

Skills Vocabulary and Grammar Test advanced Unit 6

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Listening

- 1  Listen to five people talking about the factors that make relationships successful. Match speakers 1–5 to opinions A–F. There is one opinion that you do not need.

Which speaker ...

- A has a view informed to some extent by an understanding of what earlier generations considered important in a relationship? ____
- B thinks that personality and compatibility are as important in a long-lasting relationship as similarity of background and expectations? ____
- C states that continuing to show amorous feelings over many years is essential for ensuring that a relationship does not fail? ____
- D believes that having similar aims in life and a positive view of each other are what really make relationships endure? ____
- E says that it's important to be supportive of how our partner might feel, even if our natural response would be to get annoyed at their questions? ____
- F argues that the secret of forming a relationship is not to do with the background or age of two people but something less immediately obvious? ____

Mark: ____ / 10

Talking about hypothetical situations

- 2 Complete the dialogue with one word in each space.

Harry I'm a bit concerned that you haven't booked any accommodation for your trip to Madrid yet.

Fiona Well I don't go until June, which is months away. I don't have to think about it until further down the road, do I?

Harry I think it's high ¹ _____ you thought about it. Madrid is a popular city for students, so if I ² _____ you, I'd get a room booked as soon as you can.

Fiona But wouldn't it be ³ _____ to go with the flow and leave it until I get there? I can stay with friends for a few days when I get to Spain, and I'm sure they'll know someone with a spare room. To be honest, I'd ⁴ _____ see the room before I agreed to rent it.

Harry I see your point, but I wouldn't risk it. Sure, you might find somewhere for a bargain, but it's just as likely you'll end up with little or nothing to choose from.

Fiona OK, I guess you're right. I'll be more diligent about making plans. I just ⁵ _____ I didn't have to sort this out now when exams are so close at hand!

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

Love in literature

If you've ever been in love and felt tongue-tied and vulnerable, unable to say how you truly feel, then you could do worse than seek inspiration from the great writers of the nineteenth century. We think of them as reserved, but in truth, they really knew how to talk about love. The euphoria of infatuation, the self-sacrifice of devotion, and the joy of true love are all expressed in their immortal lines.

A From *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë

'My love for Linton is like the foliage in the woods: time will change it, I'm well aware, as winter changes the trees. My love for Heathcliff resembles the eternal rocks beneath: a source of little visible delight, but necessary. Nelly, I am Heathcliff! He's always, always in my mind: not as a pleasure, any more than I am always a pleasure to myself, but as my own being.'

B From *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins

'Where is the woman who has ever really torn from her heart the image that has been once fixed in it by a true love? Books tell us that such unearthly creatures have existed – but what does our own experience say in answer to books?'

C From *Our Mutual Friend* by Charles Dickens

'You know what I am going to say. I love you. What other men may mean when they use that expression, I cannot tell; what I mean is, that I am under the influence of some tremendous attraction which I have resisted in vain, and which overmasters me. You could draw me to fire, you could draw me to water, you could draw me to the gallows, you could draw me to any death, you could draw me to anything I have most avoided, you could draw me to any exposure and disgrace. This and the confusion of my thoughts, so that I am fit for nothing, is what I mean by your being the ruin of me. But if you would return a favourable answer to my offer of myself in marriage, you could draw me to any good – every good – with equal force.'

D From *The Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James

'It has made me better, loving you ... it has made me wiser and easier, and — I won't pretend to deny — brighter and nicer and even stronger. I used to want a great many things before and to be angry that I didn't have them. Theoretically I was satisfied, as I once told you. I flattered myself I had limited my wants. But I was subject to irritation; I used to have morbid, sterile, hateful fits of hunger, of desire. Now I'm really satisfied, because I can't think of anything better.'

E From *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens

'I wish you to know that you have been the last dream of my soul ... the sight of you with your father, and of this home made such a home by you, has stirred old shadows that I thought had died out of me ... In the hour of my death, I shall hold sacred the one good remembrance – and shall thank you and bless you for it – that my last avowal of myself was made to you, and that my name, and faults, and miseries were gently carried in your heart ... O Miss Manette, when the little picture of a happy father's face looks up in yours, when you see your own bright beauty springing up anew at your feet, think now and then that there is a man who would give his life, to keep a life you love beside you!'

F From *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë

'I have for the first time found what I can truly love – I have found *you*. You are my sympathy – my better self – my good angel – I am bound to you with a strong attachment. I think you good, gifted, lovely: a fervent, a solemn passion is conceived in my heart; it leans to you, draws you to my centre and spring of life, wraps my existence about you, and, kindling in pure, powerful flame, fuses you and me in one.'

3 Read the text and answer the questions about the extracts. Some extracts can be used more than once. There are two questions that do not match with any extract.

In which extract A–F does the protagonist or narrator ...

- 1 refer to a previous conversation between him or herself and his or her lover? ____
- 2 set ever-lasting love against a weaker, more temporary feeling of love? ____
- 3 not expect to have any further conversations with the person he or she loves? ____
- 4 expressly place his or her future happiness in the hands of another? ____
- 5 describe how he or she feels an equivalent and comparable love for two different people? ____
- 6 question whether romantic stories in literature accurately represent how people feel? ____
- 7 describe his or her lover in terms of their character as opposed to their appearance? ____
- 8 refer to a specific time in the past when he or she was alone with their lover? ____
- 9 try to persuade another person to say something in response to a question? ____
- 10 say that their relationship has changed him or her in an unquestionably positive way? ____

Mark: ____ / 10

Challenge!

4 Complete the text with the correct words (a–d).

Giacomo Casanova

¹ _____ Giacomo Casanova not lived such an adventurous life, we would now have a very different view of what eighteenth-century Venice was like. Born in the city in 1725, he fell in love with his tutor's younger sister, Bettina. She was the first of his many lovers, and his ² _____ with her was complete. So much had she ³ _____ that he was willing to do whatever she asked of him. Over time, the love between Casanova and Bettina was to cool. However, ⁴ _____ Casanova had continued to be in love with her, there would have been little chance of the two marrying, as Bettina had been promised to another man.

Quick-witted and handsome, the young Casanova had a(n) ⁵ _____ objective, which was to seek a career, but in the meantime he wanted to have fun in the taverns and theatres of the city. At the same time, he developed a reputation for being the sort of man who would sooner criticize the government than ⁶ _____ allegiance to it. It's strange now to think that Casanova, famous for his amorous personality, ⁷ _____ his life to the priesthood but for the series of scandals that he was involved in.

In the end, time was to catch up with him. In middle age, Casanova was neither handsome nor wealthy, and, ⁸ _____ it not for the offer of a job as a librarian in a small town in what is now the Czech Republic, he may well have ended his days destitute.

- 1 a Would b Had c If d Were
- 2 a compromise b infatuation c narcissism d loyalty
- 3 a wrapped him round her little finger b driven a wedge between them
 c got on his nerves d lived in his pocket
- 4 a even if b as if c only if d what if
- 5 a long-lasting b all-consuming c long-term d feel-good
- 6 a pledge b drum up c rally d route
- 7 a would devote b had devoted c had been devoted d would have devoted
- 8 a would b had c if d were

Vocabulary

5 Complete the sentences with compound modifiers formed from the words below. You can use some of the words more than once.

rose all long feel much hotly long seven

- 1 In scientific circles, the idea is a _____ theory that many illustrious physicists believe has more than a grain of truth in it.
- 2 Joe and Philippa got married after a _____ romance. Having met in 2007, they decided to marry in 2014.
- 3 Claire feels much better now after her latest treatment, and the _____ prognosis is good. Doctors think she has a strong chance of making a full recovery in time.
- 4 You're better off buying a more expensive, _____ battery rather than a cheap one that will run out in a few days.
- 5 Rival countries have argued over territory in the South China Sea for centuries. The argument over who owns the Paracel Islands is just one of a number of _____ claims between China and Vietnam.
- 6 My grandparents see the 1970s through a _____ lens. They are always telling me how much better things were then.
- 7 My father's _____ work takes up so many hours in the day that it leaves him stressed out and with no time to spend with his family.
- 8 We shouldn't underestimate the _____ factor that victory for the national team in a major sporting event can deliver for a country. After winning an important competition, everybody walks round with a smile on their face.
- 9 The _____ effects of a drug on the human body are unknown at first, which is why we need to carry out trials on people over many years before we can be sure it is safe.
- 10 Molly has such a _____ view of the world; she naïvely thinks everybody is as kind and generous as she is!

Mark: ____ / 10

6. Read comments 1–8 and choose the word a–d that best describes each comment.

- 1 'We met at school and have since been life-long friends, even though we live far apart.'
a mania **b** amity **c** euphoria **d** compromise
- 2 'We are both good at accepting that sometimes we just have to do what the other person wants.'
a infatuation **b** narcissism **c** compromise **d** devotion
- 3 'Sally will always be on my side, no matter what other people say.'
a narcissism **b** loyalty **c** mania **d** infatuation
- 4 'Whenever I look in the mirror, I smile, and think how lucky I am to be me.'
a narcissism **b** mania **c** compromise **d** euphoria
- 5 'After my grandmother's accident, my aunt moved in to care for her.'

a narcissism b devotion c amity d infatuation

6 'All day long, I walk around thinking of how much I truly and deeply love her.'

a infatuation b loyalty c compromise d amity

7 'When Julie agreed to marry me, I was so excited that I jumped in the air.'

a loyalty b amity c devotion d euphoria

8 'He says he can't control his feelings, and it's true that he's behaving really oddly.'

a loyalty b devotion c mania d compromise

Mark: ____ / 8

6 Rewrite the sentences, replacing the words in *italics* with an expression using one of the words below. Use up to six words.

nerves spot lean wedge house pockets beck finger

1 Although I only met Pete this morning, we're already getting on *extremely well*. We have the same hobbies and interests, so we have lots to talk about.

Pete and I are already getting on _____.

2 Tom's love for Sue *meant that there was no longer the same close trust* between Tom and his brother, Andy. Sue was Andy's ex-girlfriend.

Tom's love for Sue _____ Tom and Andy.

3 I think the twins *particularly like* Uncle Carl because he brings them sweets when he visits.

I think the twins _____ Uncle Carl.

4 My mother thinks I *am here in order to do whatever she wants whenever she wants*. Sometimes she calls me in the middle of the day and asks me to come over and cook her lunch!

My mother thinks I _____.

5 Patrick and I really *make each other annoyed*. He's selfish, and he doesn't appreciate my jokes.

Patrick and I really _____.

6 Knowing that I *can depend on you* has really helped. If I had had to start college without your support, it would have been much harder.

Knowing that I _____ has really helped.

7 Samantha has got her grandfather *in a situation where he will do anything for her*. She's only four years old, but he loves her so much that he's happy to just sit and play games with her.

Samantha has got her grandfather _____.

8 Jack and Joe are great friends and *spend a lot of time together*. I don't think I've ever seen them apart.

Jack and Joe _____ Mark: ____ / 8

7 Complete the text with the correct form of the words below.

drum pledge rally sack route trigger betray wage

1066

On 5th January 1066, Edward the Confessor, king of England, died childless with no obvious heir. This event ¹ _____ a revolt amongst rival claimants to the throne. Edward's brother-in-

law, Harold, was crowned king the day after Edward's death, and the nobles who had supported Edward ² _____ allegiance to him. However across the English Channel, in northern France, William Duke of Normandy believed that King Edward had promised him the throne, and that nobles in England had ³ _____ his cause by not supporting his claim.

Angered that the crown had not been offered to him, William ⁴ _____ his troops, crossed the English Channel, and ⁵ _____ war on the army of King Harold. He had already ⁶ _____ up support from other powerful leaders, and the tide of history was with the Duke of Normandy on the day he fought a famous battle against Harold near Hastings on England's south coast. Harold was killed, his army was ⁷ _____ and fled, and the road to London lay open. As they marched north, William's army ⁸ _____ towns and cities along the way, burning them to the ground. By the time the army reached the town of Wallingford on the River Thames, supporters of Harold knew their cause was lost, and they surrendered. William marched on to London, and on Christmas Day 1066 he was crowned King William I. **Mark: ____ / 8**

Grammar

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If Joseph _____ (not have) any boots to wear, I _____ (lend) him mine. He can't go out in this weather in tennis shoes.
 - 2 If you _____ (bother) to feed the dog this morning, I _____ (not have to) take time off work later to go and give her something to eat.
 - 3 It's all very well criticizing Jane for storming out, but if you _____ (come) in from break yesterday afternoon to find your desk covered in graffiti, what _____ (you / do)?
 - 4 How _____ (you / react) if you _____ (tell) by our teacher that you couldn't go on the school trip next week?
 - 5 Tom probably _____ (not travel) around the world right now if he _____ (not read) that article about what to do in your gap year.
 - 6 The writer _____ (not present) with the award last year if the committee _____ (know) that his plots had been plagiarized from others' works.
 - 7 When the summer holidays _____ (draw) to a close, I _____ (often / get) a bit depressed.
 - 8 My classmate is confident that our assignment _____ (mark) more generously if we _____ (hand) it in early, so that's what we've decided to do.
- Mark: ____ / 8**

6 Rewrite sentences 1–6 in two different ways so that they have a similar meaning.

- 1 If the weather doesn't improve soon, the trip will be cancelled.
 - a Unless _____.
 - b _____ provided that _____.
- 2 If Jennifer hadn't helped us, we would probably still be lost.
 - a _____ had _____.

b Were _____.

3 If it takes a long time to find a hotel, don't forget that you're welcome to sleep on our couch.

a No matter _____.

b _____ should _____.

4 If you had made the film, would you have come up with a better ending?

a Supposing _____?

b _____ had you _____?

5 If the ticket prices hadn't been so high, I would definitely have bought one.

a But for _____.

b _____ had _____.

Mark: ____ / 10

7 Choose two of the phrases (a–d) that can be used to complete the sentences accurately.

1 We'll be heading off at eight _____ you're both ready.

a should

b whether or not

c unless

d provided that

2 _____ the sight of pelicans on the beach, you wouldn't know we were in Mexico.

a But for

b Provided that

c Were it not for

d Supposing

3 _____ you ask, the locals will all tell you that this is the best way of getting down to the coast.

a No matter who

b Were

c Should

d Had

4 _____ you were to offer me twice the price of the ticket, I still wouldn't sell it to you.

a Even if

b As if

c If only

d Supposing

5 _____ somebody were to drive her to the auditorium, she wouldn't make it on time.

a If only

b Even if

c Only if

d Unless

6 Jack will pass his exams _____ he does a lot more revision.

a no matter

b should

c only if

d whether or not

Mark: ____ / 6

TOTAL MARKS: ____ / 91