

# File Test 8

## Reading and Writing A

### GRAMMAR

#### 1 Complete the sentences using reported speech.

Example: "Did Mei arrive on time?"

He asked me if Mei had arrived on time.

- 1 "We're having a sale next week."  
They told us they \_\_\_\_\_ a sale the following week.
- 2 "Don't waste your money in that store!"  
The man told us \_\_\_\_\_ waste our money in that shop.
- 3 "I've bought some new jeans."  
She told me that she \_\_\_\_\_ some new jeans.
- 4 "We may not have it in stock."  
The shop assistant said they \_\_\_\_\_ have it in stock.
- 5 "I'll give you a ride."  
He said he \_\_\_\_\_ give me a ride.
- 6 "I must be home by 6 p.m."  
He said he \_\_\_\_\_ be home by 6 p.m.
- 7 "Are you watching the soccer game?"  
My neighbor asked us \_\_\_\_\_ we were watching the soccer game.
- 8 "We interviewed 20 applicants today."  
They said they \_\_\_\_\_ 20 applicants that day.
- 9 "What are your names?"  
He asked us what our names \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 "Have you been to New York?"  
She asked me if I \_\_\_\_\_ to New York.

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#### 2 Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form or the infinitive (with or without *to*) of the verb in parentheses.

Example: She left without saying (say) goodbye.

- 1 I can't believe you forgot \_\_\_\_\_ (mail) that letter!
- 2 You're really good at \_\_\_\_\_ (write) stories.
- 3 Xavier doesn't seem \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) sports very much.
- 4 Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) your music down? I can't concentrate.
- 5 I love \_\_\_\_\_ (not / have) to write essays anymore.
- 6 Do you feel like \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out for pizza tonight?
- 7 I've given up \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to make Binh smile – he's so miserable!
- 8 She asked Shin to go to the store \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a newspaper.
- 9 I remember \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Alicia for the first time many years ago.
- 10 My boss refuses \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me a raise. I'm going to resign.

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Grammar total 20

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#### READING

#### 1 Read the blog posting and check (✓) A, B, or C.

### Sara's blog

Welcome to my blog where I talk about "slow" fashion — the art of buying less and wearing more thoughtfully!

This week, we're focusing on the 10 x 10 challenge, which was originally created by ethical fashion blogger "Style Bee" in 2015, and is now a global trend online. The rules are simple: choose ten items of clothing and wear them for ten days. You are allowed to add accessories, of course, but shoes are included in your choice of ten.

Planning the challenge was a lot of fun. I'd seen other bloggers' outfits from last year, and after that I was sure I'd be able to make it through the ten days. After all, I do have a lot of hats and scarves! Finally, I decided on a pair of skinny black jeans (obviously), two pairs of shoes (one flat and one with heels), one dress shirt, two more casual tops, a warm gray sweater, my favorite denim skirt, and a pair of baggy brown pants that my friend Beth lent me.

So, how did it go? Well, you can see the outfits I wore each day (arranged on my sofa) on my Instagram feed. You can't see me, but the clothes tell their own story. Beth's pants were easily my favorite item. I wouldn't normally wear something this shape, but they were very easy to style with different "looks."

Overall, I think I was successful, but I made some mistakes, which you can avoid! I planned too much. It would have been better to leave one item free as a "wild card" to decide during the week itself. The weather in Philadelphia was freezing. I would happily have traded one pair of shoes for a warm coat. In the end, I cheated and wore exercise clothes after work to stay warm. (I'm not sure if they're included in the challenge, but Style Bee does say that having fun is more important than following the rules!)

I think people who complete the challenge will think differently about clothes. If you read my blog regularly you will know that I love exploring the thrift stores in Philadelphia. I love wearing old clothes and creating my colorful outfits (it's a thrill knowing that no one else has the same thing). But the 10 x 10 challenge reminds us not to shop at all—or at least to think about the purpose of our clothes rather than just their individuality. Over the next year, I intend to only shop for accessories and to trade more clothes with my friends.

Example: Sara's blog is about \_\_\_\_\_ fashion.

A cheap ☐ B current ☐ C slow ☒

1 Sara encourages her readers to \_\_\_\_\_.

A shop less ☐ B talk more ☐ C wear more clothes ☐

2 \_\_\_\_\_ aren't included in the choice of ten items.

A Shoes ☐ B Scarves ☐ C Shirts ☐

3 Looking at \_\_\_\_\_ made Sara confident that she would succeed.

A the rules of the challenge ☐ B her clothes ☐ C challenge photos online ☐

4 The brown pants were \_\_\_\_\_.

A from a thrift store ☐ B not Sara's usual style ☐ C made by a friend ☐

5 Sara says other people should \_\_\_\_\_ before the challenge.

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- A plan more ☐ B choose three colors ☐ C only choose nine items ☐
- 6 Sara had to wear \_\_\_\_\_ because of the cold weather.  
 A the gray sweater ☐ B exercise clothes ☐ C a coat ☐
- 7 Style Bee says that \_\_\_\_\_ isn't that important during the 10 x 10.  
 A being fashionable ☐ B following the rules ☐ C having a good time ☐
- 8 Sara often tells her readers about \_\_\_\_\_ in her city.  
 A shopping in thrift stores ☐ B what other people wear ☐ C exploring ☐
- 9 Sara wants to think more about \_\_\_\_\_ of her clothes.  
 A the colors ☐ B the creativity ☐ C the purpose ☐

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**2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).**

Example: The 10 x 10 challenge was created by a fashion blogger. T

- 1 The challenge asks people to throw away ten items from their wardrobes. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Sara owns a lot of accessories. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Sara has posted photos of herself during the challenge. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Sara felt she had too many shoes in her selection. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Sara enjoys wearing things that aren't the same as other people's. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Sara thinks the challenge will encourage people to shop more in thrift stores. \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading total		15
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**WRITING**

**Write a blog post about a good / bad / unusual shopping experience. (140–180 words)**

Writing total		10
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Reading and Writing total		25
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**Listening and Speaking A****LISTENING****1 Listen to a conversation. Check (✓) A, B, or C.**

- 1 In his previous job, Aidan was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_.  
A choosing clothes ☐ B selling clothes ☐ C designing clothes ☐
- 2 Aidan said he didn't get \_\_\_\_\_ when he worked at Kelly's.  
A a good salary ☐ B to be creative ☐ C the promotion he wanted ☐
- 3 Aidan resigned before he \_\_\_\_\_.  
A was fired ☐ B told his wife ☐ C found an investor ☐
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ makes Aidan feel proud.  
A Designing new products ☐ B Developing his business ☐ C Selling online ☐
- 5 The person who inspires Aidan \_\_\_\_\_.  
A also changed careers ☐ B is older than he is ☐ C is a fashion journalist ☐