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FIRST CERTIFICATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1- Read the text and choose the best answer.

Television

When some friends of mine decided to get a new flat-screen digital television with a satellite system, I (1) _____ them whether they thought this was really necessary. 'After all', I (2) _____, 'you're both very busy people and I (3) _____ whether you're going to have much time to watch it.' I (4) _____ that I thought they could manage just as well with their old set, and I (5) _____ them that they used to say that it wasn't worth getting a new television. They (6) _____ that this was how they once felt, but (7) _____ me that they had now changed their minds, and (8) _____ that they had thought about the matter very carefully. It's true that we usually only watch the 'news' they (9) _____, but some friends (10) _____ us to get a new set with a better picture and more choice of channels. They said we (11) _____ to enjoy it and they (12) _____ watching more films and wildlife programmes. However, my friends then (13) _____ that they were not at home very much, because during the week they got home late from work and went straight to sleep, and at the weekend they usually went to the cinema. I (14) _____ to buy their television since they weren't using it very much, but they (15) _____. 'Oh no', they said, 'every home needs a television'.

A said	B told	C asked	D requested
A said to them	B told to them	C told	D said them
A don't think	B insist	C suppose	D doubt
A agreed	B said	C doubted	D suggested
A advised	B persuaded	C reminded	D said
A agreed	B offered	C told	D apologized
A suggested	B insisted	C refused	D informed
A doubted	B insisted	C accused	D offered
A suggested	B said	C reminded	D advised
A advised	B suggested	C recommended	D offered
A started	B start	C have started	D would start
A advised	B offered	C suggested	D told
A admitted	B refused	C denied	D apologized
A promised	B offered	C persuaded	D suggested
A doubted	B insisted	C refused	D agreed

2- Rewrite each sentence as indirect speech, beginning as shown.

Example: 'You can't park here.'

→ The police officer told Jack that he couldn't park there.

1. 'I'll see you in the morning, Helen.'

Peter told Helen

2. I'm catching the 5.30 plane tomorrow evening.'

Janet said

3. 'The trousers have to be ready this afternoon.'

Paul told the dry-cleaner

4. 'I left my umbrella here two days ago.'

Susan told them

5. 'The parcel ought to be here by the end of next week.'

Brian said

6. 'I like this hotel very much.'

Diana told me

7. 'I think it's going to rain tonight.'

William said

3. Complete each sentence with one suitable word.

The security guard couldn't run fast *enough* to catch the shoplifter.

1. They were _____ good roads that we could drive at high speed.
2. It was _____ dark that I couldn't see a thing.
3. The trousers were _____ long enough to fit Jean.
4. We had _____ a good time that we decided to go there again.
5. It was _____ late that we couldn't get a bus home.
6. I took a taxi as it was _____ far to walk.
7. The ladder wasn't tall _____ to reach the window.
8. There are _____ lovely fish dishes that you don't feel like eating meat.
9. There were _____ many dishes that I couldn't make up my mind.

4. Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning. Two sentences should be rewritten as one. CONNECTORS

Despite the cold weather, we all went for a walk.
Although it was cold, we all went for a walk.

1. John has done well in French, but not so well in Maths.
While
2. I tried to persuade her. I didn't succeed, however.
Although
3. It was raining, but I went swimming anyway.
In spite of
4. Ann felt ill, but insisted on going to work.
Despite
5. In spite of his early lead, Hudson lost the race.
Although
6. I'm not going to pay, although I know that I should.
While
7. We expected Larry to accept the job, but he didn't.
Even though

5. 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.

Last Thursday we appointed a new marketing manager.

was

A new marketing manager was appointed last Thursday.

1. Smith Ltd are supplying our company with furniture.

supplied

Our company by Smith Ltd.

2. William the Conqueror built the castle in the 11th century.

by

3. The castle William the Conqueror in the 11th century.

4. No decision has yet been made.

decided

5. Nothing yet.

6. People believe that someone murdered Jenkins.

was

7. It murdered.

Your hair needs cutting.

get

8. You ought cut.

The police were following the suspects.

were

9. The suspects police.

6. Complete the sentences using inversion of order

1. We have rarely seen weather like this in October.

Rarely weather like this in October.

2. He's won the election and got ninety per cent of the vote.

Not won the election but he's got ninety per cent of the vote.

3. The film started just as we found our seats.

No sooner our seats than the film started.

4. People can rarely photograph the Amur leopard.

Rarely the Amur leopard.

5. We couldn't relax until we heard they'd arrived safely.

Only when they'd arrived safely could we relax.

6. I didn't realise at the time how soon I'd need your help.

Little at the time how soon I'd need your help.

7. I really didn't expect a reaction like this.

In no way a reaction like this.

8. There has never been such a good time to do this.

Never before such a good time to do this.

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar/c1-grammar/inversion-after-negative-adverbials>

7. Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

Tony was not only late, but he had left all his books behind.

→ Not only was Tony late, but he had left all his books behind.

1.I had no sooner gone to bed than someone rang my doorbell.

No sooner

2.I have seldom stayed in a worse hotel.

Seldom

3.I have never heard such nonsense!

Never

4.I realized only then that I had lost my keys.

Only then

5.The economic situation has rarely been worse.

Rarely

6.The manager not once offered us an apology.

Not once

7.You should not send money to us by post under any circumstances.

Under no circumstances

8.I understood Hamlet only after seeing it on the stage.

Only after seeing Hamlet

9.The embassy staff little realized that Ted was a secret agent.

Little

8. Complete each of the following sentences by using the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each question to form a word that fits in the gap.

1. Tanya has a _____ as a very hard-working student. **REPUTE**

2. In this airline, we make sure that we follow all the _____ procedures in order to avoid accidents. **SAFE**

3. My teacher just looked at me in _____ when I answered all the questions perfectly. **AMAZE**

4. We have expressed our _____ with the work, which was very badly done. **SATISFY**

5. Visitors are often confused by the _____ of two streets with similar names in the same town. **EXIST**

6. If only Maria would tell us the _____ instead of trying to deceive us with obvious lies! **TRUE**

7. Pierre swam the _____ of the river in five minutes. **WIDE**

8. The _____ of a swimming pool has made the hotel much more popular. **ADD**

9. Can you tell the _____ between this fake Rolex and the original one made in Switzerland? **DIFFER**

10. I have several other _____ in July, so I won't be able to go on holiday then. **OBLIGE**

9. Complete the table with a word belonging to a category

Noun	Verb	Adjective
	describe	weak
	compete	persuasive
appreciation		
marriage		
	react	strong
suspect		
education	apologize	sympathetic
		deep
	conclude	warm