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SENIOR II - 2021
FIRST TERM LANGUAGE TEST
English Plus 3 – Units 0 to 2

READING (5x3p=15p)

1. Choose the correct option

The main purpose of the timeline is ...

- a to tell us the best ways to communicate
- b to explain the history of communication
- c to give recent news about technology

Communication through time

A Why is language so important? Well, it's part of what makes us human! We are the only species on Earth that can share our thoughts and ideas through language. And our history shows how we are always looking for new ways to communicate ...

B **380-6 BC** Early human language was a spoken form of communication. Around 40,000 years ago, there were cave paintings and then much later, around 5,500 years ago, people started creating picture-writing systems, such as Egyptian hieroglyphs. The alphabets we use today developed after this, over thousands of years.

C **15th century** Until the 15th century, people copied books by hand. Obviously, this was a very slow process. With the invention of the printing press, all of this changed. In 1440, it became possible to copy books easily and quickly, and many more people learned to read.

D **19th-20th century** Sending personal messages was still slow for a few hundred years. It used to take weeks for letters to arrive. In the 1830s, electric telegraph services started for short messages. By the early 20th century, the telephone made it possible to communicate spoken words over long distances. Email, the internet and mobile phones became popular in the 1990s.

E **21st century** Today, we communicate with people all over the world using gadgets. We use text messages, video calls and chat and picture apps like WhatsApp and Instagram. In an age of easy, instant messaging, it's hard to imagine how difficult communication used to be.

2. Choose the correct words to describe each paragraph.

- A why human communication is special / difficult / scientific
- B the slowest / earliest / best forms of communication
- C the beginning / end / cost of printing
- D inventions over the last ten / 100 / 200 years
- E electronics / life / communication today

VOCABULARY (20 x 1.5p=30p)

3. Read and complete the fact file with the words and phrases.

in 1996 in the nineties like such
this decade those days until years later

Fact File:

Tamagotchis

When was it?


In the nineties, people started to buy electronic gadgets to play with instead of old-style toys. During ¹ _____, they could buy gadgets ² _____ as games consoles. ³ _____, one of these gadgets, the Tamagotchi, became a craze.

What was it?

In ⁴ _____, gadgets ⁵ _____ mobile phones were expensive. Apps didn't become popular ⁶ _____. However, Tamagotchis were cheap and fun for children. They were 'electronic pets' that you could carry around in your pocket. Users used to feed their pet and play games with it. They needed to look after their pet well to keep it alive!

Where is it now?

Amazingly, Tamagotchis are back! You can buy one online or in shops today. However, most children prefer apps or computer games these days.



4. **Choose the correct word.**

- 1 He can't sing well. He has got colour-blindness / tone-deafness / a 'good ear'.
- 2 To be a good cook, you need a strong sense of touch / smell / sight.
- 3 I need to listen / ask / watch my mum for help with my homework.
- 4 There's a lot of salt in this soup. It feels / looks / tastes terrible!
- 5 Listen to the sight / sound / hearing of the birds singing.
- 6 It's very cold. I'm losing sensation / touch / smell in my toes.
- 7 It's noisy outside. You can hear / listen / sound cars and people in the street.

GRAMMAR (40x1.35p=55p)

Present Simple-Present Continuous

6. **Choose the correct form of the verbs.**

- 1 Does / Are / Is Aaron usually get up early?
- 2 What time are they wanting / do they want / they want to leave?
- 3 He doesn't like / not like / isn't liking maths.
- 4 'Are you enjoying the book?' 'Yes, I do / enjoy / am.'
- 5 Does Anna have / Has Anna / Is Anna having more than one mobile phone?
- 6 Right now, she chats / 's chatting / does chat to her friends.

7. **Complete the sentences with the correct irregular Past simple verbs.**

Why did you do it?

I did it because she asked me to.

- 1 When did they last eat pizza?
They ate pizza last weekend.
- 2 At what age did he first ride a horse?
He first rode a horse at age nine.
- 3 When did you first hear that song?
We first heard that song two years ago.
- 4 What did she make on Sunday?
She made a chocolate cake.
- 5 What did you buy at the shops?
I bought some new clothes.

5. **Complete the sentences with the words.**

apps comics fad fan
gadgets games console post social media
toys views

My brother buys comics to read about his favourite superheroes.

- 1 My friends are playing on a console in front of a big TV screen.
- 2 Are you a fan of any celebrities or sports teams?
- 3 Children's toys often become very popular for a short time.
- 4 The website Myspace was a fad because it was only popular for a few years.
- 5 People post comments on social media sites like Twitter and Facebook.
- 6 A lot of smartphone apps are free.
- 7 The video went viral and received over a million views.

8. **Correct the sentences.**

- 1 They didn't used to like computer games.
They didn't use to like computer games.
- 2 Did they used to buy Marvel comics?
Did they use to buy Marvel comics?
- 3 My sister used to loved Beanie Babies.
My sister used to love Beanie Babies.
- 4 What did your favourite cartoon use be?
What did your favourite cartoon use to be?
- 5 I used to not have a games console.
I didn't use to have a games console.
- 6 'Did you use to collect Pokémon cards?' 'Yes, I used'
'Did you use to collect Pokémon cards?' 'Yes, I used.'

9. **Write sentences and questions using the past continuous.**

- 1 what / you / study / in class / ?
I was studying in class.
- 2 they / not listen / to the song
They were not listening to the song.
- 3 he / eat / a sandwich ? No / he / not
He wasn't eating a sandwich.
- 4 we / play / computer games / all evening
We were playing computer games all evening.
- 5 you / work ? Yes / I
I was working.

10. **Complete** the description using the **past simple** or the **past continuous** forms of the verbs in brackets.

One of my favourite photos is of a barbecue that we
had (have) on the beach last year. My sister
1 (take) the photo while I 2
(cook) the food. I remember the delicious smell
of food that 3 (be) in the air! In the
background of the photo you can see my friends.
They 4 (chat), the sun 5 (go)
down and the sky 6 (get) dark. A few
minutes later, the food 7 (be) ready and
we 8 (eat) our dinner.

11. **Write** sentences using the **present perfect**.

she / not taste Indian food

She hasn't tasted Indian food.

1 Lucy / buy a new perfume

2 we / not listen to rap music

3 you / eat a lot of cake

4 I / hear that joke before

5 Henry / not watch the film

12. **Choose** the correct options.

1 I've loved pasta since I _____ a child.

a was b have been c am

2 We've been in this flat _____ six months.

a since b from c for

3 _____ a chef for five years.

a He's being b He's c He's been

4 Kemal has had no sense of smell for _____.

a ages b she was born c last year

5 We haven't visited our grandparents since _____.

a last year b six months c a long time