Reading and Use of English
Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Part 1: Multiple-Choice Cloze

Read the text and choose the correct word (A, B, C, or D) for each gap.

It was a bright morning when Jake decided to take his new car for a long drive. Before he (1) ____ the engine, he checked his seatbelt to make sure it was (2) ____. As he (3) ____ onto the highway, he noticed a car attempting to (4) ____ another vehicle in a rather reckless manner. Suddenly, the driver had to (5) ____ to avoid an accident. Jake sighed and kept his hands firmly on the wheel, trying to (6) ____ a safe distance from the other vehicles. It was not long before he reached a petrol station where he decided to (7) ____ the fuel level and grab a quick drink before (8) ____ his journey.

1. A) turned on B) started up C) fastened D) released
2. A) fastened B) tightened C) checked D) applied
3. A) adjusted B) reversed C) indicated D) pulled up
4. A) overtake B) accelerate C) adjust D) check
5. A) sound B) apply C) swerve D) release
6. A) check B) keep C) maintain D) indicate
7. A) dip B) check C) adjust D) reverse
8. A) releasing B) continuing C) accelerating D) pulling up

Part 2: Open Cloze

Read the text and write ONE word in each gap.

James had always been a (1) _____ drinker, preferring an occasional cocktail at social gatherings. However, last night, he had a few too many at a local pub. After a (2) _____ crawl with friends, he struggled to find his way home. Feeling dizzy, he had to (3) _____ onto a lamppost for support. His friend, Mark, who was a complete (4) _____ , disapproved of his state. "I think you need a breathalyzer test," Mark joked. James sighed, knowing he would wake up with a terrible (5) _____ . The next morning, he promised himself he would stick to a (6) _____ drink next time, perhaps a squash or a shandy. He knew he never wanted to feel so (7) _____ again. From that day on, he decided to (8) _____ his drinking habits.

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Part 3: Word Formation

Complete the text using the correct form of the word in brackets.

The pub owner had a reputation for his (1) _____ (HOSPITAL) nature, always ensuring that every guest felt welcome. He was once a (2) _____ (BREW), crafting his own drinks with care. His knowledge of different cocktails and wines was (3) _____ (IMPRESS). However, he was strictly against (4) _____ (EXCESS) drinking and encouraged moderation. "Being (5) _____ (INTOXICATE) is never a good look," he often said. He had even installed a (6) _____ (BREATHALYZE) at the entrance of the pub to discourage irresponsible behavior. Many of his customers appreciated his (7) _____ (RESPONSIBLE) approach and enjoyed their nights out in a safe and (8) _____ (ENJOY) environment.

Part 4: Key Word Transformations

Complete the second sentence using the key word in brackets. Use between three and six words.

1. I had just taken a sip of my drink when he walked in.

   No sooner ____ than he walked in. (SOONER)

2. "Shall we have one last drink before leaving?" he asked.

   He suggested ____ before leaving. (HAVING)

3. It was such a strong cocktail that I couldn't finish it.

   The cocktail was ____ I couldn't finish it. (SO)

4. He drank too much at the party and regretted it the next day.

   He wished he ____ at the party. (NOT)

5. The barman was kind enough to call me a taxi.

   It was ____ to call me a taxi. (KIND)

6. "I shouldn't have driven home after drinking," he admitted.

   He admitted ____ home after drinking. (TO)

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Part 5: Multiple Choice

Read the text and answer the six multiple-choice questions.

James had always been a careful driver, but on this particular evening, he felt a surge of frustration as he found himself stuck behind a slow-moving vehicle. His fingers tapped impatiently on the steering wheel as he looked for an opportunity to overtake. Finally, the car ahead seemed to slow down slightly, and James seized the moment. He indicated and accelerated, only to realize that the other driver had also decided to change lanes. With a sudden swerve, James had to apply the brakes to avoid a collision, his heart pounding.

Shaken but unhurt, he pulled up at the next petrol station to regain his composure. While sipping on a soft drink, he reflected on how reckless some drivers could be. It reminded him of the previous night, when he had watched a friend stagger out of a bar after a pub crawl. His friend had insisted he was fine to drive, but James had persuaded him to take a taxi instead. The thought of intoxicated drivers on the road sent a shiver down his spine.

1. What does the phrase "seized the moment" in line 5 suggest about James's actions? A) He reacted cautiously.
   B) He took advantage of an opportunity.
   C) He hesitated before overtaking.
   D) He ignored traffic rules.
2. Why did James have to apply the brakes? A) He was exceeding the speed limit.
   B) The other driver changed lanes unexpectedly.
   C) He lost control of the car.
   D) His car skidded on wet pavement.
3. How does James feel after pulling up at the petrol station? A) Relieved and refreshed
   B) Angry and vengeful
   C) Shaken but thoughtful
   D) Frustrated and exhausted
4. What is the purpose of mentioning James's friend from the previous night? A) To illustrate how reckless James can be.
   B) To contrast drinking habits with driving habits.
   C) To emphasize the dangers of drinking and driving.
   D) To provide background information about James's past.
5. What is the author's attitude towards reckless driving? A) Amused
   B) Indifferent
   C) Critical
   D) Supportive
6. What does the passage suggest about James's character? A) He is a reckless driver himself.
   B) He is responsible and aware of safety.
   C) He is overly cautious and nervous.
   D) He enjoys taking risks on the road.

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Part 6: Cross-Text Multiple Matching

Read the four texts and match the questions (A-D) to the correct text (1-4).

Text 1: Driving should be about control and safety. I never overtake unless I am absolutely sure it's safe. Many accidents happen because people are impatient and fail to check their mirrors. The best drivers are those who anticipate problems rather than react to them.

Text 2: People underestimate the impact of alcohol on their ability to drive. I have seen too many cases where intoxicated drivers cause serious accidents. Breathalyzers should be mandatory for anyone leaving a pub late at night.

Text 3: There's nothing quite like a relaxing drink at the end of a long day. A nightcap helps me unwind, but I always make sure I'm not driving afterward. I think a moderate, social drinker can still be responsible.

Text 4: As a teetotaller, I never have to worry about drink-driving. But I do worry about others who don't show the same level of responsibility. I once had a friend who insisted on driving after a pub crawl—it was terrifying!

Which text… A) Expresses concern about drunk driving?
B) Describes a responsible approach to drinking?
C) Emphasizes careful driving habits?
D) Criticizes the lack of regulation for intoxicated drivers?

Part 7: Gapped Text

Instructions: Read the following text. Six paragraphs have been removed from the text. Choose from the paragraphs (A-G) the one which fits each gap (1-6). There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use.

The Art of Responsible Drinking

Alcohol consumption has been an integral part of social interactions for centuries. From toasting special occasions to enjoying a casual drink at a local pub, drinking is deeply embedded in many cultures. However, while some individuals exercise moderation, others struggle to keep their intake in check. *(1)*

For some, drinking is merely an occasional indulgence—a glass of wine with dinner or a shandy at a barbecue. These social drinkers rarely experience adverse effects from alcohol. *(2)* However, there is another category: heavy drinkers, who may frequently find themselves intoxicated and dealing with the consequences the next morning.

One significant issue associated with excessive drinking is impaired judgment. This is particularly dangerous when combined with driving. *(3)* Despite strict laws and breathalyzer tests, many individuals still risk getting behind the wheel after drinking.

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A related problem is the normalization of binge drinking in some societies. The concept of a 'pub crawl,' where people move from one bar to another, consuming large amounts of alcohol in a short period, has become a rite of passage in some cultures. *(4)* Unfortunately, this behavior often leads to dangerous consequences, such as accidents and alcohol poisoning.

In contrast, some individuals abstain from alcohol entirely. Teetotalers choose to avoid alcohol for various reasons, including health concerns, religious beliefs, or past experiences with alcoholism. *(5)* Their decision often sparks debate, with some viewing abstinence as extreme while others admire the discipline involved.

Ultimately, responsible drinking requires awareness and self-control. While enjoying a cocktail or a glass of punch can be a pleasant experience, knowing when to stop is key. *(6)* Moderation ensures that drinking remains an enjoyable and safe activity rather than a dangerous habit.

Options (A-G):

A) Many countries have strict penalties for those caught driving under the influence, yet the temptation to risk it remains strong.
B) This attitude towards drinking can pressure individuals to consume more alcohol than they normally would.
C) Some individuals enjoy a drink at social gatherings but do not feel the need to drink regularly.
D) While occasional drinkers might suffer a mild hangover, heavy drinkers often experience more severe consequences.
E) Others are secret drinkers who consume alcohol privately, hiding their habits from family and friends.
F) The dangers of mixing alcohol with driving cannot be overstated.
G) Knowing one's limits and drinking responsibly is a crucial part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Part 8: Multiple Matching

Instructions: Read the four short texts below. For questions (1-10), choose which text (A-D) contains the information required. You can use each letter more than once.

A) A Night to Forget
Tom had always been a social drinker, enjoying a pint with colleagues after work. However, last Saturday was different. A night out with friends turned into a blur of cocktails, shots, and beer. The next morning, he woke up with a splitting headache, struggling to recall how he had made it home. The breathalyzer on his bedside table was a stark reminder that he had nearly made the mistake of driving home intoxicated.

B) Behind the Bar
Sandra had worked as a barman for over a decade and had seen it all—customers celebrating, drowning their sorrows, or simply unwinding after work. She had mastered the art of mixing cocktails and knew precisely when to cut someone off. Watching a heavy drinker stagger out of the pub, she sighed. Some people just didn't know when to stop.

C) A Dangerous Habit
Robert had started as an occasional drinker, but his habits soon spiraled out of control. At first, it was

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just a few drinks after work, but before long, he was secretly drinking at home. His friends suspected nothing until his performance at work declined, and his behavior became erratic. When confronted, he finally admitted he had developed a serious problem.

D) The Drive Home

Emily always made sure to check her fuel level and adjust her mirrors before heading out. However, one night, she made a terrible mistake. After a few glasses of wine at a dinner party, she convinced herself she was sober enough to drive. The moment she turned on the ignition, she realized she had miscalculated. Pulling up to the side of the road, she called a taxi instead.

Questions:

1. Which text describes someone who regretted their drinking choices the next morning?
2. Which text describes a person who hides their drinking problem from others?
3. Which text shows a professional who serves drinks responsibly?
4. Which text highlights the dangers of drinking and driving?
5. Which text describes a person transitioning from casual drinking to excessive drinking?
6. Which text mentions a device used to measure alcohol levels?
7. Which text features someone who was aware of their intoxication and took action?
8. Which text describes someone who had no memory of the night before?
9. Which text mentions a bartender observing customer behavior?
10. Which text includes a situation where a driver realized their mistake before it was too late?

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