DIAGNOSTIC TEST

GRAMMAR

PART 1

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

1 A: _____ the window? It's a little cold in here.

B: Not at all.

A Could you close

B Can you please close

C Do you mind closing

2 A: Would you lend me your pen?

B: _____. Don't lose it!

A No

B Not at all

C No problem

3 Jeremy _____ go to school yesterday.

A must

B had to

C should

4 Igor _____ submit his paper by this Friday. His professor said he could hand it in next Monday if he needs more time.

A mustn't

B had better not

C doesn't have to

5 _____ get lunch? At 12 p.m. or 1 p.m?

A Why should we

B What time should we

C Where should we

6 Immigration rules say that you _____ have a valid passport to enter the country.

A must

B can

C should

7 I can't believe I missed my manager's call.

I don't know what to do. _____ I call her back?

A Ought

B Should

C Had better

8 It _____ not rain tomorrow. But I'm not sure. Let's delay canceling the baseball game until we know for sure.

A may

B can

C will

9 When Michele goes to Germany, she won't be able to communicate with anyone there because she _____ speak German.

A can't

B isn't able

C shouldn't

10 Carla _____ to pick her father up at 4 p.m.,but she is already two hours late! Her father will be angry to have to wait so long.

A ought

B should

C was supposed

11 I'm not sure when Pietro will get here. He _____ be here by 8 p.m. or so, but it's OK if he comes later.

A may

B will

C must

LIVEWORKSHEETS

PART 2

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

1 Li Li **is / will / is going to** taking business courses at the university next semester.

2 Steven King **has been writing / has written / writes** over 60 novels **until / since / for** 1973.

3 **Have you ever gone / Can you go / Did you go** on vacation last year?

4 Andrea **is resting / has rested / rests** right now. Please do not disturb her.

5 I can't believe Yogendra **sleeping / sleep / slept** until 11 a.m. this morning. He usually **is waking / has woken / wakes** up early.

6 It **was raining / has rained / rained** when I **am going / have gone / went** to bed last night. It **stopped / has stopped / stop** before I woke up.

7 When my wife **is getting / will get / gets** home tonight, we **are going to cook / cooking / cook** dinner together.

8 Freddy **used / used to / would** live in Milan when he was younger, but now he **will live / living / lives** in Tokyo.

9 Alexandra **forgot / forgets / forgotten** her keys at home again, so she went home to get them. She **hasn't left already / has just left / has left yet**.

10 Marcus has been living in California **during / for / in** eight months. Before he **has moved / was moving / moved** there, he lived in Florida.

11 **How many / Which / What** science course **have you taken / you have taken / have taken**: Introduction to Biology or Introduction to Chemistry?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

PART 3

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

1 I _____ agree with you. Brian is a terrible friend!

A completely

B extremely

C awfully

2 When the restaurant first opened, not many people went there. But it has gotten _____. Now, it's crowded every night.

A the more popular

B more and more popular

C the most popular

3 _____ in the world are in China.

A One of the largest cities

B Some of the largest cities

C The more larger the city

4 George says that London is _____ multicultural than Chicago.

A the more

B much

C more

5 This is _____ steak I've ever eaten. No other steaks have been so bad.

A the least disgusting

B the most disgusting

C more disgusting than

6 This park is _____ the park near my house. The park near my house is so loud and noisy. It's nice and quiet here.

A more peaceful than

B less peaceful than

C as peaceful as

7 Greg seems to be _____ Tim at this company. Tim has a huge office, but Greg doesn't even have one. And nobody even knows who Greg is!

A more important than

B less important than

C as important as

8 The blue bag is 40 dollars and the red bag is 30 dollars. So, the red bag is _____ the blue bag.

A just as expensive as

B more expensive than

C not as expensive as

9 You have to make your decision _____. There's no time to waste.

A quick

B quickest

C quickly

LIVEWORKSHEETS

PART 4

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

1 Kira was born in Toronto and she grew **up / out / in / to** there . But she thought it was too cold **for / in / with / to** live there, so now she lives in Hawaii.

2 There isn't an airport on the island, so you have to take a boat **in order / to getting / to get / get** there.

3 The test was **too difficult for / too difficult to / easy enough for / easy enough to** do well on. So, I failed.

4 Let's watch some TV. Mike, could you please turn it **down / off / in / on**?

5 We are looking forward **to going / to go / going / go** to France on vacation. I can't wait **to visiting / to visit / visiting / visit** Paris!

6 **To smoking / To smoke / Smoking / Smoke** cigarettes is really bad for you. You should quit soon **in order / to being / to be / be** healthier.

7 I'm sorry that I forgot **to calling / to call / calling / call** you last night. I will definitely call you tonight. I promise **not forgetting / to not forget / not to forget / not forget**.

8 Juan volunteered **to cleaning / to clean / cleaning / clean** up the park after the party.

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PART 5

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

1 Pauline and Tess met _____ for the first time at a party last month.

A themselves

B yourselves

C each other

2 There's _____ time left. You have to hurry.

A a little

B a few

C little

3 Christine quit her job _____ days ago.

A a few

B some

C a lot of

4 There were only _____ reports on the accident, and none of them were clear on what happened.

A much

B a few

C any

5 Sandra lives by _____. She doesn't have any roommates.

A himself

B herself

C itself

6 We don't need more people to help out. We have ____ help.

A a lot

B enough

C several

7 There weren't _____ people in the office when Jan got there. He was the first one to arrive.

A much

B many

C any

8 Allison didn't have _____ money, so she couldn't buy a new car. Instead, she bought an old, used car.

A enough

B many

C any

LIVEWORKSHEETS

READING

PART 6

Read the article. Then choose the correct answers.

What's America's favorite food? A new survey says it is chicken. Surprised that it's not pizza or hamburgers? Hamburgers came in fourth place and pizza was thirteenth.

The survey, conducted by the International Food and Restaurant Society reported the fifty foods people in the United States like most. Researchers asked 2,300 people to share their three favorite foods.

Several fruits were on the list. Apples were not as popular as you might think: The most popular fruit was pineapple, and the second most popular was avocado, with avocado at twenty-seventh on the list. Other fruits on the list included bananas, strawberries, grapes, and mangoes. The most popular vegetable was corn, followed by asparagus and mushrooms. Though corn was on list, perhaps surprisingly, popcorn was not.

The only Asian food to make it on the list was sushi, which was twelfth on the list. And what fish do people in the U.S. enjoy eating most? Tuna was the favorite, and fewer people said salmon, which was the second most popular fish, and twenty-sixth place on the list.

One of the more interesting findings was that cheddar cheese is considered to be less delicious than mozzarella cheese.

Do you want to find out more about each country's favorites? Information on many other countries has been posted online, so check out the International Food and Restaurant Society's website to find out what people like in your country.

1 Which sentence best describes this article?

A People in the U.S. eat many different kinds of food.

B Americans enjoy eating junk food more than healthy foods.

C The International Food and Restaurant Society has a report on favorite foods.

2 Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the article?

A sandwiches

B meats

C sushi

3 According to the article, which of the following is true?

A Hamburgers are not as preferred as pizza.

B Avocados are more preferred than grapes.

C Cheddar cheese is more preferred than mozzarella cheese.

4 The International Food and Restaurant Society _____.

A did other surveys like the one mentioned in this article

B only releases information about the United States

C plans to provide information about other countries

5 According to the article, people enjoy eating salmon more than _____.

A tuna

B popcorn

C pineapple

LIVEWORKSHEETS

PART 7

Read the blog post. Then choose the correct answers.

Lucas Borbas is a little-known architect from Germany. His works might not include anything that is historically significant, but his contribution to a small community in the United States has been an everlasting gift. This is the story.

Lucas Borbas was born outside of Frankfurt, Germany in 1968. He was raised in a typical middle-class family. He attended school and did well. But, the day after his tenth birthday, Borbas's parents were killed in a deadly car crash. Borbas was not with them in the car that day because he wanted to spend the day with his grandparents while his parents went to Munich. In the hours before his parents' death, Borbas built a model building with his grandmother. Borbas spent the rest of his childhood living with his grandparents and developed an interest in engineering and architecture from his grandmother. After high school, he began studying architecture at a university in Stuttgart, Germany.

Borbas was a hard-working student. He received excellent grades and was a member of a number of different organizations. He eventually became a graduate student of architecture in 1991. During his first year as a graduate student, Borbas got the opportunity to study abroad in Chicago, a city known for its architecture. Only a few weeks after arriving in Chicago, violent tornadoes passed through Kansas and Missouri—two U.S. states not far from Chicago—destroying hundreds of homes in some very poor communities, several of the poorest without disaster insurance. A few weeks after the disaster, Borbas and a number of students in his program went to one of the towns badly damaged in Missouri. They volunteered to design and lead the construction of new houses for the people who could not afford to rebuild their homes.

Every week for nearly three months, Borbas traveled to the town and managed the construction. It was a difficult project, but he wanted to see it through. Just before his job was finished, I had the chance to meet him. We talked a bit, and even though I was only ten years old at the time, I remember everything about him. He was one of the kindest and most generous people I've ever met. So, I have written this blog post to thank him. My parents have been living in the house that he helped build back in 1991. I haven't seen or heard from Borbas since, but I hope that he might read this, and feel our gratitude.

1 Which sentence best describes the main idea of the passage?

A Borbas grew up in Germany and traveled to the U.S. to study.

B Tornadoes destroyed homes and Borbas helped out many people in need.

C Borbas influenced the blog's author, and the author has told Borbas's story.

2 Which situation likely had the greatest influence on Borbas's life?

A learning from his grandparents

B studying architecture in Chicago

C helping rebuild homes for others

3 Which is the correct order of events around the time of Borbas's parents' deaths?

A Borbas had his tenth birthday, his parents had a car accident, he built a model building

B Borbas's parents had a car accident, he built a model building, he had his tenth birthday

C Borbas had his tenth birthday, he built a model building, his parents had a car accident

4 It can reasonably be inferred from the reading that the author of the blog post _____.

A was poor when he was growing up

B will never be in touch with Borbas

C has grown up to be an architect

5 Which is the correct order of events for Borbas in the United States?

A Tornadoes strike Missouri, Borbas begins to study in Chicago, he travels to Missouri to help

B Borbas travels to Missouri to help, he meets the blog's author, he starts building the author's house

C Borbas begins to study in Chicago, he travels to Missouri to help, he meets the blog's author

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LISTENING

PART 8

Listen to the conversation between Emma and Faisal. Then choose the correct answers.

1 What is the main idea of this conversation?

A the places Faisal and Emma are traveling to

B how Faisal and Emma can learn different languages

C Faisal's and Emma's plans for the summer

2 According to the listening, it can reasonably be inferred that Emma and Faisal are _____.

A teachers

B students

C pilots

3 _____ been to Brazil before.

A Faisal has

B Emma has

C Both Faisal and Emma have

4 _____ that Vancouver is too cold to travel to in the winter.

A Faisal thinks

B Emma thinks

C Both Faisal and Emma think

5 According to the listening, which sentence best describes Emma's language ability?

A She speaks Portuguese better than she speaks German.

B She speaks German as well as she speaks Spanish.

C She speaks Spanish worse than she speaks English.

6 According to the listening, which sentence best describes Faisal's thoughts about Emma learning Portuguese?

A It will not be as easy as Spanish because she learned Spanish when she was younger.

B It will be easier than Spanish because she is going to go to Brazil.

C It will be easy because she speaks Spanish.

7 Which sentence best describes how Emma has been learning Portuguese?

A She is studying it alone.

B She is taking a course in Brazil.

C She has taken Portuguese courses in the past.

8 Emma suggests Faisal _____.

A learn Chinese

B take a Chinese class

C go to China

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