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SENIOR FOUR FINAL EXAM

Paper 2 "L"
Time allowed: 2 hs

SECTION A: Reading Comprehension

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

The Albuquerque Balloon Festival

Every autumn, the sky above the desert city of Albuquerque in the south-western United States turns into a mass of bright colours. This is *The Albuquerque Balloon Festival*, an annual nine-day event.

The first festival was held in 1972 to celebrate the 50th birthday of the local radio station. There were about a dozen hot-air balloons and they took off from the car park in the middle of Albuquerque. From these small beginnings, the festival has grown steadily. This year a thousand balloons from one third of the countries of the world are expected at its current out-of-town site.

The pilots are in radio contact with one another and all light up the burners of their balloons at the same time. These are known as 'balloon glows' and are an opportunity to take fantastic photographs. However, you must arrive just after night has fallen or before 5.30 am to see these 'glows' as the balloons rise into the dark sky.

During the day, you can walk around among the balloons and chat to the pilots as they prepare for take-off. The balloons come in all sizes and colours, some in the shapes of animals or cartoon characters.

In the afternoon, you can go to the sky yourself because many companies offer balloon rides. Another possibility is to take the cable car from the desert floor to the top of the nearby mountain and enjoy a bird's view of the festival. There are plenty of other attractions for visitors of all ages, including balloon races and firework displays on the opening evening and the last three evenings of the festival.

The Albuquerque Box is a local wind pattern that creates perfect conditions for balloonists. The Sandia Mountains protect the balloons from strong winds, and at the same time create gentler winds at different heights. This means that by rising or going down, skilful pilots can control the direction of their balloons.

You need to wear several layers of thin clothing because temperatures can vary a lot. At night and in the early morning it can be quite cool, but during the day sunglasses are essential. Bring a flashlight for night-time events and if you're not a digital photographer, you'll need high-speed film for evening and night-time pictures.

(Adapted from "The Albuquerque Balloon Festival" in Preliminary English Test 6, CUP, 2010)

1) The Albuquerque radio station was opened 50 years before the first Albuquerque Balloon Festival. **T F**

2) Only balloons from the US take part in this festival. **T F**

3) Unless you arrive before 5.30 am or at night, you won't be able to see the "balloon glows". **T F**

4) Visitors are not allowed to go up in a balloon. **T F**

5) Visitors have to be prepared for permanent cold weather. **T F**

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SECTION B: Language in Use

I) Choose the correct alternative.

Alice was a student at university. She studied really hard to get her 1) ___ in psychology. It was a challenging course, and Alice often had to stay up late to finish her assignments and prepare for exams. Her family did not have much money, so she worked at a local café to 2) ___ some money. It helped her pay for some of her expenses, but balancing work and study was not easy.

Many times, Alice felt 3) ___, but she knew she had to keep going. Her friend, Tom, visited the café frequently. Tom noticed how tired Alice looked, especially when she had been studying late the night before. One day, he said, "You really need to be more 4) ___ about your health, Alice." Alice smiled at him, appreciating his concern. "I know, Tom. I'll try to get more rest," she replied, though she wasn't sure when she would have the time to relax.

Finally, after months of dedication and perseverance, Alice successfully graduated. As she walked across the stage to receive her diploma, she thought of the people who had helped her along the way. She knew she couldn't have achieved this without Tom's friendship and her family's support. Now, with her degree in hand, Alice looked forward 5) ___ a new chapter in her life.

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1		a) degree	b) study	c) job
2		a) win	b) retire	c) earn
3		a) exhausting	b) exhausted	c) exhaust
4		a) care	b) careless	c) careful
5		a) to starting	b) start	c) to start

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II) Put the verbs in brackets in the correct form. Use modals when necessary.

Sam and Frank are college students. Last Monday, while they 1) _____ (do) an exercise in class, the head teacher, Ms Brown, came in. She seemed very angry. "A policeman has just rung the school because a stolen car 2) _____ (see) in the school car park," she said. She added the car was a red sports car with the number plate JAF67JK. Sam was shocked because it was the number of his car.

Then he remembered what 3) _____ (happen) at the weekend. On Saturday afternoon his new car disappeared from the road in front of his house. Sam called the police but ten minutes later his brother drove up. 'What 4) _____ (do) in my car?' asked Sam. His brother immediately apologised for 5) _____ (take) the car. 'I borrowed it because I wanted to go to the shops,' he explained. Sam was so happy to get his car back that he forgot 6) _____ (phone) the police to tell them that he had his car back.

Now Sam didn't know what to do. If he didn't tell Ms Brown the truth, they 7) _____ (take) his car away. He knew he 8) _____ (tell) the truth but just then Frank put up his hand and said, 'I found the keys in the corridor, Ms Brown. It's a beautiful car and I wanted to take it for a drive, it wasn't really stolen.' Sam looked in his bag. The keys 9) _____ (not be) there. So Frank had taken the car for a drive without Sam knowing. Sam was furious but then he thought, 'If I 10) _____ (not say) anything they'll think Frank stole the car on Saturday.' Sam put his hand up slowly. 'It's my car. I reported the car stolen on Saturday and forgot to tell the police I had found it again. I gave Frank the keys so he could go for a drive.'

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(Adapted from https://es.scribd.com/doc/106820893/Mix-Tense-in-Context)

III) Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. You must use the **WORD IN CAPITALS** and cannot change it.

1) Emma probably won't play volleyball tomorrow because of the bad weather. **(LIKELY)**
Emma _____ because the weather is bad.

2) I'm sure Robert is really excited to go camping. **(MUST)**
Robert _____ to go camping.

3) Fred travelled by bus, but travelling by plane was cheaper. **(ALTHOUGH)**
Fred didn't travel by plane _____ travelling by bus.

4) Helen watched cartoons when she was a kid, but now she doesn't like them. **(TO)**
Helen _____ when she was a kid, but now she doesn't like them.

5) "Why did you miss the meeting?" my boss asked me. **(ASKED)**
My boss _____ the meeting.

6) My brothers ate too many cakes so now they feel horrible. **(HAVE)**
My brothers feel horrible. They _____ so many cakes.

7) Nelson will get all the ingredients and then he will make the cake. **(SOON)**
Nelson will make the cake _____ all the ingredients.

8) A small company will build the bridge over the river next year. **(BY)**
The bridge over the river _____ next year.

9) I go to a gym. It's the one round the corner. **(WHICH)**
I go to _____ round the corner.

10) The team won't go climbing because it's snowing. **(WOULD)**
If it _____ go climbing.

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SECTION C: Writing

Choose **ONE** of the following and write **100-120** words.

a) A local bookshop has organised a writing contest and you have decided to participate. Write **a for and against article** on the following statement: ***"Students should have cooking lessons at school."***

b) You have decided to enter a short story competition. The competition rules say that the story must **end or start** with the following words: ***"Clare had forgotten how much money she had in her bank account."*** Write your **story.**

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