

OPTIMISE 1st term GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY exam

GRAMMAR

A) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the list.

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- 1) Did you manage _____ your homework last night?
- 2) I feel like _____ a pizza.
- 3) When did you start _____ English?
- 4) Have you ever imagined _____ like a bird?
- 5) Emma has offered _____ us with the food.
- 6) Do you regret _____ to the party?
- 7) I can't afford _____ that shirt.
- 8) A: My laptop isn't working!
B: Have you tried _____ it?
- 9) I must stop _____ Instagram! I spend too much time on it.
- 10) I'll never forget _____ to China for the first time. It was amazing!

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B) Complete the spaces in the following text with suitable modal verbs. You will need to use negative as well as positive forms. DO NOT put the same answer twice.

It's not difficult to upload a video to YouTube. You (1) _____ upload videos from phones, tablets or computers. First, you (2) _____ choose the video file that you want to upload. There are some video files that you (3) _____ upload, so make sure it is the right type. When you have chosen it, click the 'share' button and you will have the option to name your video. You (4) _____ name it, but it's a good idea so people can find it easily. Your video is now uploaded! If you have any problems uploading, you (5) _____ try checking the YouTube help page. My grandfather knows how to put videos on YouTube, so it (6) _____ be easy!

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C) Complete each sentence with the correct form of *used to/be used to/get used to*. You will need to use negative forms in some cases.

- 1) I _____ having so much homework to do! It's really hard.
- 2) Before she became a politician, Stephanie _____ be afraid of speaking in public.
- 3) She didn't think she would _____ living in a big city – but she did.
- 4) I don't think I'll enjoy camping because I _____ sleeping in a very

comfortable bed.

- 5) At first, my grandma didn't know how to use her phone, but bit by bit she _____ it.
- 6) Let's not go for an Indian meal – the kids _____ eating spicy food.

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D) Complete the sentences with a question tag.

- 1) Let's go to the music festival, _____? It'll be great fun.
- 2) Your sister played guitar at the birthday party, _____?
- 3) It's not as beautiful as people say, _____?
- 4) There has been another attack, _____?
- 5) Open the door, _____? It's really hot in here.
- 6) You haven't seen my phone, _____? I can't find it anywhere!

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E) Complete the sentences using the present perfect simple or continuous forms of the verbs. You will need to use a negative form in one case.

1. I (stay) at my grandmother's house for the last two weeks.
2. They (see) the play yet, but they hope to see it on Saturday.
3. Justin Bieber (sell) more than 60 million records around the world.
4. I (study) for my exam all morning but I still don't feel very confident about passing.
5. How long (Sarah/play) the piano? She's really good!

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F) Complete the sentences with the correct future form of the verb in brackets.

- 1) I'm glad you want to see the film. (we/meet) outside the cinema at six?
- 2) A: Have you decided what *Batxillerat* to do next year?
B: Yes, I have. I (do) the scientific one.
- 3) We need to get home quickly as it looks like it (rain) in a moment.

- 4) A: What time do we need to be at the airport?
 B: Well, the plane (leave) at nine, so we should be there before 7.30.
- 5) A: The phone is ringing.
 B: OK, I (answer) it.
- 6) Sara (get) married at the local church next Saturday.
- 7) Is it OK if I wait at your house until my parents (get) home?
- 8) Hey! You've dropped your papers. I help you pick them up.

G) 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)?

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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H) Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given in CAPITAL LETTERS. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1) When Lia was younger, she didn't know how to use a smartphone.

COULD

When Lia was younger, a smartphone.

2) It would be good to read the instructions before you play the game.

OUGHT

Before you play the game, the instructions.

3) The last time I saw William was on Tuesday.

SEEN

I have Tuesday.

4) It's my dream to go on a space holiday.

GOING

..... is my dream.

5) I started to learn Spanish ten years ago.

LEARNING

I ten years.

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I) Choose the correct word (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

Noise pollution is a big problem for people living in cities. As more people move into urban (1), the problem is getting worse. The noise that comes from traffic, construction work and people just going about their business can make you sleep less, and this can be harmful to your health, (2) of how much exercise you do. (3) studies have shown that both stress and lack of sleep are bad for our well-being.

City planners are finally (4) this problem seriously and they are looking for ways to reduce noise levels. In Barcelona, for example, they have installed

special road surfaces on some streets, which have (5) to reduce traffic noise significantly.

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| 1) A places | B cities | C areas | D sites |
| 2) A unrelated | B regardless | C despite | D enough |
| 3) A Recent | B Last | C Fresh | D Just |
| 4) A giving | B taking | C making | D having |
| 5) A succeeded | B completed | C ended | D managed |

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J) Write one word in each gap.

HOW WE LEARN

Scientists investigating how we learn (1) made some interesting discoveries. They found that when we are children, we learn faster because we get lots of immediate feedback on our actions: we learn by trying (2) do something and failing many times. If you have (3) seen a young child exploring a room, you will know what I mean. They touch everything, put objects in their mouth and fall over, a lot! This interaction with the world builds up memories and (4), a result, children gradually learn the best way to do things.

How (5) students apply these ideas? First, they ought to make repetition a part of their learning, which means doing their homework and revising regularly. Secondly, students should get (6) to making mistakes and not worry about failing. If they keep trying, eventually they will succeed.

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VOCABULARY

K) Complete the sentences with a preposition in each gap.

- 1) Anyone can enter the competition, regardless their age.
- 2) Scientists hope to find a solution the problem in the next five years.
- 3) It's important to dispose your waste in a responsible way.
- 4) I'm so fed of my little brother!
- 5) She didn't have any intention giving the money back.
- 6) He says he won't stand any more of our bad behaviour.
- 7) Do you think you can sort the problem with your email address?
- 8) I'm in trouble now. My parents won't let me this time.

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L) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. You can _____ your phone by pressing this button. (ACTIVE)
2. Martin is very _____. He always wants to help others. (CONSIDER)
3. She seems to have an _____ of the difficulties. (AWARE)
4. I find it very difficult to _____ myself in the mornings. I prefer to just stay in bed. (MOTIVE)
5. I'm in _____ with Brian. I also think we should get this bus. (AGREE)
6. This seat is quite _____. I'm getting a pain in my back. (COMFORT)
7. _____, Tom and Sarah have split up! Someone told me on the bus yesterday. (APPEAR)
8. A teacher's job is to _____ how well students are progressing. (VALUE)

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M) What places in the city are being described?

- 1) A place where you can leave your car: _____
- 2) Area where people live, away from the centre of a city: _____
- 3) A large shop divided into separate sections, each selling different things: _____
- 4) The underground transport system in London: _____
- 5) A large building divided into separate apartments: _____

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N) Write the hobbies next to the definitions.

- 1) You usually play these with a dice: b _ _ _ _ g _ _ _ _
- 2) You do this activity in the sea: s _ _ _ _ d _ _ _ _
- 3) In this activity, you write instructions for a computer: p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 4) This is an activity to help you relax: y _ _ _
- 5) You write your thoughts on a on a website in this activity: b _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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O) Choose the correct option. Half a mark per correct answer.

- 1) We're definitely progress with our project.
A) taking B) making C) doing D) having
- 2) You shouldn't smoke! Cigarettes are very!
A) harming B) harmable C) harmful D) harmive
- 3) We got lost on our way to the party and up asking the police for

directions!

- A) got B) put C) felt D) ended
- 4) You've done a job with your essay! I'm really proud of you.
A) terrific B) terrible C) terrifically D) terribly
- 5) I love watching shows because I like to try the recipes myself.
A) cookery B) chat C) game D) reality
- 6) You shouldn't fun of people - it's wrong.
A) take B) make C) do D) have
- 7) We all have problems, but we need to find a way to them.
A) beat B) succeed C) overcome D) accomplish
- 8) How long do you normally spend the internet?
A) at B) on C) in D) with
- 9) I'd love to learn Russian but I've got no idea how to go it!
A) on B) over C) about D) under
- 10) People don't know about this problem, so we have to increase about it.
A) openness B) cleverness C) awareness D) weakness

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GRAMMAR:/ 74

VOCABULARY:/31

TOTAL:/105

OPTIMISE 1ST TERM WRITING EXAM

In your English class, you have been talking about learning. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

'Having a teacher is always the best way for students to learn.' Do you agree?'

Write about:

- 1) learning from a teacher**
- 2) learning from experience**
- 3) using online material**

Write your essay using **all** the notes and give reasons for your point of view.