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Excellence in English Communication

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Homework Zoom – Lesson 9: Life in the past

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. Mobile phones and computers are essential technological _____ for young generation.
A. facility B. Facilities C. facilitator
2. Poor children don't have shoes to wear, so they have to go _____.
A. sandals B. Foot C. bare-footed
3. The stories about the family's ancestors are _____ on to next generations.
A. pass B. Passed C. passing
4. We can see many _____ with two loads of fruits on their shoulders in the streets in Hanoi.
A. street vendors B. Electricians C. doctors
5. People can eat a lot of _____ while watching TV.
A. facility B. Loudspeaker C. snacks
6. These products are on sale on special _____ of the stores.
A. loudspeaker B. street vendor C. occasions

II.- Complete sentences by "used to"

1. Do you know what (Jim/do) _____ before he retired?
2. _____ (Mary/be) a successful business woman before she went bankrupt?
3. My family (not/travel) _____ during summer vacation but now we really enjoy it.
4. I wonder what (people/do) _____ to celebrate the Harvest Festival in the past?
5. As a kid, Josh (have) _____ his grandfather pick him up from primary school.
6. This boy band (be) _____ popular before they disbanded.
7. When my grandmother was young, she (set off) _____ for a foreign country almost every summer.
8. My mother says that she (not scope) _____ with much work stress five years ago.
9. In the past, people in my village (raise) _____ poultry or castle to earn a living.
10. I can't believe my father (be) considered a bad boy before he married my mother.
11. Who _____ (you/confide) in when you was at your teenage?
12. They (not use) _____ folk and knife when they first moved to America.

III.- Write.

0. I saw many buffaloes in my hometown but I can't see many of them now.
-> I used to see many buffaloes in my hometown.
1. This was only a small company with several years of low profit but now it has changed a lot.
-> _____
2. Men were the breadwinner of the family and women depended greatly on men.
-> _____
3. My sister admitted that she lied sometimes in the past but now she didn't.
-> _____
4. Jim asked me what I preferred to do as a child that I no longer did now.
-> _____
5. Who took care of you when you were a toddler?
-> _____

IV. Complete with "used to"

Look	Eat	Own	Earn
Work	Be	Play	Live

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1. My whole family _____ on my father's salary but now both of my parents work to support our family.
2. My brother _____ after me when my parents were at work.
3. In the past, women _____ expected to stay home, do household chores and farming instead of getting higher education.
4. Those farmers _____ hard but _____ little money before they were instructed to apply technologies in their farming.
5. We (not) _____ out when but now we often do because we are sometime too busy to prepare a meal.
6. Women (not) _____ an important role in the political field in the past 50 years.
7. My uncle _____ a sheep farm before he sold it to move to the city.

V. Read the text then do the tasks.

LIFE IN THE PAST VS LIFE IN THE PRESENT

Over the last century, there have been many significant changes in the way we live. Obviously, it is difficult to compare the life of ancient people and the life of the people living in the twenty-first century because so many changes have occurred. Even the changes that have occurred over the last ten years are amazing.

To start with, in the past people had to work harder as they did not have tools and machines to make their work easier. Today, most of the difficult and dangerous work is done by computers and other powerful machines. In the past living conditions were not as comfortable as they are now. Besides, many people could not afford household appliances like a fridge or a vacuum cleaner because those used to be luxurious goods. Another difference between living now and in the past is the fact that nowadays education is accessible to everyone. In the past men were mainly the only ones educated and women were not allowed into public or private schools. Besides, nowadays it is much easier to find the educational materials and the information you need – thanks to the Internet. We are able to speak to a friend who is on the other corner of the world because we are connected 24/7. Nevertheless, people had better relationships with the neighbors in years gone by.

All things considered, it is an obvious conclusion that life has changed significantly during the course of history. In some ways, it is definitely easier to live in the present. On the other hand, however, life now is much faster and stressful than it used to be in the past. The standard of living has definitely improved but it can be discussed whether the quality of our lives is also better.

A. Decide whether the following sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. Life nowadays is the same as life of our ancestors.
2. Technology has made our lives easier.
3. In the past, household appliances were very expensive.
4. Public schools allowed females and males to be educated in the same schools.
5. We can use the internet to communicate with people around the world.

B. Answer the questions.

6. Is life today faster or slower than life in the past?

_____

7. What has happened to the standard of living?

_____

8. What makes it easy to access information?

_____

9. Who or what does some difficult jobs for us?

_____

10. What makes our lives easier at home?

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