

Insight Upper-intermediate Short Test 1.1 A

A Grammar

Read the sentence and choose the correct answer.

- 1 Anjali ___ an elephant until she travelled to Thailand.
 A ☐ did never see B ☐ has never seen C ☐ had never seen

- 2 **Isabel** Hello Claire, how is your science project coming along?
Claire Not as well as I had hoped. It's an interesting subject, but I need much more information.
Isabel Have you tried asking the staff in the lab? They ___ several similar topics every year. I'm sure they'll help you.
 A ☐ have researched B ☐ research C ☐ had researched

- 3 Ajay ___ skiing before, but he'd love to give it a go.
 A ☐ didn't try B ☐ hasn't tried C ☐ wasn't trying

- 4 **Ed** Tom, do you know where Molly is?
Tom No, I haven't seen her. I know she ___ dinner at her friend's house last night.
Ed She's supposed to give me a lift to the station this morning. Any chance you can take me? My train is leaving soon.
 A ☐ has had B ☐ has C ☐ was having

- 5 **Elizabeth** What's wrong? Why do you suddenly look so worried?
Ed Elizabeth, ___ that sound? There it is again. I think it might be coming from the garage. We should check it out.
Elizabeth OK, Ed, but it's probably nothing. Don't worry about it.
 A ☐ are you hearing B ☐ did you hear C ☐ have you heard

- 6 **Max** You know who I haven't seen in a while? Isabel. Have you seen her recently, Max?
Tom No, actually, it's been a few weeks. ___ in Ireland this semester with the exchange program?
Max Yes, of course. She'll be back in a few weeks then.
 A ☐ Is she studying B ☐ Does she study C ☐ Has she studied

- 7 **Interviewer** Thank you for agreeing to this interview about your recent trip to Mount Everest, David. My first question is, have you always enjoyed climbing?
David Yes, I have. Being outdoors is where I feel most relaxed and free. I ___ up the three tallest mountains in my region by the time I was 12.
 A ☐ was hiking B ☐ hiked C ☐ had hiked

- 8 ___ the new crime novel by Richard Knowles and I can't put it down.
 A ☐ I've been reading B ☐ I was reading C ☐ I read

- 9 During our childhood, we always ___ our pocket money for sweets.
 A ☐ save B ☐ saved C ☐ have saved

- 10 Kate ___ her family many times. Her pictures are beautiful.
 A ☐ paints B ☐ has painted C ☐ was painting

B Vocabulary

Read the dialogue and choose the correct answer.

- 1 **Woman** I appreciated the ___ shown by the doctor treating my grandmother. He was so caring and made sure that my grandmother was comfortable.

Man Yes, it makes all the difference when someone shows kindness like that. More people should be like that.

A ☐ single-mindedness B ☐ compassion C ☐ ingenuity

- 2 **Girl** What did you think of the concert last night? I know you were really looking forward to it.

Boy I didn't like it. I think the whole thing was a big ___ to be honest. The band mainly played new songs I hadn't heard before. I'd been looking forward to hearing their older stuff that I love.

A ☐ obstacle B ☐ disappointment C ☐ defeat

- 3 **Teacher** I want to thank you for the ___ you've shown on the cricket team as captain. You've done a great job, and have made a big difference to how the team performs.

Student Thanks. I promised my parents that I would do my best.

A ☐ optimism B ☐ tolerance C ☐ commitment

- 4 **Girl** I watched a programme last night. A group had to survive for a month in the jungle. Some of the things they had to eat – I couldn't do it!

Boy Well, it's a matter of ___, isn't it? You have to do what you need to in order to survive.

A ☐ self-preservation B ☐ selflessness C ☐ self-obsession

- 5 **Boy** Did you see the baking programme on TV last night? I'm always amazed at the different cake ideas.

Girl Yes, and the ___ they show to come up with those incredible designs in such a short amount of time! I couldn't do it.

A ☐ ingenuity B ☐ tolerance C ☐ determination

- 6 **Woman** I can't believe how different the town centre looks. They've created somewhere that's actually fun to be in again, and in just a couple of years. It's like a completely different place!

Man Yes, I agree. It's ___. The architects should be given an award.

A ☐ overcome B ☐ benefits C ☐ revolutionary

- 7 **Father** How are you feeling? I know you must be disappointed that you weren't chosen for the hockey team.

Daughter I am, but I really want this, so I'll just have to ___ the difficult process of trying out for the team again next year. With more practice, I should have a chance of being selected next time.

A ☐ overcome B ☐ face up to C ☐ get over

- 8 **Son** There was only one slice of chocolate cake left, so I gave it to Priya.

Father That's a nice thing to do for your sister. Your ___ is something I'm always proud of. I bought some of those chocolate milkshakes you love – do you want one? They're in the fridge.

A ☐ self-obsession B ☐ selflessness C ☐ self-control

- 9 **Man** How is Esra doing with her science studies? I know she was finding it quite difficult last year.

Teacher A lot better this year. She's showing a lot of ___ to do as well as she can. I think she's doing brilliantly.

A ☐ optimism B ☐ determination C ☐ compassion

10 **Boy** Yasemin always acts in her own _____. She never thinks about anyone else but herself.

Girl Yeah, I've noticed that. My sister used to be friends with her, but Yasemin always putting herself first became too annoying.

A ☐ self-sacrifice

B ☐ self-interest

C ☐ self-defence

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Test score

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