

FIRST EXAM 9TH GRADE

1. Complete the short dialogues with the correct present simple or present continuous form of the verbs given.

1. A: What are you doing this afternoon? Would you like to come swimming with me?

B: Sorry, I (have) art club on Wednesdays and then homework to do. Maybe later.

2. A: How's it going? Do you like your new school?

B: Yes, I (have) a great time. The classes are really interesting and my social life is fantastic.

3. A: You look annoyed. What's wrong?

B: I need my course book for my revision but Jack has got it. He (always / borrow) my books and he never gives them back.

4. A: Where have you been?

B: I went to see my teacher. I've been having problems with my homework but it's OK – I (understand) it now.

5. A: I feel tired but I can't stop working. I have to hand this assignment in tomorrow.

B: People always (make) that mistake. You should have a break then you'll finish it more quickly.

2. Choose the correct alternatives to complete the email.

Hi Craig, How's it going? Are you still enjoying work? I found uni difficult at first but it's OK now. At school the teachers **(1) were telling/would tell** us when to do assignments, but now I have to organise my own study time and there are so many things to fit in. Remember how we **(2) used/would** to prepare all our assignments in class first? Now I have to arrange to see my tutor if I need help. And back at school I **(3) wouldn't to do/didn't use to do** much work until just before the exams but now, with continuous assessment, I have to stay on top of everything. I got good marks for my last assignment though, which I'm pleased about because, as you know, I **(4) would be/used to be** quite lazy but on this assignment I worked very hard. I'll be home soon. I've got a holiday job at the same place I **(5) was working/had been working** last year. It will be nice to have some money! Hope to see you then,

Anna

3. Complete the text with the correct form of the words given.

My university is about two hundred miles from my home town so I live in a hall of **(1) (reside)**. I was a bit worried about living with so many students at first but it's great fun and I've made lots of new friends. I like being more **(2) (depend)** too, but I'm not good at cooking so it's good to be able to get hot food when I need it. One problem is the noise. I've got exams soon and sometimes it's really **(3) (annoy)**. And having lots of people around can be a bit of a **(4) (distract)**. But we talked about how to prepare for the exams in my last **(5) (tutor)** so I think I'll be OK. Everyone is going through the same thing so we can all help each other.

4. Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the text.

Are you interested in music and the arts? Have you got **(1) of working** in a team? We are looking for a number of people to work in various roles at the 'Summer in the City' festival. We need volunteers in the office now to help promote the festival. Then, in the summer, we need **(2) staff** to work at the different venues during the shows. We will give you full **(3) so you don't**

need any special skills, but you must be hard-working and punctual. We also offer excellent working (4) including free tickets to many events. Look on our website for more information about the jobs on offer or come in to the festival office to fill (5) an application form.

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| 1. A qualifications | B experience | C paperwork |
| 2. A flexitime | B overtime | C part-time |
| 3. A training | B contract | C salary |
| 4. A salary | B conditions | C hours |
| 5. A in | B up | C over |

5. Read the article about technology in the classroom. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence.

Technology in the classroom

Technology plays a large part in the lives of most students today. (1) Handwritten essays are also becoming a thing of the past. Many schools equip their classrooms with computers for use during lessons, and students are expected to be computer literate at an early age. (2) Therefore, school libraries are no longer as necessary as they once were. The world of learning is changing quickly and dramatically. But how far can technology go in education? Will teachers still be necessary in 10 or 20 years' time? Or will online teaching be the norm? Now, there's a thought! In Denmark, the government is taking the use of computers in schools one step further. Computers are now being used in the exam room itself. (3) Using computers in exams is not completely new for Danish students. They have been able to type up their exam essays on computers instead of writing them by hand for several years. However, now, under a new scheme, students in exams are allowed complete access to the Internet. (4) The only thing they cannot do is communicate with anyone else online. So, no emailing or messaging while in the exam room. Opponents of the idea point out that it is very difficult to ensure that all the computers are working at the same speed – or even working at all, which can only add to the stress for exam students. Then there are security concerns, with some people suggesting that using computers like this in exams opens the door to cheating. They say it is impossible to monitor the sites the students visit or any contact they may make with friends outside the exam room or even other students in the same exam. (5) They point out that exams these days are no longer about remembering facts and figures. They are about analysing things. Examination questions these days do not usually ask about when, who or what. They ask why and how. It's hard to cheat using the Internet on questions like this. Surely, computers are such an important part of the learning process today that it is a natural step to use them in exams? Many people believe that it is only right that students should be tested with the same tools that they use to learn. For those worried about cheating, it's important to remember that in exams the students are under a lot of pressure and have to do a lot of things in a very short time. (6) Perhaps computer use in exams will become standard procedure in a few years' time. What do you think? We'd love to hear your views. Post a comment on our website

A However, supporters believe that we should trust the students.

B In some schools, the need to use reference books has mainly been replaced by easy access to information online.

C The rules say that they can go on any website they wish.

D Students themselves are aware of the possible accusations of cheating.

E There isn't really a lot of time to cheat.

F Unsurprisingly, this is causing a fair amount of controversy.

G More and more students have their own computers at home or even laptops, so that they can do online research for projects and assignments.

