Vocabulary and Grammar Test Unit 8

1 Complete the text with the words below.

married novels fell grew up work divorced stories died university born

William Faulkner was an American writer who won the Nobel Prize for Literature. He was [1]_____ in 1897, and was the oldest of four boys. He [2]_____ in Mississippi, where he also went to [3]_____ . He was an excellent student and began writing at an early age. He wrote [4]_____ , poems, short [5]_____ and screenplays. When he finished his studies, he wanted to [6]_____ in his father's railroad business, but his father sold it. Faulkner [7]_____ in love with Estelle Oldham when he was a teenager, but she wasn't interested in him then. They eventually got [8]_____ in 1929 after Estelle got [9]_____ from her first husband. Faulkner was badly hurt in a horse-riding accident in 1959, and [10]_____ in 1962.

2 Complete the sentences with these adjectives.

wonderful musical powerful political peaceful natural professional successful

1 Tiger Woods is one of the most _____ golfers of all time. He has won lots of competitions.
2 I am taking part in a _____ protest. I don't agree with the government.
3 My doctor gave me painkillers, but I prefer _____ medicines, such as herbs.
4 David Beckham became a _____ football player when he was seventeen, and started playing for Manchester United.
5 The actress Julia Roberts plays two _____ instruments: the clarinet and the oboe.
6 Koala bears are very quiet and _____ animals. They sit in trees and eat leaves.
7 'I got the job I really wanted!' 'That's _____ news! Congratulations!'
8 Elephants are extremely dangerous and _____ animals.

3 Complete the sentences with correct collocations using the words below.

place test turns control photos a break part care

1 Can you take _____ of Grandma at the weekend? She is feeling ill.
2 I'm really tired. Let's take _____ .
3 Our teacher wants us to take another _____ on Friday!
4 We didn't take many _____ on holiday.
5 I took _____ in a school play at the end of term. It was great fun!
6 Mum said we have to take _____ using the laptop.
7 The film takes _____ in Paris in 1942.
8 My dad took _____ of the situation and asked everyone to calm down.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Grammar

4 Complete the text with the past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

Last Saturday, my friend James and I [1]_____ (spend) an afternoon in the city. We [2]_____ (take) the train from our village and [3]_____ (decide) to go directly to the city centre. When we [4]_____ (get) there, we [5]_____ (want) to have something to eat. We [6]_____ (find) a café near the station and [7]_____ (order) a sandwich. Unfortunately, James hadn't brought any money and I [8]_____ (not have) much money. The waiter [9]_____ (not be) very happy when we [10]_____ (not leave) him a tip!

5 Read the answers to the questions. Write questions using the past simple.

1 _____ ?

He finished writing the book **yesterday**.

2 _____ ?

I bought **two** sandwiches.

3 _____ ?

The match finished **at 5 p.m**.

4 _____ ?

I was late for school **because I missed the bus**.

5 _____ ?

I phoned **Gill** last night.

6 _____ ?

I paid **a hundred dollars** for the phone.

7 _____ ?

Iris flew **to the USA** on Monday.

6 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs below.

ride ***not answer*** ***post*** ***study*** ***ring*** ***not pass*** ***open***

1 I _____ Jack last night but he _____ the phone.

2 When she _____ the window, the room was cooler.

3 Paul _____ the letter before 5 p.m. They should get it tomorrow.

4 I _____ my bike to school this morning.

5 Mark _____ really hard but unfortunately he _____ the exam.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Listening

7 Listen to an interview with Anita Mellows. Circle the correct answer.

Anita thinks:

A most people get married in their twenties.

B in your twenties, you take control of your life.

C people should travel in their twenties.

8 Listen again. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1 The radio interview is part of a teen chat show. ____

2 Our teenage years are all about growing up. ____

3 According to Anita, we don't have any control over our lives in our early twenties. ____

4 Anita met her husband in her twenties. ____

5 Anita's career didn't start until she was in her forties. ____

6 When Anita was younger, it was unusual to have babies in your early twenties. ____

7 Anita believes that our personalities change when we are twenty. ____

8 Anita is now in her sixties. ____

9 Anita travelled when she was twenty. ____

Everyday English

9 Complete the dialogue with the phrases below.

Poor you How was What about It was Lucky you

Helen Hi, Stella. [1]_____ your weekend? Did you do anything interesting?

Stella It was fantastic, thank you. We went skiing in the mountains.

Helen Wow! [2]_____ ! Where did you go?

Stella We stayed with my sister and her husband. They live in the mountains. [3]_____ your weekend?

Helen [4]_____ a disaster! I wanted to finish my essay but I was sick all weekend!

Stella Oh dear! [5]_____ !

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