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PRE INTERMEDIATE – FIRST TERM EXAM

Student's name: _____

Final Mark: _____

READING

- 1 Read a teenager's blog about shopping and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Shopping with mother?

I'm Cathy Huang and I'm 16. Welcome to my blog. This week I'm writing about shopping with your mother. Thanks for reading!

Have you ever been shopping with your mother? I'd like to hear you say 'Yes, and it was fun.' But are you really telling the truth? I went to the shopping centre yesterday with my mum. She wanted to buy me a dress for her birthday party. She's going to be 50 next weekend. So what's the problem with that? I hear you ask.

Well, the problem is, my mother always wants to buy me what she wants, not what I want. And we want very different things. I tried on a beautiful red dress, but she said it didn't fit. (It was very short!) Then I tried on a long skirt, but she didn't like the colour. (It was purple!) I was in and out of changing rooms all day and we couldn't agree on anything. She rolled her eyes and complained about everything I tried on. It was so depressing. And so boring. By 5 o'clock my feet were killing me and I still didn't have a dress for the party.

Next time Mum wants to take me shopping, I'm going to tell her my room is a terrible mess and I have to tidy it now. I know it's not very nice to lie, but shopping with my mother is not fun. And, I've just seen a fantastic dress on eBay. It's so chic. I'm going to look amazing at Mum's party.

- 1 Cathy and her mum went to the shopping centre yesterday.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 2 Cathy's mum wanted to buy her a skirt.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 3 Cathy and her mum agreed on everything.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 4 By 5 o'clock, Cathy wanted to go home.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐
- 5 Cathy isn't going to her mum's birthday party.
A True ☐ B False ☐ C Doesn't say ☐

- 2 Read the blog again and answer the questions.

1 What does Cathy's mum always want to buy her?

2 What did Cathy's mum think of the red dress?

3 What did Cathy's mum complain about?

4 What two problems did Cathy have at 5 o'clock?

5 What is the eBay dress like?

GRAMMAR

1 Underline the correct form.

Example: When **have you finished** / **did you finish** your work?

- 1 Why **you're using** / **are you using** my iPod?
- 2 What **did you do** / **were you doing** for your last holiday?
- 3 My room is **more tidy** / **tidier** than my sister's.
- 4 When **did he get** / **has he got** back from Russia?
- 5 Katya didn't run **enough fast** / **fast enough** to win the race.

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

Example: I 've never read (read) a book in English.

- 1 Be careful. We _____ just _____ (paint) that door.
- 2 I _____ (see) your brother at the pool when I was swimming.
- 3 We _____ (fly) to Malaysia at 10 o'clock next Tuesday.
- 4 _____ you _____ (go) to Moscow before?
- 5 My sister _____ (study) photography at the moment.
- 6 _____ you _____ (wait) for your bus when I saw you yesterday?
- 7 When they got to Paris, they _____ (go) out for a meal.
- 8 Mr King _____ (meet) someone at four, but he can see you at three.
- 9 Let's eat Japanese food. I _____ never _____ (try) it.
- 10 When _____ Pavol _____ (go) back to Warsaw? Is it tomorrow?

WRITING (80–100 words)

Select **ONE** of the following options:

Option 1

Write your profile for the *College Connection* website. Write about these things.

- your personal details
- your job / studies
- your interests

Option 2

Write a short essay about a holiday you really enjoyed.

VOCABULARY

Underline the odd word out.

Example: trainers shorts boots shoes

- 1 generous mean funny friendly
- 2 cap T-shirt sweater top
- 3 polluted noisy crowded lazy
- 4 thin bald overweight slim
- 5 disgusting luxurious delicious comfortable
- 6 buy hire rent sunbathe
- 7 necklace earrings leggings bracelet
- 8 shy talkative extrovert high
- 9 receipt check-in checkout customer
- 10 washing up ironing sailing tidying

LISTENING

Listen to five conversations. Match them with places A–E.

Conversation 1 ☐

Conversation 2 ☐

Conversation 3 ☐

Conversation 4 ☐

Conversation 5 ☐

A at work

B at an airport

C at a restaurant

D at a party

E in a clothes shop
