

# Exam practice

## READING

### New Year Plans

*It's January 1st and people around the world are planning the things they want to do this year. Some of our readers share their ideas.*

**1** —

I've had the same job for almost ten years so I'd like to get a new job. I had a job offer last year but the pay wasn't very good. I hope that this year I can find a job that is both interesting and has good pay. I don't need more pay than now, but I'd like at least the same.

*Karen, 33*

**2** —

I hate going to the beach with my friends because I can't swim. So, this year, I want to learn. I've heard there are lessons for adults at my local pool. A friend offered to teach me but I think I'd prefer to learn from a real teacher. If I can swim, then in the summer I'll get in the sea with my friends!

*Maxim, 26*

**3** —

I'm worried about the environment so I'm going to recycle more. I'm not very good at doing this now, but I'm going to make sure I put all my rubbish in the right box each week so I recycle as much as possible. I'll probably forget a few times, but I'll do it most weeks. I promise!

*Evan, 38*

**4** —

I have my own business so I work a lot and I often miss family meals and activities with friends. This year, I want to go out for dinner with my parents and brothers at least two evenings a month, and see them during the day, too. I want to go for coffee with my friends most Saturdays, too, if they're free. Often, they aren't because they work then, too!

*Anne, 42*

**5** —

They say that older people can't do new things but I don't believe that. I've got a friend who has just started to do Tai Chi and is really good at it. I don't think Tai Chi is for me because I prefer making things. I think I'll try to make some furniture because I'm good with my hands.

*Rick, 63*

Read the text again and answer the questions

- Why does Karen want a new job?
- What is Maxim's plan for the new year?
- How does Evan plan to help the environment?
- What does Anne want to do with her family this year?
- What new skill does Rick want to learn?
- Who mentions their friends might not always be free?

## VOCABULARY

Write the name of the subjects



Choose the answer (A or B) that best completes each sentence. \_\_\_ /5

1. This road is the fastest \_\_\_ to the city center.  
A route B direction
2. The hotel is near the \_\_\_ between France and Germany.  
A border B distance
3. We are planning a \_\_\_ to the mountains next weekend.  
A journey B trip
4. I always measure the \_\_\_ I run during my workouts.  
A travel B distance
5. My \_\_\_ home was delayed because of the heavy traffic.  
A journey B way

Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

0 I bought this book at a great \_\_\_ C.

1. My sister enjoys \_\_\_ cards for every occasion.
2. I'd like to \_\_\_ a new pair of shoes soon.
3. This is a very \_\_\_ idea for a birthday party.
4. Can you help me choose a \_\_\_ for Maria's wedding?

**Options:**

A get  
B present  
C price  
D receiving  
E unusual

## GRAMMAR

I) Complete the sentences with the correct tense (past simple or past continuous).

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) home when it started to rain.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (play) football while we were cooking.
3. What \_\_\_\_\_ (you do) last night?
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ (not enjoy) the trip to the museum.

II) Choose the correct option.

1. You \_\_\_ eat junk food every day.  
a) have to b) don't have to c) can't
2. Children \_\_\_ stay up late on weekdays.  
a) have to b) don't have to c) can't

III) Write sentences using the correct tense of the verbs with the given words.

1. already – buy
2. never – visit
3. just – finish

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## COMMUNICATION

I) Answer the following questions.

1. Where do you usually go on holidays?

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2. What did you eat for breakfast today?

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3. How long have you been learning English?

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4. Can you describe your favorite activity?

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## WRITING

Write about an experience you had with an animal. Answer these questions:

- What kind of animal was it?
- What happened?
- How did you feel?

Write at least 50 words.