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Luxury or necessity?

2 Read the text. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use the present perfect, past perfect or future perfect.

Coffee yesterday, today and tomorrow

If you ¹ _____ (have / never) a cup of coffee made by an expert barista, it's time you did. It's one of life's affordable luxuries.

Europeans enjoy 725 million cups of coffee every day and Americans 400 million.

It ² _____ (integrate) into our culture to such an extent that takeaway coffee ³ _____ (almost / attain) fashion accessory status. Americans drink an average of 1.6 cups of coffee a day whereas tea-drinking countries like Britain and Japan drink about half that, mostly at breakfast time. (Men reportedly drink coffee to focus and get the job done whereas women

⁴ _____ (tend) to drink it to relax.)

In the 21st century our taste in coffee ⁵ _____ (become) more sophisticated, but coffee drinking itself ⁶ _____ (already / gain) high levels of popularity in the previous century. The first instant coffee was drunk in 1938 and, by 1946, coffee drinking ⁷ _____ (reach) a peak in the US with 174 litres being consumed yearly per person. Interestingly, by 2005, consumption dropped to only 90 litres and for the past few years now we ⁸ _____ (drink) a range of soft and energy drinks as well as coffee. By 2020, who knows? Perhaps we ⁹ _____ (even / find) a replacement for coffee.

3 Read the interview with a barista. Choose the correct options to complete the questions (a–e).

Q: (a) So, how long *did you work / have you been working* here?

A: Oh I dunno ... I guess I ¹ _____ (work) here on and off since 2005.

Q: (b) Have you *been working / worked* anywhere else?

A: My grandparents have a café and I ² _____ (work) there for fun before I worked anywhere for money.

Q: (c) It's delicious coffee. How have you *perfected / been perfecting* the art?

A: I ³ _____ (have) to practise making a perfect latte, but I think it's in my blood.

I ⁴ _____ (watch) coffee-making rituals before I even went to school and I ⁵ _____ (spend) hours sitting in cafés since I can remember.

Q: What's the secret to making a really great coffee?

A: Well, you have to ⁶ _____ (buy), roasted and ground good beans first. Then it's the combination of temperature and pressure.

Q: Anything else?

A: You have to ⁷ _____ (heat) the perfect cup too! And then drink it in great company.

Q: (d) How many coffees *have you made / did you make*, do you think?

A: Fewer than my grandpa ⁸ _____ (make) and not as many as I ⁹ _____ (make) by the time I retire.

Q: (e) So, have you *found / been finding* your vocation?

A: Well, I absolutely love what I do. In a few years, I ¹⁰ _____ (inherit) the café and can keep the family business going. But until then I can work in other places and study a little too.

Q: What are you studying?

A: I ¹¹ _____ (start) a business course to help me run the business.

Complete the barista's answers (1–11) in Exercise 3 with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use the present perfect, past perfect or future perfect.

GRAMMAR EXTRA! *been or gone*

5 Complete the sentences with *been* or *gone*.

- 1 I've _____ working in a café for the summer and am starting university in October.
- 2 Customers have _____ leaving more tips recently! We must be doing a good job, don't you think?
- 3 She's _____ on holiday for three weeks so we've taken on a replacement.
- 4 She's _____ asking about the overtime she's owed; can you check the time sheets please?
- 5 Have you ever _____ to a coffee-tasting event?
- 6 We arranged to meet at 5 p.m., but when I arrived at the café at ten past, he'd already _____!

6 Complete the sentences. Use these words and phrases.

long gone	been there, done that	been and gone
has-been	gone to seed	

- 1 I hadn't seen him for ten years at least and I was shocked at how he'd changed. He'd really _____.
- 2 Do you remember when we were kids we used to spend all day playing outside? The days of being able to do that are _____ now, aren't they?
- 3 She doesn't seem very enthusiastic about anything I suggest – it's always '_____'!
- 4 She was a really great actress in her day, but I'm afraid she's a bit of a _____ now.
- 5 By the time we got round to booking tickets for the performance, it had already _____.