

6th year plus (Upper-intermediate)

USE OF ENGLISH

1. **MIXED TENSES.** Read the following funny story. Choose option a - b - c to complete it.

The Washroom Story



When I have to speak about the most embarrassing anecdote, this is probably the best one...

When I _____ (1) Montreal, I decided to stop at one of those rest areas on the side of the road.

I _____ (2) into the washroom. The first stall is taken, so I got into the second stall. I _____ (3) when I _____ (4) a voice from the other stall...

- **Hi there, how _____ (5) ?**

I _____ (6) to myself, what the hell? Okay, I am not the type to strike up conversations with strangers in the loos on the side of the road. I _____ (7) what to say, so finally I said:

- **Not bad...**

Then the voice _____ (8):

- **So, what _____ (9) ?**

I _____ (10) to find this a bit weird and very uncomfortable, but I finally replied with:

- **Well, I _____ (11) east...**

Then I heard the person, all flustered, say:

- **Look, I _____ (12) honey--every time I ask you a question this idiot in the next stall _____ (13) answering me!**

...A harsh silence fell through the washroom. I gotta tell you I was relieved. But never before _____ (14) so stupid! Damn you cell phones... You win this round.

1. a. didn't leave	b. was leaving	c. had left
2. a. goes	b. go	c. went
3. a. had just sat down	b. just had sat down	c. just sat down
4. a. listened	b. heard	c. had heard
5. a. is it going?	b. it is going?	c. does it do?
6. a. thought	b. will think	c. 'm thinking
7. a. wasn't knowing	b. didn't knew	c. didn't know
8. a. says	b. said	c. sayed
9. a. you are doing	b. you doing	c. are you doing
10. a. started	b. had started	c. 'm starting
11. a. 'm going back	b. was going back	c. had been going back
12. a. 'll call you back	b. called you back	c. had called you back
13. a. keep	b. keeps	c. is keeping
14. a. had I felt	b. didn't feel	c. feel

2. **CONDITIONALS.** Read the sentences choose the correct option a -b - c - d.

1. I'd start now if I _____ you

a. had been	b. am	c. were	d. will be
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2. What will you do if she _____?

a. doesn't come	b. wouldn't come	c. won't come	d. didn't come
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3. _____ you help me if I needed it?

a. Will	b. Do	c. Does	d. Would
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4. I would have phoned her, if I _____ her number.

a. know	b. had known	c. knew	d. known
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5. I _____ so happy If I hadn't met you 10 years ago.

a. weren't	b. wouldn't be	c. don't be	d. doesn't be
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6. I wouldn't have passed the exam, if I _____ an effort and _____ so much.

a. didn't make / study	b. wouldn't make / study	c. couldn't make / study	d. hadn't made / studied
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3. **REPORTED SPEECH.** Rewrite these sentences using the indicated reporting verb in the corresponding tense.

1. "I think you should find a new job." (ADVISE/ME)

He _____ a new job.

2. "Don't forget to give Mary this book." (REMIND/HER)

He _____ this book.

3. "I'll give you the book tomorrow." (PROMISE/ME)

He _____ the book the next day.

4. "Don't bother" I'll take the dog for a walk." (INSIST)

He _____ the dog for a walk.

5. It is said that these herbs are good for you. (SAID)

These herbs _____ good for you.

6. "Try the oven-baked salmon, said the waitress." (SUGGEST)

The waitress _____ the oven baked salmon.

4. **RELATIVE CLAUSES.** Make one sentence from each pair of sentences using a relative clause.

1. This is the station. Paul lost his suitcase here.

This is the station _____ suitcase.

2. I don't know the woman. Her son is waving at me.

I don't know the woman _____ at me.

3. 12th December is a very special date for us. We got married that day.

12th December _____ that's why it is a very special date.

4. These dresses are made by hand. That's why they're so expensive.

The reason _____ is that they are made by hand.

5. There are four chairs. One of them is red. It is broken. It cannot be used.

The red chair, _____, cannot be used.

6. Alyson is a good friend of mine. Her mother is my maths teacher.

Alyson, _____, is a good friend of mine.

5. **PASSIVE VOICE.** Read about a turning point in history: the invention of the printing machine. Complete the paragraph with a verb in its passive form. Mind using the correct tense.

PRINTING

buy | invent | make | not teach | print | write

The earliest books (1.) _____ by hand. This took a long time, so very few copies (2.) _____. They (3.) _____ only by rich and important people.

Ordinary people (4.) _____ to read. The printing press (5.) _____ in 1450 by Johann Gutenberg. He printed copies of the Bible. In the modern world, millions of books, magazines and newspapers (6.) _____ every day.

