

First term test -Senior Intermediate-

GRAMMAR SECTION:

- 1- **Narrative tenses.** Read carefully the story and complete the blank with the most suitable forms of the verbs in brackets (past simple, past perfect and past continuous).

This story is based on true events that _____ (**happen**) many, many years ago in Scotland. One day, Mr Clark _____ (**walk**) home with a smile on his face. He _____ (**carry**) something very valuable in his hand: tickets for a long, long journey.

After many years working and saving, Mr Clark _____ (**save**) all the money he needed to take all his family to the United States. Earlier that afternoon he _____ (**buy**) all the tickets that now he _____ (**hold**) in his hand. It was the opportunity of their lives. "The United States of America," he repeated aloud just to see how nice it _____ (**sound**) in his ears.

A few days before their departure, Mr Clark's son _____ (**play**) in the street when a dog _____ (**bite**) him. The doctor _____ (**go**) to their home and _____ (**treat**) the child's wound. Then he _____ (**hang**) a yellow sheet on their front door. That yellow sheet meant that they _____ (**just/be**) quarantined. They _____ (**have**) to stay at home for two weeks because of the possibility of rabies.

Five days later, Mr Clark was at the docks. He _____ (**leave**) the house and now he _____ (**watch**) their ship leave to the United States without him or his family. When the ship _____ (**disappear**) in the horizon, he _____ (**stand up**) and _____ (**go**) back home, crying.

A few days later, the tragic news spread throughout Scotland - the mighty Titanic _____ (**sink**), taking hundreds of lives with it.

- 2- **PAST SIMPLE OR PRESENT PERFECT?** Read the following sentences and complete the blanks using the past simple or the present perfect.
- Louisa and Mark _____ (be) together since they _____ (be) teenagers.
 - Since records _____ (begin) in 1880, the global temperature _____ (rise) 0.85° Celsius.

- c. Charlie is my best friend. I _____ (meet) him at college, and we _____ (be) friends for 50 years.
- d. Marcus _____ (be) so active and sporty at university. But after the accident, he _____ (never/be) the same.
- e. Yesterday Thomas _____ (tell) me that he would be here today, but he isn't here. He _____ (be) away all day.
- f. He _____ (read) the bible four times. He _____ (be) 15 the first time he _____ (read) it.
- g. This customer _____ (be) here many times, but he _____ (never/buy) anything.
- h. I _____ (stop) smoking two years ago. I _____ (smoke) for 22 years.

VOCABULARY SECTION

1- Complete the phrases with **say** or **tell**. Id

- a. _____ jokes.
- b. _____ hello.
- c. _____ sorry.
- d. _____ stories.
- e. _____ a white lie.
- f. _____ what you mean.
- g. _____ the truth.
- h. _____ a secret.
- i. _____ yes/no
- j. _____ no more.

2- **Prepositions of time:** complete the text using the right prepositions (in, on, at, for and by).

I went _____ a run in the morning while listening to some music _____ Eminem. I hate running _____ the winter, especially _____ Monday morning. It's so cold!

Unfortunately, Kim is away _____ business, and only gets back late _____ night, so I had to run _____ my own. It was hard work running six miles, but I

did it _____ the end. Had breakfast _____ a hurry and managed to get to work _____ time. There were problems with the bus, so I went _____ train, which was quicker. _____ chance, I heard _____ the radio that the new film _____ Roger Graves, an old friend of mine, was coming out _____ June. It's about a man who runs every morning and hates it!

READING SECTION:

1- Read the article opposite and complete the gaps with headings a)–f) below.

- a) Communication differences
- b) What's in a name?
- c) A strange similarity
- d) ~~Twins: A case of nature or nurture?~~
- e) Fascinating results
- f) Divided and reunited

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Many people are like their siblings in some ways, but twins are often even more alike. If you are born at the same time as another baby and grow up with them, it is likely you will be similar to each other. But what would happen if you didn't know you had a twin? How alike would you be?

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In the USA, a pair of identical twins was split up when they were adopted as four-month-old babies. Their new parents decided on their names and without knowing it, both called their son 'Jim'. These two boys spent all of their childhood and teenage years living separate lives in different places. And it wasn't until they were thirty-nine years old that they got to meet each other for the first time. They were quite surprised to find how similar they were.

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Although they didn't look exactly the same, they were both six feet tall and weighed 180 pounds. They discovered that during their childhood they had both had a dog named 'Toy' and as adults they had both married twice. Even more strangely, both of their first wives were called 'Linda' and their second wives were called 'Betty'. The Jims had each had a son. One of them had called theirs 'James Allan' while the other named theirs 'James Alan'.

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The similarities didn't end there. They discovered that they had both worked as sheriffs, owned the same type of car, smoked the same cigarettes and drank the same beer. They also suffered from the same health problems, like severe headaches. In later research on the pair, a psychologist noticed that they both bit their nails. This was rather unusual behaviour among identical twins.

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However, while they were very similar, there were also some clear differences. For example, one Jim preferred to express himself through writing while the other preferred speaking. They also had different hairstyles and one Jim had married a third time while the other hadn't.

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Continued research on the Jim twins has proven to be very interesting and along with other research findings has led to the discovery that the personality and identity of twins who have grown up apart is as alike as those that haven't.

2- Read the text again and decide if the following statements are true or false.

- a. Research has shown that all twins are the same as each other. F
- b. The Jim twins were adopted at birth by two sets of American couples. _____
- c. Neither set of parents knew what the other twin had been called. _____
- d. The two Jims grew up in the same area unaware of the other's existence until they were almost forty. _____
- e. They expected to have a lot in common when they first met in their thirties. _____
- f. The two Jims were as tall and as heavy as each other. _____
- g. They had both married a 'Betty' and then a 'Linda'. _____

- h. Even though they both had similar habits they'd never worked in the same job. ____
- i. Psychologists thought it unusual that both twins bit their fingernails. ____
- j. One of the key differences between the twins was how they enjoyed communicating with others. ____
- k. Research shows that twins who live apart as children behave very differently from each other. ____