UNIT 1 TEST

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Section 1 – Reading

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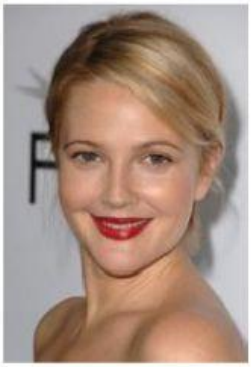

Drew Barrymore is one of Hollywood's best paid actresses. With film successes such as ET, Scream and Charlie's Angels to her name, she is recognised wherever she goes and is a real Hollywood star. Some people complain that success has come easily to her as she is a member of a famous acting family but, in many ways, her family are the cause of more problems than help.

So who makes up the Barrymore dynasty? It all started over 100 years ago with Maurice Barrymore, Drew's great-grandfather. He married Georgina Drew, an actress. In fact, they met while acting together in a play in New York. Maurice and Georgina had three children, Drew's grandfather, John, her great aunt, Ethel and her great uncle, Lionel. Lionel is perhaps the most famous. He won an Oscar in 1931 and continued acting until his death in 1954 at the age of seventy-six. Lionel was married twice and both of his wives were also actresses.

Ethel was also a famous Hollywood star and is sometimes called "the greatest actress of her generation". She also won an Oscar, in 1944, although she wasn't particularly proud of it and it was offered for sale on eBay in 2007. Unusually for the family, she only married once although she and her husband had a difficult relationship and were divorced after fourteen rather miserable years.

Drew's grandfather, John, was slightly less successful than his siblings in his family life, although their equal as an actor. However, despite appearing in many films with a number of big stars and considered one of the greats, especially in the theatre, he never won an Oscar. In his personal life, he was married four times and had three children. He and his third wife, Dolores Costello "the goddess of the silent screen", had two children, one of whom was John Junior, Drew's father.

Unfortunately, John Junior's character stopped him from achieving success as an actor. He made a few appearances in films in the 1950s and 1960s and enjoyed the lifestyle but spent a lot of time in trouble with the police and his studio bosses. Like his father, he married four times. John Junior had four children. As each wife gave birth only once, Drew has two half-sisters and one half-brother.

Perhaps it's no surprise that she had a difficult childhood. She made her first television advert at the age of eleven months and was a star after appearing in ET when she was seven. Early success and a broken family had a bad effect on her teenage years and into her twenties. Now, though, she has grown up and become a responsible, self-confident woman. She is ambitious and, as well as acting success, she has started to direct films. In addition, she became an Ambassador Against Hunger for the United Nations in 2007 and showed her generosity by giving $ 1 million of her own money to the cause. Only one of her siblings, her half-brother John Blyth, went into acting. He is twenty years older than Drew and he is best known for playing Zeke in the TV series Kung Fu. Now, though, he has stopped acting and works in software development.

So, it is Drew who is keeping the family tradition alive and she seems to be doing a very good job of it. The only question remaining is whether there will one day be another generation of Barrymores in Hollywood. Drew has been married twice but is not, yet, a mother.

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1. Choose the most suitable title for the article.

A. Some famous Hollywood families.
B. Following in the footsteps of her family.
C. Hollywood – past and present.

2. Read the article and answer the questions.

A. What do some people claim about Drew's success?
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B. What relation to Maurice is Drew?
.....
C. What did Ethel think about winning an Oscar?
.....

3. Circle T (true) or F (false).

A. Ethel had a happy marriage. T F
B. John Barrymore was unsuccessful as an actor. T F
C. Drew's grandmother was John's third wife. T F

4. Choose the right answer.

a. John Junior failed as an actor because
A. he didn't enjoy acting.
B. he wasn't a good actor.
C. of his character.
D. of his family life.

b. We know that John Junior and his third wife had
A.no children.
B. one child.
C. two children.
D. three children.

c. How many of the Barrymore family still work as actors?
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4

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Section 2 – Listening

2. Listen to the conversation about a book one of the teenagers is reading and choose the correct answer. **/8**

1. "Physiognomy" means
   A. to judge how good-looking someone is.
   B. to understand someone's character by looking at their appearance.
   C. to change your appearance because you are unhappy with it.
   D. to compare our appearance with that of ancient Greeks.

2. You can tell how well someone is able to recover from illness by seeing if they have
   A. long hair B. dark hair C. thick hair D. soft hair

3. It is good to have eyes which are
   A. big and don't move. B. small and don't move.
   C. big and constantly moving about. D. small and constantly moving about.

4. Tom is unhappy about
   A. the colour of his eyes. B. the size of his eyebrows.
   C. being jealous. D. what the book says about his character.

5. It's not good to have
   A. too much lipstick. B. thin lips.
   C. thick lips. D. top and bottom lips of the same thickness.

6. Sara believes that Physiognomy is
   A. always correct. B. often correct.
   C. rarely correct. D. never correct.

7. We know that
   A. Greg likes Sara. B. Tom likes Sara.
   C. Sara doesn't like Greg. D. Sara likes Greg.

8. Physiognomy was
   A. completely correct about Greg.
   B. correct except for one thing.
   C. only correct about one thing.
   D. completely wrong about Greg.

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Section 3 – Vocabulary

3. Read the text and choose the correct answer. **/10**

A 100th birthday party

Last month we celebrated my 1. ... 100th birthday and we had a big family party. All her 2. ... and friends came and it was a special day. Although she is quite 3. ..., she looks really 4. ... and because she doesn't eat very much anymore she is still as 5. ... as she was a young woman. Her hair is white now but it used to be very 6. ..., almost black, and very long. Because of her age she does have quite a few 7. ... on her face, but what can you expect if you are a hundred years old? She likes telling us stories of her 8. ... and how different life was then and she thinks it's amazing that someone could have a video of their 9. ... . I've seen some photos of her when she was my age and I think we have a lot 10. ... and not just in the way we look.

1. A. great-grandmother's	B. niece's	C. twin's	D. grandfather's
2. A. ancestors	B. twins	C. relatives	D. parents
3. A. teenage	B. middle-aged	C. young	D. elderly
4. A. modest	B. pretty	C. handsome	D. spiky
5. A. slim	B. well-built	C. overweigh	D. pale
6. A. dark	B. fair	C. blond	D. tanned
7. A. scars	B. tattoos	C. wrinkles	D. beard
8. A. maturity	B. childhood	C. teenage	D. birth
9. A. fringe	B. encounter	C. born	D. birth
10. a. alike	B. the same	C. in common	D. similar

4. Complete the sentences with words from the box. **/8**

energetic – mean – moody – outgoing – romantic – similar – tanned – well-built

1. Lucy loves parties and meeting people – she's more ..... than I am.
2. I don't know why my brother is so ..... ; he isn't nice to anyone, not even our dog.
3. You're so ..... that you think everyone should fall in love and live happily ever after.
4. I don't like ..... people. You never know if you will upset them or not.
5. To be honest my brother is a bit fat but he prefers to be called ..... .
6. I'm so ..... in looks to Angelina Jolie that someone asked me if I was her little sister!
7. After two weeks lying in the sun on the beach Betty looks really ..... and relaxed.
8. My grandmother is still very ..... and never stops running about all day.

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5. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals. **/10**

1. I think ..... is the most important thing in a friendship. LOYAL
2. Everyone believes that my sister is ..... but I know that she often tells lies. HONESTY
3. I wish Anny was a bit more ..... . It's a bit embarrassing when she tells everyone how clever she is. MODESTY
4. My grandfather's famous for his amazing ..... and kindness. GENEROUS
5. I love doing .....things like painting and drawing. CREATIVITY
6. Sally's ..... makes her seem older than she is. MATURE
7. This job has a great deal of ..... . Do you think you can cope? RESPONSIBLE
8. I could never be a teacher because I'm too ..... . IMPATIENCE
9. It has always been my ..... to become a doctor. AMBITIOUS
10. Ben is a very ..... driver because he's scared of having an accident. CAUTION

6. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in bold. Use no more than two words. **/6**

1. I knew I had seen him before. Then I realised I had seen him in a movie; he was an actor! **out**

   I knew I had seen him before. It ..... I had seen him in a movie; he was an actor!

2. My brother and I spend our childhood on a farm. **up**

   My brother and I ..... on a farm.

3. I'm helping my sister get information about how to adopt a baby. **out**

   I'm helping my sister ..... about how to adopt a baby.

4. It can't be easy for one parent to look after twins. **up**

   It can't be easy for one parent to ..... twins.

5. After a few hours with the twins, I could tell which one was Jim and which one was John. **out**

   After a few hours with the twins, I ..... which one was Jim and which one was John.

6. I arranged to see my aunt after school. **up**

   I arranged to ..... with my aunt after school.

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Section 4 – Grammar

7. Complete the sentences with a, an, the or – (if no article is **/6**

1. I like drinking ..... milk for breakfast.
2. There is ..... girl at my school who looks just like me.
3. My cousin Thomas is ..... ambitious young man.
4. Are ..... other kids in your class fun to be with?
5. I was making ..... dinner when I cut my finger.
6. ..... worst thing about being an only child is that you feel lonely sometimes.

8. Complete the sentences with the Present Simple or the Present Continuous form of the verbs in brackets. **/10**

1. We ..... (think) of going to Paris for the weekend.
2. I ..... (not know) the answer to this question.
3. That dog ..... (bark) all day long!
4. You ..... (always/complain) about something! Be quiet!
5. ..... you ..... (understand) how to do this Maths problem?
6. I really ..... (need) a cup of coffee right now!
7. Mum ..... (make) a birthday cake for the twins' party. Let's help her!
8. I ..... (go) to Newbury High School.
9. We ..... (stay) at my aunt's house for the summer.
10. ..... you ..... (believe) in ghosts?

Section 5 – Writing: Descriptive Article

9. You have seen this notice in an entertainment magazine.

COMPETITION

- Write about a famous person who you like.
- Introduce the person and say what you like about their work.
- Describe the person's appearance and character.
- Say how they have influenced you (the things you wear, your interests, your opinions, etc)

⇨ *Write an article of 120-180 words.* **/10**

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