

GRAMMAR EXAMINATION

I CHOOSE THE WORD OR PHRASE THAT MOST APPROPRIATELY. NOTE: WRITE THE ALTERNATIVE A/B/C/D.

1. The old castle is the town's main tourist _____.
a. site b. location c. attraction d. area
2. The climbers wanted to _____ the top of the mountain before it got dark.
a. get b. reach c. arrive d. come
3. The teacher wants us to hand in our assignments by Friday _____. She will not accept anything after that.
a. at least b. at last c. at once d. at the latest
4. Do his paintings _____ to you?
a. impress b. appreciate c. appeal d. admire
5. John _____ visits his grandparents as they always have sweets for him.
a. frequently b. originally c. especially d. repeatedly
6. Mike is bored with his job and wants to find something more _____.
a. relaxing b. stressful c. challenging d. refreshing
7. Tony wants to move out of his parents' house and into his own flat to feel more _____.
a. isolated b. independent c. confident d. restricted
8. He's a very imaginative writer, who likes to create _____ worlds for his characters to inhabit.
a. traditional b. portable c. fictional d. additional
9. The city council has decided to _____ the old Town Hall rather than tear it down.
a. restore b. decorate c. construct d. broaden
10. Mark has lots of experience so he's the _____ person for the job.
a. logical b. ideal c. enthusiastic d. beneficial

II CHOOSE THE WORD OR PHRASE THAT PRODUCES A CORRECT SENTENCE. Write A/B/C/D

1. The general admitted that mistakes _____ by his soldiers.
a. had been made b. had made c. were making d. made
2. He _____ the richest man in the world.
a. is said to be b. is said that c. is said that he is d. is said
3. 'Why did you wake up so early today?'
'_____ catch the first train into town.'
a. Because b. In order to c. So that d. So as
4. _____ he is rich and good-looking, he's still single.
a. Despite b. Even c. Because d. Although
5. Jane ran home because she thought she _____ by a strange man.
a. was following b. followed c. was being followed d. had followed
6. _____ the bad weather, Steven went sailing.
a. Although b. Due to c. Despite d. Because

7. 'Why are you drinking coffee so late at night?' ' _____ I can stay awake and watch the film.'
a. Despite b. Though c. So that d. In order

8. It is believed _____ somewhere in Australia.
a. that Sandra lives b. Sandra to live c. to live Sandra d. Sandra that she lives

9. The climbers felt exhausted _____ the heat.
a. because b. as c. due to d. despite

10. Nothing this big _____ before.
a. has ever built b. has ever been built c. has ever been building d. has ever had built

III_ READ THE TEXT AND DECIDE WHICH ALTERNATIVE IS RIGHT. NOTE: WRITE THE ALTERNATIVE A/B/C.

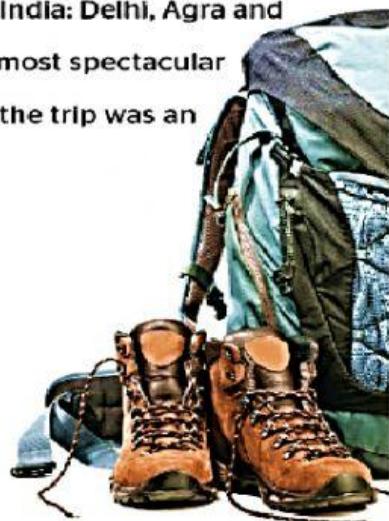
A Backpacker's Story

Last year, I spent 6 months backpacking around India with my best friend. We started out in Mumbai. Travelling with a heavy backpack is not easy, but I tried to think how fit I would be at the end of the trip from (1) _____ all that weight on my back. Mumbai is a fascinating city: the food, the people, the weather, it was all so overwhelming. Next, we took a train to Goa; after the hectic atmosphere of Mumbai, the slower pace of Goa was more (2) _____. We saw impressive temples, churches and old colonial-style houses. There were beautiful sandy beaches and scenic (3) _____ to explore. From Goa, we travelled on to Kerala and then to Bangalore.

1. a. carrying	2. a. energising	3. a. countryside
b. bringing	b. relaxing	b. country
c. taking	c. flexible	c. campsites

This section was the toughest for me because I came down with stomach flu when we got to Bangalore. When I finally recovered, I was ready to continue on our (4) _____ so we travelled north to the Golden Triangle, the three most popular holiday (5) _____. In India: Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. A (6) _____ is the Taj Mahal in Agra; it (7) _____ to be one of the most spectacular sights in India. (8) _____ being exhausting and at times very demanding, the trip was an amazing experience for me.

4. a. journey	6. a. must-see	8. a. Because of
b. location	b. speciality	b. Due to
c. fare	c. trademark	c. In spite of
5. a. comforts	7. a. is thinking	
b. seasons	b. Is thought	
c. destinations	c. thought	



IV. 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 BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE WORDS, INCLUDING THE WORD GIVEN.

1. The football match was cancelled because it was raining. of
The football match was cancelled _____ rain.

2. I hid my diary because I didn't want Mary to read it. would
I hid my diary _____ read it.

3. Although he trained very hard, Matthew did not win the race. of
Matthew did not win the race _____ hard.

4. People believe that someone forced Mike to quit his job. was
It _____ forced to quit his job.

5. The government is providing earthquake victims with food and water. provided
Earthquake victims _____ food and water by the government.

6. The police caught the burglar while he was still in the house. by
The burglar _____ while he was still in the house.

7. Robert gave up eating chocolate because he wanted to lose weight. order
Robert gave up eating chocolate _____ weight.

8. Despite feeling very ill, Martha went to the theatre. even
Martha went to the theatre _____ very ill.



LISTENING EXAMINATION

1_ YOU WILL HEAR PEOPLE TALKING IN SIX DIFFERENT SITUATIONS. FOR QUESTION 1 – 6 CHOOSE THE BEST OPTION. NOTE: WRITE THE ALTERNATIVE A/B/C.

1. You overhear two people talking.
Where was the Frida Kahlo exhibition?
a. In Mexico
b. In Leamington
c. In London

2. You will hear part of a telephone conversation.
When is the man checking out?
a. 27th
b. 28th
c. 29th

3. You hear a conversation between a tour guide and a man on a tour.
What is the group going to do now?
a. go shopping
b. visit the medieval castle
c. go to the National Gardens

4. You overhear two friends talking.
What is the weather going to be like in Barcelona?
a. warm and sunny
b. cold and rainy
c. we don't know

5. You hear two people discussing holiday plans.
Why doesn't the woman want to go to Costa Rica?
a. She doesn't like flying to faraway places.
b. She would rather go to a tropical island.
c. She thinks it might be too expensive.

6. You overhear two people talking about their plans for the weekend.
Why is the woman going to go to Dover?
a. to go shopping
b. to escape from the rainy weather
c. to do something different