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INTERMEDIATE 2
MID-TERM EXAM 88 Points total

PART I. USE OF LANGUAGE. There are 50 marks in this section.
PART 2. LISTENING. There are 6 questions in this section and each carries 1 mark.
PART 3. READING. There are 6 questions in this section and each carries 2 marks.
PART 4. SPEAKING. There is one single task in this section and it carries 10 marks.
PART 5. WRITING. There is one single task in this section and it carries 10 marks.

Grammar

1 Choose the correct answer, a), b) or c).

1 I _b_ to go to bed early tonight because I'm catching a flight to Majorca at 6.30a.m.
a) used **b)** *have* **c)** would
2 If my boss asks why I want the day off, what _____ I say? Let's face it, I don't want him to know I have an interview for a new job.
a) should **b)** wouldn't **c)** must
3 You're very lucky you _____ work at weekends. I usually do and it's really not much fun!
a) mustn't **b)** shouldn't **c)** don't have to
4 The doctor told her that she _____ carry anything heavy for three months after the operation. He said it would be dangerous.
a) should **b)** mustn't **c)** didn't have to
5 They _____ invest in that company. It isn't doing very well at the moment and they might lose all their money.
a) must **b)** shouldn't **c)** don't have to
6 I was really surprised when I was told I _____ go for a second interview. I thought they would make their decision after the first round of interviews.
a) should **b)** have to **c)** had to
7 When you get to the security control in the airport, you _____ take off your shoes and belt.
a) has to **b)** have to **c)** shouldn't
8 We _____ hold another meeting so we can discuss which employees will lose their jobs next month.
a) have to **b)** had to **c)** mustn't
9 You _____ enjoy your job but it helps if you do. After all, we spend so many years of our lives working!
a) must **b)** should **c)** don't have to
10 Do you think I _____ tell him why I don't want to go out with him? Is it a good idea?
a) should **b)** had to **c)** don't have to
11 I _____ lose some weight before June. I bought a beautiful dress for Sheila and Lee's wedding but it's a bit tight and I don't want to be uncomfortable.
a) had to **b)** don't have to **c)** must

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Vocabulary

2 Match 1–6 with a)–f) to match the personal qualities with their descriptions. Drag it on the line.

1 Christina is so competitive that she _c_
2 Tina is very indecisive. She ___
3 Ben always does his best ___
4 Kim is a good communicator ___
5 In his job, Phil needs to think outside the box ___
6 Linda loves being a risk taker ___

a) and everyone enjoys her presentations.
b) and says the danger makes life exciting.
c) always has to come first.
d) and is very hard-working.
e) can never make up her mind.
f) and creatively solve problems.

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3 Choose the correct alternative.

1 Jim's just lost his *work/job*.
2 Have you ever *heard/listened* a lion roar?
3 Why didn't you *remember/remind* me to buy some milk?
4 I've *forgotten/left* my wallet at home!
5 Sandra's birthday party was great *funny/fun*. I really enjoyed it!
6 If you *hear/listen to* the radio everyday, your English will improve.

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5 Complete the extreme adjectives.

1 Their new house has five bedrooms and three bathrooms, and the downstairs area is absolutely **e**_normous_.
2 It's a **w**_____ place. The people are really friendly and the food is amazing! I know you'll love it.
3 If I were you, I'd wear a warm coat. It might look sunny but it's actually **f**_____ outside.
4 I'm so excited about Marielle's dinner party next week. She's such a great cook and her food is always so **d**_____ .
5 I'm not surprised you're **e**_____ – you've just run a marathon! Come and sit down and try and get your energy back.

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6 The film was so **a**_____ that I walked out after ten minutes. That type of movie just isn't my cup of tea.

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6 Choose the correct alternative, a), b) or c).

1 After three months of being out of __b__ , I was starting to feel depressed. I needed to find a job – and soon.
a) job **b)** *work* **c)** salary
2 Joel works at the company's Paris office and is in _____ of a team of twenty.
a) work **b)** competition **c)** charge
3 My brother has _____ his own IT company for over ten years and is about to go international with it.
a) worked **b)** charged **c)** run
4 He was so excited about starting his own company that he never thought his business _____ might fail.
a) idea **b)** interview **c)** competition
5 In my opinion, a high _____ is not the most important thing about a job. Job satisfaction is more important than money.
a) charge **b)** salary **c)** leader
6 We weren't surprised to hear Alan got _____ by our boss last week. He always turned up late and never seemed to do much work when he was here.
a) work **b)** fired **c)** charged

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7 Complete the sentences with the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjective in brackets.

1 Technology is much *more important* in today's world. It has also made the world a much *smaller* place than it used to be. (important / small)
2 It's far _____ to fly by plane these days and it is also one of _____ ways to travel. (cheap / safe)
3 His marks in the last test were slightly _____ in maths, but much _____ in English. (low / high)
4 The new restaurant was a lot _____ than we expected but now we know why. Their food was _____ we've ever tasted. (busy / delicious)
5 Our new car is a little bit _____ than the last one and is also a lot _____ to drive. (economical / easy)
6 I'm not sure if this is _____ way to get to their house but it certainly is a much _____ one because of the scenery. (quick / good)

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Function

8 Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box.

a good idea	~~First of all~~	good point
Let's focus	Let's sum	moving on
not sure	OK by	really feel that
way I see	we need to	

A: OK, so we're going to decide on where to open our new office. [1] *First of all*, I need to decide on the location. Then we'll discuss the number of new staff we'll need.
B/C: OK.
A: Right. [2] _____ on the ideas we have for location. Last time we discussed Cardiff and Bristol, but we need to decide between them.
B: I [3] _____ Cardiff would be a nicer place for our office. I know it is a smaller city but it is developing fast as an area for small businesses.
C: Hmm. I'm [4] _____ that I agree, actually. I really feel that Bristol would be better. The [5] _____ it is that Bristol is much bigger and will give us the most custom.
A: It's also closer to the main motorways and is only a few hours from London.
B: That's a [6] _____ .
A: So, shall we say we'll look into the office we've seen in Bristol?
B/C: Yes, OK.
A: Good. So, [7] _____ to the next point, how many staff are we going to need?
C: Hmm. I think to begin with we should employ fifteen people to cover our basic needs.
B: I'm not sure that's [8] _____ . We talked about some of our London staff moving to the new office. So, I really feel we should start with less.
A: I agree. I think [9] _____ consider salaries. What about employing five new people first?
B/C: That's [10] _____ me.
A: So, are we all agreed? [11] _____ up what we've decided. We're going to open our new office in Bristol and employ five new members of staff. Is that right?
B/C: Yes, I think so. That's right.

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9 Reading

Digital habits across generations

Today's grandparents are joining their grandchildren on social media, but the different generations' online habits couldn't be more different. In the UK the over-55s are joining Facebook in increasing numbers,

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meaning that they will soon be the site's second biggest user group, with 3.5 million users aged 55–64 and 2.9 million over-65s. Sheila, aged 59, says, 'I joined to see what my grandchildren are doing, as my daughter posts videos and photos of them. It's a much better way to see what they're doing than waiting for letters and photos in the post. That's how we did it when I was a child, but I think I'm lucky I get to see so much more of their lives than my grandparents did.' Ironically, Sheila's grandchildren are less likely to use Facebook themselves. Children under 17 in the UK are leaving the site – only 2.2 million users are under 17 – but they're not going far from their smartphones. Chloe, aged 15, even sleeps with her phone. 'It's my alarm clock so I have to,' she says. 'I look at it before I go to sleep and as soon as I wake up.' Unlike her grandmother's generation, Chloe's age group is spending so much time on their phones at home that they are missing out on spending time with their friends in real life. Sheila, on the other hand, has made contact with old friends from school she hasn't heard from in forty years. 'We use Facebook to arrange to meet all over the country,' she says. 'It's changed my social life completely.' Teenagers might have their parents to thank for their smartphone and social media addiction as their parents were the early adopters of the smartphone. Peter, 38 and father of two teenagers, reports that he used to be on his phone or laptop constantly. 'I was always connected and I felt like I was always working,' he says. 'How could I tell my kids to get off their phones if I was always in front of a screen myself?' So, in the evenings and at weekends, he takes his SIM card out of his smartphone and puts it into an old-style mobile phone that can only make calls and send text messages. 'I'm not completely cut off from the world in case of emergencies, but the important thing is I'm setting a better example to my kids and spending more quality time with them.' Is it only a matter of time until the generation above and below Peter catches up with the new trend for a less digital life?

Read the text and decide whether the following sentences are True or False-.

1. More people aged 55 or more use Facebook than people aged 65 or more. True / False
2. Grandparents typically use Facebook less than their grandchildren. True / False
3. Sheila feels grateful to social media. True / False
4. Peter found his own smartphone use affected how he felt about how much his children used their phones. True / False
5. Peter has changed how much he uses his phone during the working day. True / False
6. Peter feels that the changes make him a better parent. True / False

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Listening

Listen to the recording and choose the best answer.

1. How popular is Chris Svensson's book?
   a) Not very popular
   b) Very popular
   c) It's new. People don't know it yet.
2. What is the work–life balance like in traditional workplaces?
   a) Work lives and private lives are clearly divided.
   b) People work too much overtime and so they have no private life.
   c) People are free to manage the balance themselves.
3. How often do people do overtime?
   a) Often
   b) Sometimes
   c) They don't.
4. In traditional workplaces, do people work at weekends or when on holiday?
   a) Yes, it's normal.
   b) No, never.
   c) Usually, they don't.
5. How has technology helped people work with more flexibility?
   a) They can send and receive emails from their phones from home.
   b) Their working hours can be easily tracked.
   c) Robots can do their work for them.
6. Traditional divisions between work and life are fading. What does this mean for employees?
   a) Everyone has to do overtime, all the time.
   b) People have to work while they're on holiday.
   c) They can be flexible to work when and where it suits them.

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You want to attend a course in English and American Studies in an English-speaking country and you see this section in a college prospectus:

SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year, two scholarships are offered to candidates from overseas who can show how our one-year course would help their career. Scholarships cover fees, accommodation and food, but not transport or personal spending money.

Apply in writing, explaining why you think you deserve a scholarship.

Write your letter. Don't include any postal addresses. Write your answer in 140- 190 words in an appropriate style.

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Speaking

Leave a voice-mail note for your classmate describing your idea for the Mexican History project. Give details on the event you propose, as well as the kind of project you are thinking of.

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