CHRISTMAS UPPER-INTERMEDIATE EXAM (SATURDAY GROUP)

GRAMMAR

A) Order the words to make sentences.

Example: cinema / you / yesterday / go / the / to / did

Did you go to the cinema yesterday?

1. I've / sure / laptop / I'm / left / where / my / not

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2. hardly / big / ever / for / We / time / breakfast / have / a

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3. up / you / to / Are / getting / early / used ?

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4. buying / are / Who / red / that / you / hat / for / big / ?

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B) Complete the text with the correct past tense of the verb in brackets.

As I *was going* (go) out of my front door last Saturday, I suddenly _____ (realise) that I _____ (leave) my keys in the house. I immediately _____ (turn round) but it was too late: the door _____ (already /close) behind me. Then I _____ (notice) something strange: I _____ (can) hear people talking inside the house. That seemed impossible, because that morning my parents _____ (go out) half an hour before me, and my sister _____ (spend) the weekend with friends. So when I _____ (walk) round to the side of the house to look through the window, I _____ (not can) believe what _____ (happen): two complete strangers _____ (carry) our television towards the back door!

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C) Complete this interview by writing the verbs in brackets in the correct form. You should use: Present Simple / Present Continuous / Present Perfect Simple / Present Perfect Continuous / Past Simple / Past Continuous.

Interviewer: So Jessica, here you are in New Zealand – a long way from home. (0) *Are you having* (you / have) a good time?

Jessica: Yes, fantastic.

Interviewer: How long (1) ..... (you/travel)?

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Jessica: Six months, and I'm having the time of my life!

Interviewer: And what (2) ..... (be) your best experience since you left home?

Jessica: I think it's what I (3) ..... (do) now.

Interviewer: And what is that?

Jessica: I (4) ..... (learn) to skydive.

Interviewer: Really? (5) ..... (you/enjoy) doing such dangerous things normally?

Jessica: Well, I suppose I (6) ..... (always / want) to push myself since I (7) ..... (be) a small child, and this is a great opportunity.

Interviewer: It certainly is! And (8)..... (you / have) any bad experiences?

Jessica: Before coming here, people (9) ..... (warn) me about crime and illness, but I (10) ..... (be) lucky so far – nothing bad (11) ..... (happen) to me, and I hope it won't in the next six months!

Interviewer: (12) ..... (you / travel) on your own?

Jessica: Yes, and I (13) ..... (love) it. I must admit that I (14) ..... (feel) a bit lonely sometimes, but I (15) ..... (meet) some really great people on my travels. While I (16) ..... (visit) Wellington, the capital, I (17) ..... (make) friends with some lovely girls from Sydney.

Interviewer: Thanks for your time, Jessica.

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D) Complete the sentences with the correct form of a verb in the box.

Example: **Wha sport did you *use to* play at university?**

be used to	get used to	used to	would

1. Mrs Brown _____ getting up early for work.
2. When we were younger, we _____ often go on picnics in the summer if the weather was good.
3. My mother _____ cook a roast every Sunday when we were children.
4. I still haven't _____ speaking on the phone every day.
5. How long _____ you spend doing your homework when you were a student?
6. Slowly, we _____ to our new neighbours.

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7. When I was five or six, my father _____ carry me on his shoulders.
8. _____ you _____ to have short hair?
9. John and Mary _____ (not/go) to the same school until they were 16.
10. Where _____ (spend) your winter holidays when you lived at home?

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VOCABULARY

A. Complete each sentence with the correct phrasal verb from the box below.

deal with	go through	put up with	sort out	talk over	~~weigh up~~

*e.g. We should **weigh up** all the options before making a decision.*

1. The teacher decided to call the boy's parents so that they could _____ him before his behaviour got worse.
2. We have to _____ a difficult economic period before we can start spending again.
3. We should _____ this problem _____ as soon as we can.
4. Can I meet you after work so that we can _____ these issues?
5. I cannot _____ the dogs barking all day and night, so I decided to speak to their owner.

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B. Match the two halves of each sentence with the correct preposition.
*e.g. Mr Bell is ashamed **of** his messy apartment and never invites people over.*

of - towards - about - for - in - on

1. Nobody was aware _____ the fire in the office because it didn't smell.
2. Some people are envious _____ those with money and wish they could be rich too.
3. Pauline was anxious _____ speaking to her boss about a pay rise.
4. He really is sick _____ making the 20 km journey twice a day.
5. My boss has always been sensitive _____ me, as he knows I have a lot of problems.
6. We should all take a course _____ computing skills.
7. Is there any possibility _____ changing the date of the next meeting?
8. The reason _____ not replying is that I'd lost his telephone number.
9. My brother is afraid _____ spiders. He starts screaming if he sees one near him.
10. Congratulations _____ passing your driving test – finally!

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C. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.
*e.g. If you boil vegetables, you take the **best** (good) out of them.*

1. His _____ (sensible) is what makes him different from his brother.
2. Would you be able to be a little more _____ (flexibility) with your dates?
3. With focus and _____ (dedicated), you can achieve anything.
4. She was sacked because she is not very _____ (punctuality).
5. Let's be _____ (optimism), that everything will be fine.

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D. Re-order the letters in italics to make words.

e.g. Low ***creailo*** ***calorie*** *drinks are a lot healthier as they contain less sugar.*

1. Eating healthy food is believed to slow the ***gneaig cespros*** _____.
2. ***file enpacxecty*** _____ is increasing in the modern world.
3. We need to remember to take care of our ***sihycpal*** _____ and ***enatml*** _____ health.
4. We should eat more fresh food and less ***sdpeoscre ofdso*** _____.
5. Our ***mnimue eysstm*** _____ is affected when we get ill.

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GRAMMAR: ___ / 43 VOCABULARY: ___ / 25 TOTAL: ___ / 68

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