

SECTION A: Reading Comprehension

Read the text and choose the correct option, true (T) or false (F).



The Tower of Pisa

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is a very famous building in Italy. The people from Pisa started building it in 1173 and it took them 200 years to complete it. This was because of wars and problems happening at that time. But something interesting happened during its construction - it started to incline to one side! This happened because the ground under the tower was too soft.

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is made of white marble and has eight levels. You can see beautiful arches and columns on each level. Originally, the tower was supposed to be a bell tower for a church called Pisa Cathedral. But its leaning position became its most famous characteristic. Some architects and engineers tried to fix it, but they couldn't. Also, the tower has been fixed many times to make sure it is safe. In 1990, it was closed for more than ten years to make it stronger. Engineers did a good job, and the tower has been open to visitors since then.

When you visit the tower, you can climb up its 294 steps. From the top, you can see an amazing view of the city of Pisa. It's really incredible! But be careful, because the tower still leans, so it feels a little strange when you're inside.

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is a special symbol of Italy. People from all over the world come to see it and learn about its interesting history. It reminds us of how people worked hard to build it and how they continue to take care of it today. It's a unique and remarkable building that will be here for a long, long time.

Glossary:



(Adapted from: www.elli.com)

- 1) They finished building the Tower in 1173. T / F
- 2) The tower is inclined because the ground under the tower is not strong. T / F
- 3) Some architects could finally correct the tower's position. T / F
- 4) Visitors could not enter the Tower of Pisa in 1991. T / F
- 5) You cannot climb up the tower because it is very dangerous. T / F

1st	
2nd	
3rd	
R	

SECTION B: Language in Use

I. Choose the correct answer.

e.g.: We ____ go to the cinema last week.

- a. don't b. can't c. didn't

1. I need to buy ____ eggs for the cake.
a. some b. much c. an
2. Let's meet at school tomorrow, next to ____ classroom.
a. our b. we c. us
3. She ____ to a concert before. Tomorrow will be her first time.
a. has ever been b. has never been c. has always been
4. You ____ be careful while crossing the street, it can be dangerous.
a. can b. should c. could

5. The movie starts ____ 7:30 PM.
a. on b. in c. at

6. Sarah's cat is ____ than mine.
a. more lazy b. the most lazy c. lazier
7. ____ home on Sunday mornings.
a. I'm always b. Always I am c. I always am
8. She was tired, ____ she went to bed early.
a. and b. but c. so
9. The library is ____ the post office.
a. next b. between c. in front of
10. ____ off your shoes before you go into her bedroom, let's keep the floor clean!
a. Take b. Put c. Wear

1st	
2nd	
3rd	
R	

II. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

Dear Gabriel,

Greetings from my adventure in Australia! Everything (0) has been (be) simply incredible here. When I (1) _____ (arrive) on Monday, I immediately went to explore the Sydney Opera House. While I (2) _____ (walk) around the building, I (3) _____ (start) to cry. I couldn't believe I was there!

Right now I'm on the beach with my family. My brother loves (4) _____ (go) snorkeling in the coral reefs so he (5) _____ (swim) together with marine creatures while I watch him. Unfortunately, we (6) _____ (not have) much time in Sydney because we must (7) _____ (take) a bus to our next destination in the evening!

After my adventure at the Great Barrier Reef, I think I (8) _____ (visit) the majestic Uluru next week. I (9) _____ (never/be) to the heart of Australia before, so I'm very excited. Well, I have to go! Mum _____ (10) (want) me to have dinner!

I hope you are all doing well!

Best wishes,

Laura

III. Ask questions to complete the following dialogue. The answers are underlined.

Lily: How was your weekend, Sarah? _____?

Sarah: I went camping with some friends. It was fantastic!

Lily: That sounds amazing! _____?

Sarah: We went camping to a beautiful national park. The scenery was incredible.

Lily: Wow! And _____?

Sarah: No, I have never been to the Green Fields National Park.

Lily: Oh, you should, it's really beautiful. _____?

Sarah: Yes, I am planning to go camping again soon, actually. I can't wait to explore new places and enjoy nature once again.

SECTION C: Writing

Choose **ONE** of the following topics and write about 50 words on it.

1. Read this part of an email from a new friend. Then write an email to your friend and answer his / her questions.

"Hi, I'm Emily! I really love photography, and I like taking pictures of nature and beautiful places. Tell me about this: **what do you like to photograph the most? When do you take photos? Which is your favourite photo? Why do you like it?**"

2. Read the beginning of a story. Then continue the story answering the questions.

"Last summer, when I visited my grandparents' farm, I had an adventure! (**Who** were you with? **Where** were you exploring? / **What** did you find? / **How** did it make you feel?)"

	1
	2
	3
	4
	5
	6
	7
	8
	9
	10