

OPTIMISE 1ST TEST October 2021

GRAMMAR

A) PRESENT TENSES: Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

POLLY: Hi Mina, how are you?

MINA: I'm a bit stressed. I (1) (study) for an exam next week.

POLLY: What subject is it?

MINA: Maths. I (2) (not hate) it but I do find it challenging!

POLLY: Oh really? I thought you were good at it. You (3) (not seem) to have any problems with maths at school.

MINA: That's true but I'm really worried about this exam. Anyway, I (4) (need) a break. What (5) (do) at the moment?

POLLY: Nothing really. (6) (want) to come round to my house?

MINA: That sounds great. See you in 20 minutes.

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B) There are five tense mistakes in the following text. Write the correct form below the text. There is an example (0).

I am being part of an online language learning community. It's a website which is helping you learn new languages. There are interactive lessons and you can also talk to other people by video chat. I learn English at the moment but I might start Japanese soon. I'm liking it so much that I log on as soon as I'm waking up in the morning and I try to talk to at least one person every day. I only started using it a few weeks ago but my English gets better already.

0) I am part of

3)

1)

4)

2)

5)

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C) Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1) I think we'd better *to help / help / helping* them.
- 2) She didn't mention *to see / see / seeing* you at the museum.
- 3) I'd prefer *to stay / stay / staying* in this evening. I'm really tired.
- 4) We're having difficulty *to choose / choose / choosing* paint colour for my bedroom.
- 5) Would you like me *to read / read / reading* your essay? I can check for mistakes.
- 6) It took me a long time, but in the end I managed *to fix / fix / fixing* my phone.

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D) Complete the text with the correct form (-ing or infinitive) of the words in the box. There are two words which you don't need to use.

do | go | join | look | show | spend | take

My best friend wants me (1) a new online game with him. It's a multiplayer adventure game which you play with different people around the world. He's really excited about it and he's offered (2) me how to play it. The thing is, I don't really fancy (3) even more time on the internet. It already feels like everything I do is online and I miss (4) normal things with my friends. I think I'd rather (5) to a café or the park.

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E) Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use the same number of words as there are spaces. Contractions count as TWO words.

- 1) Sebastian doesn't want to learn to program a computer.

INTERESTED

Sebastian to program a computer.

- 2) They'd be very pleased if you gave them a call.

APPRECIATE

They a call from you.

- 3) You should stop exercising if you feel ill.

CARRY

You exercising if you feel ill.

- 4) 'Why don't we go to the technology conference this weekend?' said Sophie.

GOING

Sophie to the technology conference this weekend.

- 5) I don't like to watch more than an hour of TV a day.

PREFER

I more than an hour of TV a day.

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VOCABULARY

F) Complete the sentences with the correct adjective form of the words in the box.

admire | identify | permit | reason | reverse

- 1) The use of calculators during examinations is now _____.
- 2) She had a _____ explanation for not getting here on time. The bus was stuck in traffic.
- 3) It's _____ that she still took all her exams while she was ill in hospital.
- 4) We need to make our bags more _____. We should write our names in them.
- 5) This jacket is _____: you can wear it on both sides.

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G) Complete the sentences with the correct form of the collocations in the box.

come to an agreement / do (someone) a favour / do one's best / make a decision / take (someone's) advice

- 1) I know you're busy but could you _____ and help me with my homework?
- 2) We need to _____. We can't keep disagreeing with each other.
- 3) I said he should see a doctor about his illness so I'm pleased he has _____.
- 4) We can see that you're _____. We really admire your hard work.
- 5) It's a difficult choice but I've _____. I've decided to go to France.

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H) Complete the text with the correct technology-related words. The first letters have been given in each case.

I've recently had a problem with my computer. A couple of weeks ago I was trying to **u**..... (1) some photos and suddenly the picture froze. A message appeared on the screen saying, 'We have detected some problems,' and then the computer just (2) **s**..... itself off. I was going to take it to a shop to see if they could (3) **m**..... it but then I decided to do it myself. I used my mobile, I (4) **p**..... a request for help (5) **o**..... and I immediately got several replies. I managed to fix the problem and it's working fine now!

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