

# GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY TEST

## FORM 11

### I. Fill in the gaps.

#### Pets in the Family

Perhaps 1) \_\_\_\_ (a/the/ -) British are too good to their pets, but more interesting is 2) \_\_\_\_ (a/the/ -) recent theory among psychologists that pets are very good 3) \_\_\_\_ us. A Dutch psychologist 4) \_\_\_\_ (say) that people may derive more benefit from an animal companion than from a human one.

The basic 5) \_\_\_\_ (mean) of “pet” is an animal we keep for emotional rather than economic reason. A pet animal is really kept as a companion, and we all need companions to feel happy. But pets offer us more than mere 6) \_\_\_\_ (companion); they invite us to love and 7) \_\_\_\_ (love).

Many owners feel their pets understand them, because animals can easily feel anger and sorrow. Often 8) \_\_\_\_ (a/the/ -) cat or dog can comfort us at times when human words don't help. We feel loved too, by the way pets depend 9) \_\_\_\_ us for a home, for food and drink. Dogs especially look 10) \_\_\_\_ to their owners, which makes them feel important and needed. It 11) \_\_\_\_ (know) that people who have 12) \_\_\_\_ (emotion) support from their pets suffer fewer 13) \_\_\_\_ (ill) and recover more quickly when they get ill than those who 14) \_\_\_\_ (prefer) to have no pets.

Some people think that dog owners have 15) \_\_\_\_ (a/the/ -) better health because they get more exercise while 16) \_\_\_\_ (walk) their pets. But British psychologists studying people's 17) \_\_\_\_ (relation) with their pets believe the effect is 18) \_\_\_\_ (deep).

A pet can be something different to each member of the family: another baby 19) \_\_\_\_ the mother, a sister or brother 20) \_\_\_\_ an only child, a grandchild 21) \_\_\_\_ the elderly, but for all of us pets provide pleasure and companionship. It 22) \_\_\_\_ even (suggest) that tiny pets should 23) \_\_\_\_ (send) as companions to astronauts on spaceships, to help reduce the stress and loneliness of space 24) \_\_\_\_ (flight).

25) \_\_\_\_ our Plastic Age, when most of us live in large cities, pets are especially important for children. A pet in the family 26) \_\_\_\_ (keep) people in touch with the more natural, animal world. 27) \_\_\_\_ (see) an animal give birth brings understanding of the naturalness of childbirth. Learning to care 28) \_\_\_\_ a pet helps a child to grow 29) \_\_\_\_ into a loving adult who feels responsible towards those

people who depend on him. It's right that we teach children to be good to their pets. They should learn that pets are good 30) \_\_\_\_\_ us, human beings.

## II. Read the text and choose one of the answers.

### A HECTIC TIME

1	A every time	B ever since	C while	D before
2	A still	B already	C yet	D soon
3	A for	B as	C while	D since
4	A yet	B already	C nearly	D still
5	A have started	B start	C did start	D started
6	A before	B ago	C previous	D since
7	A still	B not	C already	D yet
8	A already	B still	C yet	D longer
9	A were visiting	B have visited	C had been visited	D visited
10	A begun	B is beginning	C begins	D begin
11	A have look forward	B looked forward	C will look forward	D are looking forward
12	A rush	B rushed	C rushing	D be rushed
13	A and	B into	C till	D through
14	A during	B from	C in	D while

Dear Trevor,

I know it's been ages since I wrote to you but I've been very busy \_\_\_\_\_ (1) we decided to move into the country. The house in the village is not quite ready \_\_\_\_\_ (2) but as you can imagine \_\_\_\_\_ (3) the last few weeks we've had to chase up builders and plumbers and we've \_\_\_\_\_ (4) got a long way to go.

It's been such a long time since we \_\_\_\_\_ (5) work on it I've almost forgotten how long it's been exactly. We must have started it about seven years \_\_\_\_\_ (6) and we've \_\_\_\_\_ (7) spent a small fortune on it. We are \_\_\_\_\_ (8) living in our rather cramped flat where you \_\_\_\_\_ (9) us a few years ago but it \_\_\_\_\_ (10) to get unbearable and we \_\_\_\_\_ (11) to moving out. We are still \_\_\_\_\_ (12) around from morning \_\_\_\_\_. (13) night and it's been particularly hectic \_\_\_\_\_ (14) the last week.

## III. Complete the second sentences so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. Although I overslept, I still managed to catch the train.

**Time** Despite \_\_\_\_\_, I still managed to catch the train.

2. Although his leg was broken, he managed to get out of the car.

**Fact** In spite \_\_\_\_\_, leg was broken, he managed to get out of the car.

3. In spite of being sixty, Peggy runs five miles a day.

**Old** Although \_\_\_\_\_, she runs five miles a day.

4. It makes no difference now rich he is, they still don't like him.

**How** No \_\_\_\_\_ they still don't like him.

5. In spite of the fact that he didn't know French, he went to live in France.

**Speak** Even \_\_\_\_\_ French, he went to live in France.

6. I used to work in that factory many years ago.

**Where** That's the factory \_\_\_\_\_ many years ago.

7. That's the man who had his car stolen last week.

**Whose** That's the \_\_\_\_\_ last week.

8. When the teacher and I had talked about the problem, we decided to change schools.

**Discussed** Having \_\_\_\_\_ teachers, we decided to change schools.

9. I'm, rather busy at the moment — do you mind if I phone you later?

**Get** I'm- rather busy at the moment – can \_\_\_\_\_ later?

10. You'll recover from the shock of losing your friend, even if it takes a long time.

**Get** You \_\_\_\_\_ the shock of losing your friend, even if it takes a long time.

#### **IV. Translate into English the words in brackets.**

1. The new building looks (красиво).

2. Are you going to do all the painting (сами)?

3. She was a (счастливый) visitor to get free goods from the shop.

4. All the experts (говорят) the earth is getting warmer.

5. Do they (ожидают) a lot of people at the concert tonight?

6. Take these headphones. (Другие) ones are broken.

7. You have to leave your bags in the cloakroom, (не так ли) ?

8. No (волнительных) things ever happen there.