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UNIT 5 TEST | Version A

Part A • Grammar, Vocabulary and How to …

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct words to make mixed conditional sentences.

1 If we had a bigger car, we would **give** / **have given** you a lift yesterday.
2 If he **isn't** / **weren't** so unfriendly, he'd have made more friends by now.
3 If I'd worked harder when I was younger, I might **have** / **have had** a better job now.
4 I **'d still search** / **still be searching** for my keys if you hadn't found them.
5 If I **didn't meet** / **hadn't met** you all those years ago, my life would be very different now.
6 If she weren't so trusting, she wouldn't **be** / **have been** conned the other day.
7 If he knew how to swim, he **hadn't** / **wouldn't have** needed to be rescued.
8 If they **haven't** / **hadn't** cut the number of police officers, the streets might be safer at night.
9 I wouldn't **be** / **have been** looking for a new flat now if I hadn't been thrown out of my old one.
10 I might have been offended if I **didn't know** / **haven't known** you better.

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

1 She _____ (read) three of the Sherlock Holmes books so far.
2 We're worried about Berta because we _____ (hear) from her for a few weeks.
3 The police are here because one of the computers _____ (steal) from the computer room.
4 I went back home because I thought I _____ (forget) to turn off the oven.
5 We couldn't go for a bike ride in the end because they _____ (bring) their bikes with them.
6 Parts of the castle were rebuilt in the 19th century because they _____ (destroy) in a fire.
7 By next year, he _____ (complete) his medical studies and he'll be working in a hospital.
8 The famous painting _____ (display) in more than fifty countries by this time next year.
9 I sent you a message, but you don't seem _____ (receive) it.
10 She appears _____ (bite) by an insect, which is why her arm's swollen.

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VOCABULARY

3 Match the sentence beginnings (1–5) with the sentence endings (a–e).

1 I'm completely torn ___
2 We need to assess ___
3 He's always making decisions ___
4 If you're having second ___
5 I can't decide so I'll sleep ___

a on impulse, without thinking things through.
b on it and make my mind up tomorrow.
c between this blue jacket and the red one.
d thoughts, don't make a decision now.
e all possible outcomes before making a decision.

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4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two words you do not need.

breeding	**ecosystem**	**environmentalists**	**game**	
instincts	**migration**	**predators**		

1 _____ have been warning about the risks of air pollution for decades.
2 In the natural world, _____ like killer whales control the population of smaller animals.
3 Tempted by the possibility of food, the hungry leopard's _____ lead her into farmland and closer to danger.
4 I was watching a documentary which followed the _____ of flamingos to a lake in Kenya.
5 As a result of the _____ programme, the zoo has a new baby gorilla.

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1 Conditions have to be perfect for these animals to _____ (reproduction) successfully.
2 The zebra is a _____ (migration) species which moves around according to the seasons.
3 The zoo's _____ (breeder) programme will reduce the risk of extinction for the species.
4 The polar bear made an _____ (instinct) decision which turned out to be the right one to feed her family.
5 Scientists were observing _____ (prey) behaviour in chimpanzees.

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6 Complete the sentences with words for habits.

1 Miles is a **c** _ _ _ _ _ _ **e** of habit so you won't get him to change his behaviour.
2 We need to **p** _ _ **n a** _ _ _ **d** for this cycling holiday because there's a lot for us to think about.
3 I've been a bit **s** _ _ _ **k** in a rut lately so I need to make some changes in my life.
4 Everyone's sense of **c** _ _ _ _ _ **t** is different. That's why I don't mind staying in on my own while you'll want company.
5 I can't believe we didn't have a **b** _ _ _-_ **p** plan in case something went wrong.

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HOW TO …

7 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 There has been a huge increase in greenhouse **gases** / **toxins** due to increased human activity.
2 The scheme is designed to get the **employed** / **homeless** into stable jobs and accommodation.
3 They're organising a **commercial** / **fundraiser** to get money for new hospital equipment.
4 We have been **advocating** / **emitting** for countries to aim for a greener lifestyle.
5 Some sea plants, like sea-grass, **absorb** / **support** more carbon than tropical rainforests.
6 In recent years there has been greater **diversity** / **hardship** in government, with people of different backgrounds represented.
7 We need to increase the amount we recycle to avoid filling up **fossil fuel** / **landfill** sites.
8 The woman had been sleeping **hardship** / **rough** for a while and she desperately needed somewhere to live.
9 The Earth is suffering as a result of human behaviour. In **another way** / **other words**, our planet is dying.
10 In **brief** / **nutshell**, we need a more dynamic approach to dealing with climate emergencies.

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Part B • Listening, Reading and Writing

LISTENING

1 [Audio UT5.01] Listen to a podcast about a type of conservation called 'rewilding'. Number the topics (A–F) in the order they are mentioned.

A The rate at which animal populations have been falling. ___
B The origins of the rewilding movement. ___
C The benefits of rewilding for the wider community. ___
D The consequences of replacing typical farming with rewilding. ___
E The potential impact of rewilding on wildlife and the environment. ___
F The reintroduction of animals which were once present in Britain. ___

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2 [Audio UT5.01] Listen again. Complete the sentences with a word, short phrase or number from the podcast.

1 It is widely believed that _____ should be left to manage themselves.
2 Making _____ of Britain wild again would have a significant impact on pollution.
3 Approximately a half of the country's _____ are falling in quantity.
4 Farming and _____ networks have had a negative impact on bird populations.
5 Most rewilding projects find solutions to environmental problems by studying _____.
6 The introduction of the bison is expected to increase the _____ of plants and animals in forests.
7 The rewilding movement has made use of _____ gained by previous generations of conservationists.
8 The number of plant species found in the countryside has fallen due to _____.
9 Humanity's relationship with nature changed for the worse _____ ago.

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READING

3 Read an interview about a decision to live on a boat. Match the interviewer's questions (A–E) with the paragraphs (1–5).

A How easy was it to find a suitable boat to live on?
B What had been going on before you made your life-changing decision?
C What advice would you give to people making similar life-changing decisions?
D How has life on a boat lived up to your expectations?
E What prompted your decision to purchase a boat?

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Life-changing decisions: Living on a boat

Rita Schreiber interviews Donna Thompson about a life-changing decision.

1 ___
I'd been stuck in a rut for a while before losing my job. I was making good money and I'd bought a spacious loft apartment in East London, but something was missing. Not to get all philosophical, but it felt like my life lacked meaning. So, in some ways it was a relief to be fired from the financial services company I worked for. I was told it was making cutbacks and I was no longer needed. It was not a pleasant experience. A security guard assisted me in packing my belongings in a cardboard box before escorting me from the office. It was *so* considerate of the company to provide that support …

2 ___
After the initial shock of being fired so suddenly, I started to weigh up the situation. It was true there was something liberating about this forced change. On the other hand, I wouldn't be able to afford my mortgage if I wasn't working. I'd need to find cheaper accommodation, but everything in London was incredibly expensive. I was even tempted to move to the country, but I'd have missed city life too much. That's when a friend suggested getting a boat. 'A boat?', I replied, 'I think that's a bit outside my comfort zone.' But as I thought about it more, I had a change of heart. There were plenty of places to moor one in the city, but I wouldn't have to stay for a fixed period at any of them. I could move whenever I wanted.

3 ___
Having sold my apartment, I moved in with my parents for a while, which would allow me to plan ahead. What I hadn't counted on was my dad trying to persuade me not to buy a boat. He thought I was nuts and that I'd made a decision on impulse. I thought, 'Thanks for the advice, Dad. I really appreciate that.' I stuck with my decision and started looking around for the right boat. It had to be in reasonable condition and suitable for navigating Britain's inland waterways. Surprisingly, it wasn't hard to find one which was already moored in London. It was a beautiful 18-metre canal boat called Ares, in perfect condition. All I had to do was sort out a licence and insurance and it was all mine.

4 ___
Space on board Ares was every bit as restricted as I'd expected, meaning I had to get rid of many of my belongings. I didn't mind selling the exercise bike that I'd hardly ever used or donating bags full of old clothes to charity. More of a dilemma was what to do with my cat, Tiddles. She's very much a creature of habit and I couldn't see her adapting to life on a boat. In the end, my parents agreed to look after her so I'd still be able to see her. Apart from not having Tiddles around, the main difference of living on a boat is the amount of work I have to do. It's way more than I'd imagined because things keep breaking all the time. Even if it's not something big, like a water pump, there's always something that needs my attention.

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5 ___
Anyone thinking about living on a boat needs to be prepared for a lot of hard work. It can be costly if you have to get it done for you, so you need to be a practical person who's handy with tools. If I'd known that before buying Ares, I might not be living there now. However, I've learnt a lot about maintenance and I'm getting better all the time. The other thing people often forget is how boat life can affect your relationships. Much of the time you're tied up with work on the boat and, when you find the time to entertain, you've only got room for a couple of guests at a time. Having said that, if they live on land, they'll be delighted to spend time with you. They'll soon be having second thoughts about their own lives and whether to swap their houses for boats.

4 Read the interview again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

1 Donna had been satisfied with her life before becoming unemployed. **T / F**
2 Donna was grateful for the company's help in leaving the office on her last day. **T / F**
3 Donna could see some advantages of losing her job. **T / F**
4 At first, Donna thought a boat would be too uncomfortable for her. **T / F**
5 Donna hadn't expected a family member to attempt to change her mind about living on a boat. **T / F**
6 Donna had second thoughts after her father gave her some advice. **T / F**
7 Donna's new boat was more spacious than she thought it would be. **T / F**
8 Donna didn't think her cat could get used to living on a boat. **T / F**
9 Donna claims that anyone thinking of buying a boat should be good at repairing things. **T / F**
10 Donna doubts that her visitors would prefer to live on a boat than on land. **T / F**

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WRITING

5 Match 1–5 with a–e to complete the ways to create a rapport.

1 My tutor Brenda gave me your email address ___
2 Congratulations on getting the job! ___
3 It's a small village, but it's very peaceful ___
4 I'm sure you'll be tired after your long journey, but ___
5 What are your thoughts? ___

a I'm sure you'll be a credit to the company.
b Send me a text message and let me know.
c why don't we meet up when you have time?
d and suggested getting in touch.
e (if a bit too sleepy sometimes!).

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6 Alistair, a friend of a friend, has recently got a job in the company you work for. Write a welcome email, congratulating him on the new job and creating a rapport with him.

Write 200–260 words.

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