

## Mid-term-test - Proficiency - 2021

a) Rewrite the sentences to give the same meaning as the original, using the word or words given. Do not change the given word or words in any way at all.  
Rewrite all direct speech as reported speech.

1. We don't go to the theatre very much. (Rarely)
2. I wanted to be able to go on holiday, so I saved all year. (order)
3. You should take up some sport. (about time)
4. I regret spending so much money in that painting. (wish)
5. "No, I didn't break the window", said John (denied)

b) Write the missing words on the lines. Write only one word in each space.

### Treasures from the New World

From 1492 onwards, European explorers sailed across the Atlantic <sup>(0)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ what they called the New World of the Americas. Not <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ did they discover a treasure trove <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ gold and silver, but they found other treasures <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. These were foods that grew only in the New World, <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as sweetcorn and potatoes, and plants that could be made into medicine. Every time you eat a pineapple, <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ have chocolate, you owe them to the farmers of the New World and the men <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ brought them back to Europe. Among the medicinal finds was quinine, <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is used in the treatment of Malaria. It is made <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the cinchona tree and it <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ discovered in Peru. In 1640, it reached Europe and it <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ been the basis of malaria treatment ever since.

(a treasure trove ...= a place that is full of something good)

c) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. This work has not been completed \_\_\_\_\_ and needs to be redone. (adequate)
2. She tried hard to \_\_\_\_\_ with John. (sympathy)
3. Love and acceptance are \_\_\_\_\_ human needs. (base)
4. Should you require any \_\_\_\_\_ with your bags, please ask at reception. (assist)
5. I'm not sure whether she'll come or not. It is very \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment. (certain)

**d) Complete the conditional sentence by choosing the right option.**

1. Would you mind if I \_\_\_\_\_ the window?
2. If they \_\_\_\_\_ me, I wouldn't have said no.
3. My friend \_\_\_\_\_ me at the station if he gets the afternoon off.
4. If I \_\_\_\_\_ it, nobody would do it.
5. If my father \_\_\_\_\_ me up, I'll take the bus home.

**e) Choose the right option**

1. It looks like rain. I wish I \_\_\_\_ my umbrella.  
would have brought                      had brought                      brought
2. I'm starving. If only there \_\_\_\_ a restaurant open now.  
would be                                      had been                                      was
3. I wish people \_\_\_\_ loud music on the train. What's wrong with using headphones?!  
wouldn't play                                      would play                                      wouldn't have played

**f) Choose the correct linking device.**

1. I set the alarm for 6.30 in the morning \_\_\_\_\_ I wouldn't miss the train.
2. He could beat his father at chess \_\_\_\_\_ he was only 8.
3. He was so tired \_\_\_\_\_ he had stayed up late to watch the football match.
4. He didn't come home until past midnight \_\_\_\_\_ he had promised that he would be in by 9pm.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining, we still went to the park.