



Mid Term Test

Grammar Block 4

1. Read the following text and answer the questions.

What do three hearts, eight arms and one huge brain add up to? An octopus, a creature that can do amazing things.

Octopuses are extremely intelligent. They have even learnt a few tricks to get them out of sticky situations, as for example, when it is afraid of a predator. As octopuses don't have teeth or sharp claws to defend themselves, they hide themselves in the sand on the bottom of the ocean floor. Do you want to know how they do that? Well, the octopus is like a chameleon because it can change the color of its skin to match the sand. This color change happens in less than a minute.

Some octopuses like to stay in more shallow water where there are rocks and coral. Because octopuses are invertebrates, they can squeeze themselves into small spaces between the rocks to get out of reach of predators. Another way an octopus can hide is by shooting ink. An octopus uses a part of its body called a siphon to shoot ink into the water. The ink forms a cloud that hides the octopus. It's like a magician doing a vanishing act.

If an octopus is being attacked, it can actually make itself look like a venomous sea snake. It will bury itself in the sand, keeping two arms visible. It will change the color of those arms to match a sea snake. But if there's no



time to hide? If an octopus is in trouble, it can break off one of its arms. The arm will then change colors and squirm around the water to distract the predator while the octopus swims away to safety. Don't worry though. The octopus's arm will grow back.

There is one kind of octopus that has venom to use in defense. The blue-ringed octopus is tiny; it could fit in the palm of your hand. Predators might think this size makes the octopus a great snack, but they know to stay away. The blue-ringed octopus is very poisonous and can kill predators much larger than it, including humans.

Answer the following questions:

1) What is special about the octopus' body?

2) Why are octopuses intelligent?

3) What happens to an octopus if it breaks off one of its arms?

4) How do blue-ringed octopuses defend themselves?



Choose the correct option:

1. Octopuses can look like snakes when they feel under attack
True
False
2. They can defend themselves by using their sharp teeth
True
False
3. As the blue-ringed octopus is tiny and fits in the palm of a hand, it is not considered a dangerous kind.
True
False

2. Complete the sentences with the correct tense (past simple/present simple):

1. She _____ (go) to Australia in 1994 and she liked it very much.
2. My father usually _____ (like) his steak well-done.
3. The dog _____ (eat) its toy last night.
4. The policeman _____ (talk) to the burglar yesterday.
5. _____ (you /have) a test last week?
6. I often see her mother but she never_____ (speak) to me.
7. The gentleman _____ (speak) to his servant 2 hours ago.



8. The kangaroo always _____ (carry) its baby.

9. My friend _____ (talk) a lot every day.

10. The man _____ (drive) to the supermarket last weekend.

3. Watch the following video, then circle the correct answer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWwb9z2Qw6s>

a. If something seems too good to be true, then normally it _____ **isn't real/is real**

b. Fake news is _____ **true / a lie**

c. You can see fake news _____ **only on social media / on social media and traditional media**

d. It's a good idea for parents to check the apps you use _____ **to check they're safe / to check the games are good**

e. Seeing false information makes most people feel _____ **confused or annoyed / happy**

f. If you don't know what's real and what's fake, you can have _____ **fun / problems**



4. Read the following text. Then, complete the sentences using expressions of frequency.

Clara is a university student and also works part-time at a bookstore. She studies every day to keep up with her classes. She goes to the gym three times a week to stay healthy. Clara meets her best friend for lunch once a week, usually on Saturdays. She loves traveling, but because of her busy schedule, she can only go on vacation twice a year – usually during summer and winter breaks.

1. Clara studies _____.
2. She goes to the gym _____.
3. She meets her best friend for lunch _____.
4. She goes on vacation _____.
5. Clara has lunch with her best friend _____.

(Note: One expression will be used twice.)

5. Complete the sentences with still or anymore.

1. I don't live in that apartment _____.
2. Are you _____ watching that TV series?
3. We don't talk to them _____. They moved away.
4. She's _____ working at the hospital.
5. He doesn't go to the gym _____ because he's too busy.



6. Composition:

Choose one of these problems and create a text using modals

1. Your company has some legal issues with a client (give some **advice**)
2. You want to borrow some money from your bank (ask for **permission** politely)
3. You have opposing viewpoints on business matters with your business partner (talk about **necessities**)