a lot of homework. Therefore, it's important to relax at the weekend. My perfect Saturday would be staying in bed late and then playing computer games with my friends. However, I've been working as a volunteer on Saturdays for the last month so I don't have much free time. I'm helping out in an animal sanctuary where we rescue dogs and cats that haven't got a home. I have to do different jobs like cleaning the cages, feeding the animals and taking the dogs for walks. I must admit that I don't like getting up so early on Saturday. However, it's worth it because those poor animals need someone to care for them.

#### **D Tom**

I've been saving up for a holiday with my friends, but it hasn't been easy. My parents give me a little money every week, but I usually spend that in no time. When I asked my dad for more money, he encouraged me to earn the money instead. He said I could do little jobs for the neighbours on a Saturday morning. At the beginning, I was disappointed because I didn't want to lose my free time. Then I realised that if I didn't work, it would be impossible

to save any money. Basically, I've started washing the neighbours' cars and cutting the grass in their gardens. It's not exactly hard work and it's not so bad really. I like talking to the neighbours and they pay me quite well. Although I've lost my Saturday mornings, at least I'll be able to go on holiday with my mates.

**Read the article and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.**

A good handbag is an essential 3 \_\_\_\_\_ for many people nowadays. It's the ideal way to carry your most important possessions: keys, money, sunglasses, etc. People 8 \_\_\_\_\_ used bags for thousands of years, but the modern handbag only appeared a few hundred years ago. Before that, many people carried purses which they attached to their belts. These were smaller and only 9 \_\_\_\_\_ for carrying small amounts of money. These were used by both men and women, but when pockets were invented, most men gave 10 \_\_\_\_\_ using them. Soon after that, women started carrying purses with a small 11 \_\_\_\_\_ which they could attach to their wrist. Since then, styles have changed many times. They can be worn across the shoulder or carried in the hand. Some of them have metal buttons to close them and others have 12\_\_\_\_\_. They are also made from all sorts of materials. Leather became especially popular 13 \_\_\_\_\_ it is strong and lasts a long time. Although handbags are not always expensive, the most 14 \_\_\_\_\_ ones can costs thousands of pounds.

7 A accessory	B dress	C outfit	D set
8 A had	B have	C haven't	D hadn't
9 A enjoyable	B responsible	C memorable	D suitable
10 A at	B off	C on	D up
11 A bow	B hood	C strap	D wig
12 A earrings	B hair clips	C stickers	D zips
13 A because	B due to	C owing to	D so
14 A sensible	B fashionable	C comfortable	D understandable

#### WRITING

Read the title, read the guideline questions and write a short paragraph expressing your opinion.

Have you ever hear the saying -" Reach for a Star"- what do you think it means ?

Are you trying to reach one ? How ? What type of character ( values) would it take to reach it ? Explain.


