Unit Test 9 | Group A

VOCABULARY, GRAMMAR, USE OF ENGLISH

Name: _____ Class: ____

VOCABULARY

1 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are two extra words.

~~affluent~~	chance	costly	extravagant
inheritance	lucrative	ordeal	vain

0 Look at all those mansions! A lot of very ***affluent*** people live in this area.

1 Our cousins seem to have a(n) _____ lifestyle and to spend money needlessly.

2 The footballer kicked the ball from one end of the field to the other in a(n) _____ attempt to score a goal before the game finished.

3 Their new sports shop is very _____. They make a lot of money.

4 Her diamond necklace must be very _____! I don't think it's a cheap imitation.

5 We have just received a(n) _____ from a kindly rich old aunt who lived in Australia. She was 103 when she died!

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2 Complete the text with the missing words. The first letters are given.

No one wants to go through life making [0] b***lunders***. However, we can all learn from our mistakes. I once bumped into another car in a car park when I was driving. As the owner wasn't there, I felt I had no [1] **c**_____ but to leave a note on it with my phone number offering to pay for the damage. The owner rang me later that day and congratulated me on my honesty. I was surprised as I had taken it for [2] **g**_____ that she would be furious! Actually, as there was only a small scratch, I got off [3] **l**_____. A spray for repairing paint my dad had in the garage did the [4] **t**_____ nicely. My minor accident was a blessing in [5] **d**_____. Not only did I learn that honesty is always the best policy, but my parking skills improved after that too!

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GRAMMAR

3 Choose the correct option a–c to complete the sentences.

0 If I ___ you, I'd apply for a job as a management consultant.
- **a** am
- **b** ***were***
- **c** be

1 She ___ to study medicine if she wasn't so good at Science.
- **a** would decide
- **b** won't decide
- **c** wouldn't have decided

2 If they hadn't been so resourceful, their company ___ so well today.
- **a** wouldn't have been doing
- **b** won't be doing
- **c** wouldn't be doing

3 You won't get top marks if you ___ your studies more seriously.
- **a** didn't take
- **b** don't take
- **c** wouldn't take

4 If she hadn't been so influential, she ___ for president.
- **a** wouldn't have run
- **b** won't run
- **c** might not run

5 If you found a lot of money, what ___ with it?
- **a** will you do
- **b** would you do
- **c** do you do

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4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

0 I wish I ***didn't have*** (not / have) so much work at the moment!

1 You _____ (need / not / go) to the hospital this morning. The doctor's surgery was open!

2 I wish you _____ (stop) eating junk food!

3 If only I _____ (know) the facts – I would have made a different decision!

4 You _____ (should / not / speak) to her like that. It wasn't very nice.

5 I wish I _____ (not / be) so nervous when I give presentations!

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USE OF ENGLISH

5 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

It's very important to make the right choice when choosing a university course. No one wants to look back in ten years' time and wish they [0] ***had*** studied something else! You should never go ahead with an application [1] _____ you are sure it's the right course for you. Some school leavers decide to take a gap year. This is a good idea, as it will give you plenty of time to [2] _____ your options. Some students I interviewed told me that if they hadn't done this, they could easily [3] _____ made the wrong decision. There are lots of interesting things you can do with your time. Never forget how much is at [4] _____. Whatever you decide now will determine what kind of career you pursue! I hope that none of my readers will ever think, 'If [5] _____ I had studied something different!'

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6 Complete the second sentence using the word in bold so that it means the same as the first one. Do not change the word in bold. Use no more than five words including the word in bold.

0 They decided to spend more money than usual and go to a luxury restaurant.
SPLASH
They ***decided to splash out*** and go to a luxury restaurant.

1 Taking risks isn't always a good idea.
OFF
Taking risks _____.

2 We didn't do any market research and are in such a difficult position now.
IF
We wouldn't be in such a difficult position now _____ market research.

3 Even though she didn't speak very good Spanish, she managed to communicate.
MAKE
Even though she didn't speak very good Spanish, she managed to _____ _____.

4 I really regret not putting a deposit down on that flat.
ONLY
_____ a deposit down on that flat.

5 It was possible for my mum to become an actor, but she wasn't confident enough.
HAVE
My mum _____, but she wasn't confident enough.

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TOTAL ___ / 30

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DICTATION, LISTENING, COMMUNICATION, READING

Name: _____ Class: ____

DICTATION

1 [Track 18] **Listen and write the sentences that you hear.**

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LISTENING

2 [Track 19] **You are going to hear five short extracts in which people talk about good and bad experiences in their lives. What comment does each speaker make? Match each speaker with their statement (A–H). There are three extra letters.**

Speaker 1 ___
Speaker 2 ___
Speaker 3 ___
Speaker 4 ___
Speaker 5 ___

A This speaker made a mistake.
B This speaker felt frustrated because of an unfortunate event.
C This speaker failed to do well at school.
D This speaker blames themselves for something that happened.
E This speaker achieved success by chance.
F This speaker believes luck plays no part in success.
G This speaker felt they were out of their comfort zone.
H This speaker has no regrets about taking a course of action.

___ / 10

COMMUNICATION

3 **Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. The first letters are given.**

Matt: This essay looks interesting: 'Having your own business. Is it worth the risk?'
Hil: I think a [1] **m**_____ advantage of having a company is that you don't have a boss! Wouldn't that be fantastic?
Matt: True! Although a possible negative [2] **a**_____ is that you might not have anyone to help you take decisions.
Hil: I see what you mean. However, another [3] **o**_____ benefit is that you can do what you like!
Matt: Unless you have a business partner! On first [4] **c**_____, that seems to be a good idea though.
Hil: Ultimately, there are [5] **a**_____ for both sides.

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READING

4 Read the article. Match sentences A–F with gaps 1–5 in the text. There is one extra sentence.

A family business

Jackie Smith is carefully stirring the mixture of the latest addition to her family company's successful range of health bars and cakes. She looks up and reassures me, 'If you look at the recipe, you'll see that there's hardly any sugar in this.' Although Jackie doesn't have to do any cooking these days, she still enjoys it, as it takes her mind off the day-to-day worries of running a big, lucrative business. 'The way I see it,' she explains, 'the CEO of any organisation shouldn't be scared of getting her hands dirty. But at least we have recipes these days!' she jokes. [1] ___ 'In fact, we've just published a successful cookbook', she says proudly.

Not that Mr Smith Senior was a cook by profession. Far from it. He worked hard as a fruit juice salesman in a vain attempt to pay for his seven children's education. Jackie, the oldest sibling, says he used to tell her, 'If I'd gone to university, I'd probably have got a better job and we'd be well-off.' Mr and Mrs Smith had enough to make ends meet, but only just, and couldn't afford to buy their offspring expensive presents. [2] ___ Jackie's mother spent most of her time working as a nurse in the local hospital, and never had time to make meals. Her husband had little choice but to cook for his large family which, it turned out, was a blessing in disguise as he was rather good at it, especially when it came to making cakes and snacks that would later become the famous 'Bite This!' bars. Though if his wife, a health professional, hadn't insisted on him using very little sugar, their story may well have been very different.

Jackie shows me a photo of her family when she was about fifteen years old. They look happy. She obviously has fond memories of this time despite their regular financial ups and downs. Her eyes light up when she tells me about how she and the older children would sometimes make pocket money by selling their dad's cakes and bars to their neighbours. 'It was then that I realised I wanted to be an entrepreneur', she says. Jackie took her studies seriously and decided to pursue a career in marketing. [3] ___ Hardly had she started when her family suffered some terrible news; her father became seriously ill and couldn't work. [4] ___ After a meeting with her three oldest brothers and sisters, they decided then and there to set up a business selling their father's healthy cakes and recipes.

That's six years ago now. I asked Jackie what the secret to their success was. 'Determination', she says, 'and one piece of amazing luck.' She had been at a school reunion with her oldest brother shortly after they'd started the business, and had got talking to an old friend, Malcolm, who was working as a management consultant. By chance, MalcoLm mentioned that one of his clients was a well-known food and drinks company. 'If only they'd invest in our business!' Jackie had commented. Their old school friend put them in touch with his client, who bought 25% of the company. And the rest is history! 'Dad's illness took its toll on all of us. It was touch and go at one stage, but Dad got through it. He's very proud of all of us.'

So, what about the future of the business? [5] ___ She's a resourceful CEO who has come a long way and is determined to keep fighting for success. 'A lot is at stake every time I make a decision', she comments. 'I've never made a blunder and I don't intend to!'

A She finished school with top marks and had the opportunity to study at one of the country's best universities.

B Jackie's long-term vision is to keep the company in the family as far as possible.

C She considered her options and realised she had no choice but to drop out of university.

D When the 'Bite This!' empire started out, that wasn't the case as they were all in her father's head!

E The survival of the business was touch and go at one stage, which was very stressful.

F They were never in a position to splash out on extravagant family dinners at fancy restaurants either.

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TOTAL ___ / 40

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