

HOMWORK_UNIT 1_PART 2

Exercise 1: Read and decide True/ False for each statement

Last year I visited the Somerset Levels, a coastal plain and wetland area in Somerset, South West England. This area is home to one of Somerset's oldest traditional crafts - willow basket making. Basket making began in the area a long time ago. At the beginning of the 19th century, more than three thousand acres of willow trees were planted commercially there because the area provided an excellent natural habitat for their cultivation.

I'd seen willow baskets before I visited the Levels, but I was still amazed at the numerous products created by the basket makers there. They make lobster pots, bread trays, and even passenger baskets for hot air balloons.

Although the arrival of plastics in the 1950s caused the basket making industry to decline, willow growing and basket making have continued to play a significant role in Somerset's rural economy. Willow growers and basket makers have dealt with this challenge by finding new markets and innovative ways of using willow. They make willow charcoal for artists and bower seats for gardens. Some even weave willow coffins. Therefore, people here can still live on the craft that their great-grandparents passed down to them.

No	Statements	T	F
1.	Willow basket making is the oldest traditional craft in Somerset.	☐	☐
2.	Willows can grow well in the area because of its favorable natural conditions.	☐	☐
3.	The presence of plastic products did not affect the growth of the basket making industry in the area in the 1950s.	☐	☐
4.	Basket making does not play an important role in the area now.	☐	☐
5.	Willow growers and basket makers have found new ways to promote their industry.	☐	☐
6.	Basket makers can live on their craft nowadays.	☐	☐

Exercise 2: Choose the correct answer

1. I almost missed my flight _____ there was a long queue in the duty-free shop.

- A. although B. since C. despite D. because of

2. They decided not to go out for a meal _____ they were too tired.

- A. although B. because C. so that D. if

3. They were driving to Dallas _____ they caught an accident.

- A. when B. in order that C. before D. as soon as

4. I want to be well-groomed _____ other people think nice things about me.

- A. after B. although C. so that D. as soon as

5. _____ I met the Gills, I had been gardening for nearly ten years.

- A. As soon as B. Although C. After D. Before

6. In spite of his hard work, he could not finish the job.

- A. As hard as he work B. Though he worked hard

- C. Despite he worked hard D. Although hard work

7. _____ she was asleep, thieves broke in and stole her handbag.

- A. In order that B. Although C. In case D. While

8. All people should join hand in protecting the environment _____ we can gain better health.

- A. in order that B. when C. because D. even though

9. _____ she is poor, she feels happy

- A. Although B. Because C. If D. In spite of

10. Tony went to work _____ he didn't feel very well.

- A. although B. in case C. as soon as D. because