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MIDTERM PRACTICE: OCTOBER 2020

1- Read the text below and mark the statements true (T) or false (F).

THE SELFIE CRAZE

Every time I log into social media nowadays I am greeted by the faces of my friends and public figures. They might be at an event, standing in front of an iconic landmark, eating something yummy, or showing off a new outfit or hair style. Increasingly these faces are being seen in selfie form.

The Oxford Dictionary, which chose "selfie" as its word of the year in 2013, defines a selfie as "a photograph that one has taken of oneself (typically one taken) with a smartphone or webcam and uploaded to a social media website". With the growing use of social media and recent technological developments it has never been easier to take a selfie and share it with anyone you want. In fact, people are going to extreme lengths to take the "perfect selfie" by, for example, assembling large groups of people for one shot or, more worryingly, putting themselves in dangerous situations! For the individual there are many reasons why they chose to take it. They may be in a cool location (I can happily admit to posting many selfies from in front of the Eiffel Tower). They may be with friends or family. They may just be feeling really good about the way they look that day!

Whatever your opinion, it has recently become evident that the selfie craze can be used to do much good. It can be a great way to draw attention to serious issues as some people may be more likely to hear about something through an image popping up on their newsfeed rather than purposely looking for a news story. Recently, various UK charities have raised large amounts of money after being advertised by celebrities posing in selfies while holding notices explaining how to donate to charity. Similarly, there has been a growing interest in people posting selfies to social media as a sort of advertisement for a charity. The aim is for those people to donate a small amount of money to the charity and encourage others to do the same. The selfie may have a theme such as the recent 'no make-up selfie' idea which raised millions of pounds for cancer research charities in the UK. Even if they do not donate money to the charity, they are making people learn about the disease!

(Adapted from <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org>)

1. The writer sees lots of selfies whenever he logs onto a social network. T / F
2. The article states that some people even put their lives at risk to take the "perfect selfie". T / F
3. According to the writer selfies are only used to remember significant moments in one's life. T / F
4. Celebrity selfies can help collect money for charities. T / F
5. When celebrities post selfies advertising certain social issues, charities are more likely to receive donations. T / F

GRAMMAR

1- Complete the sentences with the correct future form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 As soon as I (know) my exam results, I'll text you.
- 2 In four years' time, she probably (be) at university.
- 3 The new timetable (be) likely to include computing science.
- 4 This time next week, Tom (leave) school.
- 5 The school bus (leave) at 7.45 a.m.
- 6 I (have) my first Spanish lesson tomorrow. It will be great!
- 7 After finishing school, I (look) for a job in the tourism industry.
- 8 By next year, I (learn) English for eight years.

2- Read the text and correct the mistakes. Write the correct future form of the underlined verbs.

Hi, I'm Kate. I'm a history student at the university in my city. By the time I'm twenty-two, in three years' time, I am graduating I will have looked for a job as a teacher after I will have finished my studies. As soon as I will get a job, I am looking for a house to rent near the school. I will be walking to school every day. I will have made sure my history lessons are interesting – they weren't always so when I was at school.

3- Complete the conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If experts are to be believed, New York (not be) one of the top ten biggest cities in the world by the year 2050.
- 2 If I'd known about the competition to design a young persons' meeting place, I (enter) it.
- 3 If I miss the school bus in the morning, my dad (drive) me to school.
- 4 If I lived in a city by the sea, I (go) to the beach every weekend.
- 5 At some rural train stations, you have to signal to the driver if you the train to stop.
- 6 If my cousin comes to stay with my family next week, she (sleep) in my room.
- 7 If I was older, I (drive) to the shops in the nearest city.
- 8 If I'd lived in the city, I (never learn) to drive.

VOCABULARY

1- Read the article. Complete the gaps with the correct words or phrases from the box below.

a good salary- a lot of pressure- as a team- control over your own time- creative- independently- part/full-time- responsible- self-employed- shifts- time off- your own boss

Back to Unschool!

For some school students the new school year never begins ...

Far from having timetabled lessons, 'unschooled' students have 1 over their own time. They don't go to school or follow a syllabus or do homework. They can be 2 and choose what they do and when. Meanwhile parents are 3 for ensuring a safe, creative learning space to grow in. In fact, some parents believe that their children will gain valuable experience and be more able to work 4 in the future. Others are convinced that families in general have 5 in their daily lives, especially when parents work 6 . In an unschooling system everybody gets a chance to have some 7 from the normal routine.

2- Complete the phrasal verbs. Then, look up their meaning in the dictionary.

- 1 It's hard to keep hobbies before exam time.
- 2 I was off school so I need to make what I missed.
- 3 On Saturdays, I catch sleep after a week at school.
- 4 For our class project we came the idea of a blog.
- 5 Karin's new to the club, but she gets everyone.
- 6 I got off my bike on the big hill. I just ran energy.

