

ENGLISH INSTITUTO MADRE DE LA MISERICORDIA
MINI TEST UNIT 3 –GRAMMAR – PAST SIMPLE PAST CONTINUOUS - 2026

Name: _____ 2nd Year ____ Date: ____/____/____

1- Choose the correct words to complete the sentences. _____/8

- 1 We **sat** / **were sitting** on the beach when suddenly it **started** / **was starting** to rain.
- 2 I **chatted** / **was chatting** to my friend while we **waited** / **were waiting** for the bus.
- 3 Jack **read** / **was reading** a comic when I **called** / **was calling** him at three o'clock yesterday.
- 4 While the boys **played** / **were playing** cricket in the garden, they **broke** / **were breaking** a window.
- 5 Lionel **kicked** / **was kicking** the ball hard and **scored** / **was scoring** an incredible goal.
- 6 Where **did Pat sit** / **was Pat sitting** while you **listened** / **were listening** to music?
- 7 Harry **didn't meet** / **wasn't meeting** his friends yesterday because he **studied** / **was studying** then.
- 8 It was a cold night. It **rained** / **was raining** and the wind **blew** / **was blowing**.

2- Complete the sentences with the past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets. _____/8

- 1 Gill _____ (not watch) the TV show, so she changed the channel.
- 2 _____ (you / buy) anything while you were shopping at the market?
- 3 Mum was having lunch with her friends in the town while dad _____ (do) the housework.
- 4 I ordered a pizza and then _____ (pay) for it when it arrived.
- 5 _____ (she / drive) fast when the accident happened?
- 6 The lights _____ (go out) last night while Beth was reading an interesting story.
- 7 Someone knocked on the door, but when I _____ (open) it, no one was there.
- 8 I _____ (not go) to the shops when you saw me this morning.