Unit 4 Solutions B2

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets (to express present or future probability).

1 Do you suppose they _____ for us at this hour? (still, wait)

2 I can see he'll _____ this lecture for a long time yet. (give)

3 It's not out of the question Aubrey _____ a Grammy this year. (award)

4 They can't _____ home yet as there are no lights on in the house. (arrive)

5 Could they _____ their party the same day as ours? It would be a pity. (have)

6 If you leave now you _____ to the airport in time to catch your plane. (easily, make it)

7 We _____ an agreement by this evening. (reach)

8 I suspect she _____ jeans to the theatre, as usual. (wear)

9 According to the instructions we definitely _____ right at the next junction. (turn)

10 There's a good chance Daniel's team _____ the league this season. (win)

2 Complete the sentences with the correct future forms of the verbs in brackets.

1 The record's very successful – a million copies _____ before long. (sell)

2 Our e-shop _____ your order the moment the last items arrive. (send)

3 I _____ the antibiotics for ten days tomorrow, that's enough. (take)

4 _____ this film when the match starts on channel 5? (you, watch)

5 Lena can pick the children up at four o'clock when she _____ work. (finish)

6 I daresay Sebastian _____ a job by the end of the summer. (find)

7 Before long you _____ the same boy for over a year. (date)

8 Parliament _____ a vote on this question at the end of the week. (take)

9 I am getting some new trainers for my birthday. All my friends _____ me. (envy)

10 I imagine all of us _____ eight weeks' paid holiday a year by 2030! (enjoy)

Vocabulary

3 Complete the text with the correct words on the topic of politics. Use the words below.

Candidate coalition constituency general election hung parliament majority political party support vote vote

If you are over 18 and on the Electoral Register, a polling card will be sent to your home before the date of the [1] _____ _____. Your polling card will tell you where you can [2] _____ . Once at the polling station, you will receive a ballot paper with a list of [3] _____ representing your [4] _____, together with an indication of their [5] _____ _____. You then cast your vote, marking the party you 6 _____ on the ballot paper, and when the voting is complete, all votes will be counted and the party with the [7] _____ of votes may form a government. When none of the parties gets enough 8 _____ in the election to gain an outright majority, a [9] _____ _____ occurs and the parties have to form a [10] _____.

4 Complete the sentences with appropriate words to form compound nouns.

1 Local police forces are strengthening security in preparation for possible civil _____ during the elections.

2 The country is currently unstable, with several paramilitay _____ carrying out violent attacks. Travellers are being warned to stay away.

3 It is hoped that the guerillas will give up their armed _____ and negotiate with the goverment through diplomacy rather than violence.

4 The Israeli peace _____ was announced on 6th of April 2011 and signed by many leading politicitans.

5 In the1960s, civil _____ activists in the United States used non-violent protests to end the separation of different racial groups.

Reading

5 Read the website on how young people can join a political party. Match the headings with the paragraphs. There is one extra heading you won't need.

Joining a political party

Do you fancy getting involved in policy-making processes in the UK? If so, why not join a political party? Here a few easy steps to becoming a party member.

1 ___

It is up to you to decide which political party to join. This, of course, depends on your beliefs about how the country should be governed and whether your political preferences are more socialist, liberal or capitalist. There are a number of political parties to choose from. If you wish to go for one of the mainstream parliamentary parties, then choose either Labour, the Conservatives or the Liberal Democrats.

2. ___

When selecting a party to join, bear in mind that the media are often biased and may publish information about a party or organisation based on their own views and political agenda. The best way to gain an understanding of what each party stands for is to browse through their website, where you can find an overview of their political views.

3 ___

In the run-up to elections you will also receive leaflets through your letterbox and see posters and advertisements. Each political party produces a manifesto – a document outlining what they plan to do in government if they are elected. The manifesto will include their views on economic affairs, environmental issues, immigration, and also ethical issues such as freedom of speech or human rights.

4 ___

Reduced membership fees for young members are offered by some parties. For example, when you join the Labour party your membership fee will be just £10 a year if you're under 25. The Conservatives offer £14 a year membership for those under 22, and the Liberal Democrats only charge £15 if you are under 26 and in full-time education. In some cases, public donations are used to help pay these cheaper membership fees.

5 ___

When you join, you will have access to a wide range of opportunities to take part. A Youth Officer will help represent your political views and you will be able to attend party conferences and committees. These events are great opportunities to get involved in the decision-making process. Active members also go out onto the streets and deliver leaflets, talk to members of the general public about the party's policies, talk to their local MPs about important issues, and raise funds for projects in their neighbourhood.

A Keep your student card handy – you might make a saving.

B Go direct: don't let journalists influence your decision.

C Establish what you political orientation is.

D Volunteer your time and effort, and enjoy helping your party to be successful.

E Help design the party's website prior to the general elections.

F Familiarise yourself fully with the party's core beliefs.