

## Proficiency C1

### A) Tenses Revision

1. Petrus **is/has been** the most expensive restaurant I ever **went/have ever been** to.
2. My friend Vanessa **just started/has just started** a new cookery course and she **is loving/loves** it.
3. Claire **was/has been** much happier since she **changed/has changed** her job recently.
4. Vanessa **is enjoying/enjoys** entertaining, so she's always inviting people around.
5. I **practice/have practiced** yoga for two years, and before that I **did/had done** judo.
6. Last week I **visited/ was visiting** Vanessa. I **hadn't seen/hadn't been seeing** Vanessa for over a month and I was looking forward to it.
7. It **was/had been** a great evening. I always enjoy good food and good company.

### B) Choose the correct answer

1. We were **on the verge of/due to** having a breakthrough when the funding was cut.
2. I knew the news **was about to /would be** bad, so I wasn't surprised.
3. I thought the government **were bound to / would have** raised taxes, so I was pleasantly surprised when they didn't.
4. The football club **was to / would** transfer at least two players but decided against it at the last minute.
5. We were **on the point of phoning / to have phoned** you when you arrived.
6. He **was just about to /due to** leave the house when he saw her text.

**C) Complete the sentences**

1. In recent years more and more teaching facilities \_\_\_\_\_ (develop).
2. Next year, all first year students who require it \_\_\_\_\_ (guarantee) accommodation on campus.
3. A vast amount of money \_\_\_\_\_ (invest) in state-of-the-art technology

**D) Rewrite the sentences in the passive or impersonal passive structures using the word in brackets where provided.**

1. The instructor should have taken me on the big roundabout before I took the test.
2. The instructor may shout at you sometimes.
3. You have to show your provisional licence to the instructor on your first lesson.
4. We expect them to be arriving at around six o'clock. (they)
5. The Education Secretary is believed to be handing in his resignation later today. (it)
6. They are hoping to have more news before the end of the evening. (it)

**E) Choose the correct form.**

1. The government is **being/been** criticise for their new inspection policy.
2. You should be prepared to be **asking/asked** some questions by the interview panel.
3. We insisted on **being/been** tell what had happened.

F) Join the following sentences using relative clauses and adding commas where necessary.

1. We're going to Andorra for a couple of days. (It should be very interesting.)
2. It was after midnight. (I finally got to bed.)
3. We went to a restaurant. (I'd never been there before.)
4. Fred is hoping to be an actor. (He lives over the road.)

G) Fill in the Causative in the appropriate tense of the verb HAVE.

- 1) Susan typed the documents for me yesterday.
- 2) The hairdresser is cutting Paul's hair now.
- 3) Mario has just washed my sister's car.
- 4) The technician will fix our washing machine tomorrow morning.
- 5) I cut the grass for my grandmother every month.

H) Choose the best determiners, relative pronouns, and subject-verb agreement.

Reincarnation is \_\_\_\_\_ belief that, after death, some aspect of \_\_\_\_\_ of us lives again in \_\_\_\_\_ body, \_\_\_\_\_ human or animal. Indeed, \_\_\_\_\_ tribes avoid eating certain animals because they believe that \_\_\_\_\_ souls of their ancestors live in \_\_\_\_\_. Reincarnation was once a belief mainly of \_\_\_\_\_ Hinduism and Buddhism, \_\_\_\_\_ of

\_\_\_\_\_ are Eastern religions. Recently, however, a number of Western belief systems \_\_\_\_\_ started to incorporate it into their teachings. Perhaps the reason for this is that it seems to offer \_\_\_\_\_ explanation for a range of unexplained phenomena, such as the ability of people to regress to a past life under \_\_\_\_\_. Hypnosis. Of course, reincarnation remains a belief, and there's very \_\_\_\_\_ chance that it will ever be proved.

I) Choose the correct option in each sentence.

1. After \_\_\_\_\_ the house, she walked to the station.  
A. leave      B. have left      C. left      D. leaving
2. The phone rang while I \_\_\_\_\_ my hair.  
A. did wash      B. have washed      C. was washing      D. wash
3. If she \_\_\_\_\_ attention to the teacher, she would do better in her exams.  
A. is paying      B. will pay      C. paid      D. should pay
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ our house painted last month.  
A. Gave      B. Did      C. Made      D. Had
5. They didn't come to the party, \_\_\_\_\_  
A. did      B. didn't      C. do they?      D. had they?
6. These Manga comics are \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan.  
A. publishin g      B. publishes      C. publishe d      D. to publish
7. This is the woman \_\_\_\_\_ bought the car.  
A. what      B. which      C. who      D. where
8. You're coming to the party, \_\_\_\_\_  
A. won't you?      B. don't you?      C. aren't you?      D. wouldn't you?
9. Next year, a new stadium \_\_\_\_\_ for the Olympic Games.  
A. is built      B. builds      C. will be built      D. is building
10. Could you speak more \_\_\_\_\_, please?

A. slower

B. slowest

C. slowly

D. slow

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

0. He lost money because the business was UNPROFITABLE **profit**

1. The desk is very                    **dust**

2. The Art Gallery has an                    painting by Picasso **origin**

3. You need to make a                    about which school to go to. **decide**

4. The school band is giving a                    on Sunday **perform**

5. Peter's                    party is on Monday night **retire**

6. Susan is an                    **economy**

7. Fred is very                   , he never keeps his promises **rely**

8. I don't want to        you, but engineering is a difficult subject **courage**

9. I like                    films **romance**

10. She has a very                    cut on her hand **pain**

K) Write one word in each space to complete the sentences.

### Eclipses

A total eclipse <sup>(0)</sup>        the sun is a spectacular sight. Day turns into night in just <sup>(1)</sup>        few short minutes. The sky goes dark, stars and planets appear, streetlights come <sup>(2)</sup>       , and birds stop singing, creating one of the <sup>(3)</sup>        dramatic events in nature. Eclipses take place <sup>(4)</sup>        light from the sun and moon is blocked for a short time. A solar eclipse is caused <sup>(5)</sup>        the moon casting a shadow on the Earth. A lunar eclipse is caused when the Earth comes between the sun and moon, <sup>(6)</sup>        happens quite often. Eclipses also occur on other planets, for example, when Jupiter's moons move into the planet's shadow. When viewing a solar eclipse, <sup>(7)</sup>        is vital to remember that you should <sup>(8)</sup>        look at the sun directly. If you do so, you risk going blind. The sun is best viewed through a 'pinhole camera', <sup>(9)</sup>        the image of the sun is projected onto a <sup>(10)</sup>        of card or paper.

## Reading

Read the passage about the amazing find. Six sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the extracts A – H, the one which fits each gap. There are two extracts you do not need to use. One of them has been done for you as an example.

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**A** – ~~It said that the item had been found during excavations in Cyprus in 1845 and that it was from 500 BC.~~

B - When she came back for the pig, it was nowhere to be found.

C – One such example was a package containing a large, extremely detailed model ship, carefully made by hand.

D - Had she not been interested in it, Susan might have simply sold the pig for £5.

E - Susan spent many evenings going through the records, looking for reports on the excavation, but to no avail, and they were never discovered.

F - However, none of these records actually mentioned *finding* the pig, leading the researchers to believe that whoever found it on the site kept it quiet so that they could sell it later.

G – For this reason, the museum suggested that it was worth a lot of money, perhaps even £20,000.

## An Amazing Find

Susan Horowitz had been working in a small charity shop for several years. She would regularly receive donations of books, clothes, games and ornaments to sell - just like any charity shop. Occasionally, something strange or wonderful would come along. 1. Although not particularly valuable, it must have taken months to build and Susan often wondered how such a treasured possession came to be thrown out. On another occasion, she came across a copy of her favourite childhood story book and she spent hours in the shop, looking through the book and reminiscing.

However, what Susan found in 2015 was easily the most amazing, and the most unusual. One day, in amongst a box of donated shirts, she found what appeared to be a model pig. Turning it around in her hand, she found it was made of fired clay, like a piece of pottery. It was hollow, and it looked quite funny. 2. However, there was no hole in its back for coins so this couldn't be its purpose. It had short little legs, and lines had been drawn into it when the clay was still wet to show hair. Oddly, when Susan moved it, she heard a rattling - as if small stones were inside the pig.

Susan thought that the pig was very old. Digging around further inside the box, Susan found a dusty old piece of paper, with something written on it. She guessed that it was a label that had been attached to the pig but had fallen off. 3. A example If it really was as old as this label said, Susan knew she had to keep hold of it and show it to an expert. She assumed that the person who had donated the box had given it to the shop accidentally, but she didn't know where the box had come from or how to find the owner.

Susan emailed the department of archaeology at a local university, and Doctor Fletcher responded. Holding the pig carefully, Susan went to see Doctor Fletcher in her office. Doctor Fletcher recognised the design of the pig instantly as being from bronze-age Cyprus. That meant it was even older than the label had said - probably over 3,000 years old. Neither Susan nor Doctor Fletcher could believe it had ended up in Susan's charity shop. 4. It was a good job she didn't, because not only was the pig a very precious and ancient artefact, but she discovered later that it was even more important than she had thought.

Susan took the pig to the British Museum, where experts spent two weeks researching the artefact. Looking through old records, they managed to find reports from the excavation when the pig was originally found. 5. This is what they probably did and the pig seems to have gone from person to person for over 170 years until it finally ended up in Susan's charity shop. The experts at the museum deduced that the pig was a child's toy, and that the stones inside were intended to make a fun noise.

The records of the excavation showed that they uncovered a house which belonged to a very rich family, maybe even royalty. Lots of jewellery and necklaces were found in some of the rooms. There was a burial site nearby, which was probably the family cemetery. Tragically, there was more than one child buried in one of the graves. It seemed likely that this toy belonged to one of these possibly royal children. 6. However, Susan didn't want to sell it, even for that price, and instead donated it to the museum. She felt the toy should have its final resting place there.

### Listening

You are going to listen to part of an interview with Jacob Starbuck, the oldest runner at this year's London Marathon. Answer all the questions below by marking the correct box with a tick (□)

1. How many marathons has Jacob run so far?  
A 16  
B 33  
C 40
2. How did Jacob get an injury?  
A His dogs tripped him over.  
B He slipped on some ice.  
C He was hit by a car.
3. Who does Jacob usually train with now?  
A members of the running club  
B his youngest daughter  
C one particular friend
4. Why has Jacob continued to run for so long?  
A He enjoys the celebrity status.  
B He likes to stay fit into old age.  
C He hates staying inside.
5. What has Jacob decided for the future?  
A He will continue to run full marathons.  
B He will only run half-marathons.  
C He will stop running any marathons.