AMERIAN FILE 3 - Test 8
Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation   A

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences using reported speech.

Example: "Did Mei arrive on time?"
           He asked me if Mei *had arrived* on time.

1 "We're having a sale next week."
   They told us they _____ a sale the following week.
2 "Don't waste your money in that store!"
   The man told us _____ waste our money in that shop.
3 "I've bought some new jeans."
   She told me that she_____ some new jeans.
4 "We may not have it in stock."
   The shop assistant said they _____ have it in stock.
5 "I'll give you a ride."
   He said he _____ give me a ride.
6 "I must be home by 6 p.m."
   He said he _____ be home by 6 p.m.
7 "Are you watching the soccer game?"
   My neighbor asked us _____ we were watching the soccer game.
8 "We interviewed 20 applicants today."
   They said they _____ 20 applicants that day.
9 "What are your names?"
   He asked us what our names _____.
10 "Have you been to New York?"
   She asked me if I _____ to New York.

2 Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form or the infinitive (with or without *to*) of the verb in parentheses.

Example: She left without *saying* (say) goodbye.

1 I can't believe you forgot _____ (mail) that letter!
2 You're really good at _____ (write) stories.
3 Xavier doesn't seem _____ (enjoy) sports very much.
4 Would you mind _____ (turn) your music down? I can't concentrate.
5 I love _____ (not / have) to write essays anymore.
6 Do you feel like _____ (go) out for pizza tonight?
7 I've given up _____ (try) to make Binh smile – he's so miserable!
8 She asked Shin to go to the store _____ (get) a newspaper.
9 I remember _____ (meet) Alicia for the first time many years ago.
10 My boss refuses _____ (give) me a raise. I'm going to resign.

VOCABULARY

3 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: I don't enjoy shopping when there's a *clearance* sale. It's too crowded!
           season   online   clearance

1 That jacket is just the right size. It _____ you perfectly.
   suits   enjoys   fits
2 The _____ had a lot of interesting new stores.
   supermarket   shopping mall   department store

3 The sweater looked a little small so I _____ in the store.

tried it on   wore it   picked it up

4 I'd like a _____ for this purse, please. I bought it last week and the zipper broke today.

refund   receipt   discount

4 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: My current job is *permanent / self-employed / temporary*. It's a one-year   contract.

1 Fantastic news! I've been *retired / fired / promoted*!

2 My paintings are selling well since I *applied / set up / worked* a website.

3 Jason's sleeping late. He's working night *shifts / hours / jobs* at the factory this week.

4 I love being *part-time / temporary / self-employed* – I can work whenever I want to.

5 Sasha's *in charge / responsible / boss* for the training department.

6 He doesn't have *regular / full-time / working* hours. He often works in the evening.

7 I think that people will have to *resign / be fired / retire* when they are 70 in the future.

8 The problem is that I'm too *unemployed / temporary / well qualified* for many jobs.

5 Write the nouns for the verbs.

Example: demonstrate   *demonstration*

1 respond _____

2 pay   _____

3 qualify   _____

4 retire   _____

5 lose   _____

6 choose   _____

7 sell   _____

8 agree   _____

9 resist   _____

10 enjoy   _____

PRONUNCIATION

6   Match the words with the same sound.

air‌line   sweat‌er   compl‌ain
rece‌ipt   s‌aid   ch‌oose

Example: tr‌ee   *receipt*

1 tr‌ain   _____

2 b‌oot   _____

3 ch‌air   _____

4 l‌ed   _____

5 comput‌er _____

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: moun|tain

1 de|mon|strate

2 de|li|ver

3 tem|po|rar|y

4 un|em|ployed

5 qua|li|fi|ca|tion

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Reading and Writing A

READING

1 Read the blog posting and check (✓) A, B, or C.

Sara's blog

Welcome to my blog where I talk about "slow" fashion — the art of buying less and wearing more thoughtfully!

This week, we're focusing on the 10 x 10 challenge, which was originally created by ethical fashion blogger "Style Bee" in 2015, and is now a global trend online. The rules are simple: choose ten items of clothing and wear them for ten days. You are allowed to add accessories, of course, but shoes are included in your choice of ten.

Planning the challenge was a lot of fun. I'd seen other bloggers' outfits from last year, and after that I was sure I'd be able to make it through the ten days. After all, I do have a lot of hats and scarves! Finally, I decided on a pair of skinny black jeans (obviously), two pairs of shoes (one flat and one with heels), one dress shirt, two more casual tops, a warm gray sweater, my favorite denim skirt, and a pair of baggy brown pants that my friend Beth lent me.

So, how did it go? Well, you can see the outfits I wore each day (arranged on my sofa) on my Instagram feed. You can't see me, but the clothes tell their own story. Beth's pants were easily my favorite item. I wouldn't normally wear something this shape, but they were very easy to style with different "looks."

Overall, I think I was successful, but I made some mistakes, which you can avoid! I planned too much. It would have been better to leave one item free as a "wild card" to decide during the week itself. The weather in Philadelphia was freezing. I would happily have traded one pair of shoes for a warm coat. In the end, I cheated and wore exercise clothes after work to stay warm. (I'm not sure if they're included in the challenge, but Style Bee does say that having fun is more important than following the rules!)

I think people who complete the challenge will think differently about clothes. If you read my blog regularly you will know that I love exploring the thrift stores in Philadelphia. I love wearing old clothes and creating my colorful outfits (it's a thrill knowing that no one else has the same thing). But the 10 x 10 challenge reminds us not to shop at all—or at least to think about the purpose of our clothes rather than just their individuality. Over the next year, I intend to only shop for accessories and to trade more clothes with my friends.

Example: Sara's blog is about _____ fashion.
             A cheap ☐   B current ☐   C slow ☑

1 Sara encourages her readers to _____.
    A shop less ☐   B talk more ☐   C wear more clothes ☐
2 _____ aren't included in the choice of ten items.
    A Shoes ☐   B Scarves ☐   C Shirts ☐
3 Looking at _____ made Sara confident that she would succeed.
    A the rules of the challenge ☐   B her clothes ☐   C challenge photos online ☐
4 The brown pants were _____.
    A from a thrift store ☐   B not Sara's usual style ☐   C made by a friend ☐

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5 Sara says other people should _____ before the challenge.
   A plan more ☐   B choose three colors ☐   C only choose nine items ☐
6 Sara had to wear _____ because of the cold weather.
   A the gray sweater ☐   B exercise clothes ☐   C a coat ☐
7 Style Bee says that _____ isn't that important during the 10 x 10.
   A being fashionable ☐   B following the rules ☐   C having a good time ☐
8 Sara often tells her readers about _____ in her city.
   A shopping in thrift stores ☐   B what other people wear ☐   C exploring ☐
9 Sara wants to think more about _____ of her clothes.
   A the colors ☐   B the creativity ☐   C the purpose ☐

2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

Example: The 10 x 10 challenge was created by a fashion blogger.   _T_

1 The challenge asks people to throw away ten items from their wardrobes. ____
2 Sara owns a lot of accessories. ____
3 Sara has posted photos of herself during the challenge. ____
4 Sara felt she had too many shoes in her selection. ____
5 Sara enjoys wearing things that aren't the same as other people's. ____
6 Sara thinks the challenge will encourage people to shop more in thrift stores. ____

WRITING

Write a blog post about a good / bad / unusual shopping experience. (140–180 words)

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Listening and Speaking   A

LISTENING

1 Listen to a conversation. Check (✓) A, B, or C.

1 In his previous job, Aidan was responsible for _____.
   A choosing clothes ☐   B selling clothes ☐   C designing clothes ☐
2 Aidan said he didn't get _____ when he worked at Kelly's.
   A a good salary ☐   B to be creative ☐   C the promotion he wanted ☐
3 Aidan resigned before he _____.
   A was fired ☐   B told his wife ☐   C found an investor ☐
4 _____ makes Aidan feel proud.
   A Designing new products ☐   B Developing his business ☐   C Selling online ☐
5 The person who inspires Aidan _____.
   A also changed careers ☐   B is older than he is ☐   C is a fashion journalist ☐

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2 Listen to five conversations. Match the conversations (1–5) with what the speakers were talking about (A–E).

Conversation 1 ☐
Conversation 2 ☐
Conversation 3 ☐
Conversation 4 ☐
Conversation 5 ☐

A Complaining that his / her job is too busy.
B Telling someone that he / she won't invest.
C Describing an experience of solving problems at work.
D Finding a temporary job.
E Asking for overtime work.

LIVEWORKSHEETS