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SECOND SENIOR ACCELERATED SPEAKOUT INTERMEDIATE UNIT 7 MOCK TEST

1) Complete the sentences with one of the following phrases:

*WORK HARD - FOCUS ON - HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY -
BELIEVE IN YOURSELF - WORLD CLASS*

- a. To achieve great things in life, you need to _____. There's no way around it.
- b. If I ever _____, I would totally travel to the UK. It would be a dream come true!
- c. _____ your studies or you won't pass the year.
- d. Lady Gaga is a _____ singer, no one can't deny that!
- e. If you don't _____, no one else will.

2) Read the sentences and choose the right option.

- a. I *'ve been washing / 've washed* the windows all day without any help! Two more and I can have a rest.
- b. You look nice! Have you *been having / had* your hair cut?
- c. Has someone *been eating / eaten* my special bread? There's only a little bit left.
- d. *They've been scoring / They've scored* four goals and it's only half time!
- e. I've *been learning / learned* English for three years and soon I'm going to be using it at work.

3) Complete using Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous.

- a. Have you always _____ (hate) garlic?
- b. Thanks for the recipe book! We've _____ (try) two different recipes so far.
- c. I've _____ (try) to call the internet company all morning but I can't get through.
- d. I'm worried about Sam. She's _____ (work) too hard recently.
- e. She's _____ (find) three main ways our company can reduce costs.

4) Complete the sentences using the correct form of *can*, *could*, *be able to* (affirmative or negative).

- a. Can you read this for me? I _____ see without my glasses.
- b. I've never _____ speak Spanish as well as my brother.
- c. After 2 years in China, I _____ speak quite fluently now.
- d. I hate _____ understand my French neighbours.
- e. When he was 40, he _____ speak six languages.

5) Write sentences using the following words/phrases:

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- a. _____.
- b. _____.
- c. _____.
- d. _____.

READING COMPREHENSION

Read about this traditional wedding, then answer true or false.

Everybody loves a good wedding and I'm no exception. I've been to a load of them in my native Britain and I must say that I usually have a great time. I've also been to a few abroad, including the Caribbean and Spain, and most recently (last week in fact) to one in the mountains of Sardinia. No two weddings are ever the same and I really enjoyed this one for one or two of the differences from those in the UK.

First, the two families spent at least three weeks before the big day preparing all the food, from wonderful home-made delicacies to simple traditional breads and pastas. In my experience, in the UK that onerous task is left to the caterers! In the week leading up to the wedding there is a dinner or some form of celebration every day - training for the stomach I guess. I know that we have the traditional Bachelor party and Bachelorette party, but this is more family orientated and certainly a little less rowdy. This particular ceremony was in a beautiful country church and afterwards the couple was driven to the reception in a wonderfully decorated classic Fiat 500, which was really similar to what happens in the UK, even down to the string of tin cans trailing behind the car!

The reception itself was also very similar until I realized that the seven tables in the hall each sat sixty guests (that's four hundred and twenty, for those of you who didn't study Math), an average number for Sardinia but would be considered a very large wedding where I'm from.

The wine flowed, as did the chatter - the famous Italian exuberance showing itself to the full. There were the five or six courses of wonderful food, screaming kids running wild, the ceremonial cutting of the cake by the bride and groom - but no speeches! Not one. In the UK it's traditional for the father of the bride to propose a toast, followed by the groom and finishing up with that of the best man. His is meant to be the highlight of the lunch \ dinner, generally having a good laugh at the groom's expense, but here the groom was spared that particular discomfort.

Instead there was a delightful custom which I'd never seen before, in which six or seven of the male guests pass round the hall banging trays, drums, pots, pans or basically anything that makes a horrendous noise, selling pieces of the groom's tie which has been cut into tiny bits. The money raised is then given to the happy(!) couple to help them set up their new life together. Really nice. Finally the evening saw a lot of traditional dancing, a little disco dancing and some karaoke. Pretty much the part I like best, and again I wasn't disappointed. Can't wait for the next one.

1. The writer generally likes weddings. _____
2. He didn't particularly enjoy the Sardinian one. _____
3. The families helped the caterers to prepare the food. _____
4. There is usually a dinner the night before the wedding. _____
5. The groom meets the bride outside the church. _____
6. UK wedding receptions are often a lot smaller than Sardinian ones. _____
7. The writer found it hard to understand the speeches. _____
8. The staff of the reception hall cut the cake for the guests. _____
9. There is an auction to sell the groom's tie. _____
10. The money from this helps to pay for the reception. _____

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Listen to the audio and choose the right answer for each question.

1. Who is lunch being prepared for in the video?
 - A. The Duke of York.
 - B. The Lebanese President.
2. How long has Lindsay Steele been a butler?
 - A. Two years.
 - B. Four years.
3. Lindsay says that when she first started the job, she was...?
 - A. Star-struck.
 - B. Nervous.
4. Who did Lindsay look after during the "intense week" she talks about?
 - A. The G20 Summit and the Mexican State visit.
 - B. The Duke of York and the Lebanese President.
5. Lindsay has become the first person in the UK to do what?
 - A. Pass a Diploma in Butlering.
 - B. Obtain a Degree in Butlering.
6. Lindsay fits the traditional stereotype of a butler.
 - A. True
 - B. False
7. Butlers are also sometimes known as what?
 - A. Footmen.
 - B. Servemen.

8. To be a butler, you need to have...?
 - A. A Diploma in Butlering.
 - B. Good organisational skills.

9. Who will be able to obtain a Diploma in Butlering from September?
 - A. People who live in the UK.
 - B. People living all around the world.

10. Where does Lindsay work?
 - A. Crystal Palace.
 - B. Buckingham Palace.

DICTION

Write down what you hear.

WRITING

Write your own opinion answering one of the questions below. You must give as many details as you can. Write at least 150 words.

- Would you think about learning a new skill?

- Is there anyone you tend to rely on?

- What kinds of things do you generally succeed in?