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Insight Intermediate Unit Test 2 A

A Grammar: Narrative tenses

Choose the correct verb from the box. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb. There are three verbs you do not need.

walk	leave	lose	fall	meet	open	decide	hear	do

1 I _____ Anna at a party the week before, so I already knew her name when Richard introduced us.
2 They _____ to school when it started to rain.
3 Zak _____ over on the way to school yesterday.
4 We were talking when we _____ a loud bang.
5 I _____ my homework when you messaged me.
6 By the time we arrived, our friends _____ so we didn't see them.

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B Grammar: Past habits

Read the sentence and choose the correct answer.

1 When I was younger, I __ play sport every day of the week.
A ☐ would B ☐ use to C ☐ used

2 Where __ live before you moved to Paris?
A ☐ did you use to B ☐ you used to C ☐ would you

3 David __ like classical music, but now he does.
A ☐ used to B ☐ wouldn't C ☐ didn't use to

4 When we lived near the park, we __ go there when it was raining.
A ☐ didn't use B ☐ wouldn't C ☐ don't use to

5 My family __ to travel everywhere by bicycle before we bought a car.
A ☐ use B ☐ used C ☐ would

6 How often __ talk to her parents about her problems when she was a child?
A ☐ Aisha used to B ☐ Aisha use to C ☐ would Aisha

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C Grammar: Narrative tenses

Complete the sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1 It was good Jack phoned me at 3 p.m. because I _____(not / do) anything then.
2 How many emails _____(you / send) when your computer stopped working?
3 She _____(not / want) to go anywhere last weekend.
4 What _____(you / eat) for dessert after dinner yesterday?
5 I _____(not / see) the movie before but I really liked it.
6 What model _____(the students / make) when you arrived in the middle of your art class?

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D Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three words you do not need.

transport	guide	destination	tour	package	park	travel	resort	trap

1 Our _____ holiday included flights, meals and the hotel.
2 We spent a week at a beautiful beach _____ in Mexico.
3 This place is a tourist _____! Everything's really expensive.
4 Our tour _____ took us around Paris, explaining its history.
5 Enjoy nature in our beautiful national _____, but please follow the rules.
6 I didn't have a car, so I used public _____ to get around instead.

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E Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Match the words with the definitions. There are three extra definitions you do not need.

1 trek __
2 flight __
3 trip __
4 voyage __
5 expedition __
6 tour __

A a journey by plane
B a long journey to discover something new
C a journey on your own
D a long journey on foot
E a journey once a year to a special place
F a short journey usually for fun
G a long journey on a ship or a spacecraft
H a journey made in a car over a long distance
I a journey to different places for fun, often with a guide

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F Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Read the sentence and choose the correct answer.

1 The road led __ a small lake in the middle of the forest.
A ☐ to B ☐ through C ☐ down

2 This road connects __ the path which will take you to the seaside.
A ☐ along B ☐ for C ☐ with

3 We travelled __ a long straight road to the next village.
A ☐ through B ☐ around C ☐ down

4 This road winds __ the mountain and into town and is quite dangerous.
A ☐ for B ☐ around C ☐ along

5 OK, I'm heading __ the beach! Who's coming with me?
A ☐ through B ☐ for C ☐ around

6 We can cut __ this field to the road and finish our walk a bit faster.
A ☐ through B ☐ to C ☐ with

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G Reading: Attitude and point of view

Read the blog post about starting a job in a foreign country and choose the best option to answer the question.

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Living in La Paz

by Ajay

I arrived in La Paz about a week ago – has it really been that long? – and as soon as I stepped off the plane, I realized it would be a 'once-in-a-lifetime' experience. Travelling from a European country and crossing the Atlantic is something to remember and talk about, anyway. But getting used to living so high above sea level challenged me most – and still does!

La Paz is the highest capital city in the world and it's almost 3,650 metres above sea level, which for an islander like me is unusual. Having studied engineering and urban architecture, I was fascinated by its location. It's built in a large valley near the beautiful mountain Illimani – every day I wake up to the sight of its snowy peaks!

The first few days I had to stay in bed, as I suffered from terrible headaches and stomach ache. Of course, that's all normal at this altitude. However, I could only do minimal work from home, which of course didn't impress my employers. I've only just started going to the office, which has improved my mood, as I've had the chance to meet some great co-workers.

Max is one of them and, so far, he's been my closest friend. Not that the others aren't friendly. It's just that language can come between us sometimes. My French is fluent and that's one of the reasons I got the job – my English being the second! I've only just started learning Spanish, and Max is fluent in both French and English. That's allowed us to get to know each other better.

The other day, we did some training with the so-called 'traffic zebras'. This is a programme aiming to tackle traffic accidents here in La Paz. It turns out that drivers here often don't stop at zebra crossings and many citizens don't even know what they are! So a few people dressed up as zebras and walked on zebra crossings to show that drivers had to stop for pedestrians to cross.

To get there, we had to go to El Alto, a city next to La Paz. That sounds easy, doesn't it? Well, it isn't, and that's because there's a difference of 400 metres in altitude between them. So there's no underground and the only way to travel was by bus on very busy and tough streets. Then the cable car was built. Here it's known as 'Mi Teleférico' (a lovely name meaning 'my cable car') and it's made travelling a lot easier. You get to travel in the air and look around the city of La Paz from above. I can't wait to get on it again!

1 What does the writer think about his stay in La Paz so far?
- A ☐ He has problems with some living conditions there.
- B ☐ He never expected the flight to be as long as it was.
- C ☐ He feels he's been there for more time than he has.

2 What is the writer's opinion of the city of La Paz?
- A ☐ People could have planned the city better.
- B ☐ It was constructed too close to the mountains.
- C ☐ The geography of the place is very interesting.

3 How does the writer feel about his job?
- A ☐ He's glad he was able to work despite feeling sick.
- B ☐ He's more positive about it after meeting a few people.
- C ☐ He's happy he can prove his abilities to his employers.

4 What is the writer's opinion of his co-workers?
- A ☐ They could be friendlier to him.
- B ☐ They are difficult to communicate with.
- C ☐ They don't seem to do much work.

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5 How does the writer feel about the 'traffic zebras' programme?

A ☐ Surprised that people aren't familiar with traffic rules
B ☐ Angry with the drivers that don't stop at crossings
C ☐ Amazed by the people dressing up as zebras

6 What does the writer think about taking 'Mi Teleférico' in La Paz?

A ☐ It's as fast as the underground.
B ☐ It's not easy to travel in.
C ☐ It's a fun experience.

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H Listening: Identifying purpose

Listen to four people talking about communicating abroad. Match the statements below to one of the four speakers (*A*, *B*, *C* or *D*.)

1 Speaker ___ informs the listener about a product that's on offer.
2 Speaker ___ explains that studying the local language before a trip helped them communicate better.
3 Speaker ___ argues that it's possible to get close to people without understanding them.
4 Speaker ___ says people shouldn't pretend to understand a foreign language when they don't.
5 Speaker ___ would like more information on where a certain language is taught the most.
6 Speaker ___ thinks it's easy to become friends with strangers when travelling.

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I Speaking: Persuading

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three options you do not need.

I'm not so you won't be I still think you've got nothing you won't regret sounds interesting you'll be go for persuaded

1 It's going to be fantastic! I promise _____ sorry.
2 The tickets are free, so _____ to lose.
3 I know you want to go, but _____ sure it's a good idea.
4 That's a good point. You've _____ me.
5 You know what? That _____, actually. Let's do that
6 This tour looks good. OK. Let's _____ it.

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J Writing: Showing sequencing

Six words/phrases are missing from this text. Choose the correct word/phrase for each gap. There are three extra words/phrases you do not need.

[1] ___, I had to drive to Warsaw for my job. So, with my satnav working, I set off with a colleague who said she would help me as my Polish wasn't very good.

The idea was to drive the three hours to Warsaw, complete my business and drive back the same day. It was a perfect plan, but a number of things soon went wrong.

[2] ___, the car stopped when we had just arrived in Warsaw. On most days that wouldn't be a problem, but it was on this day. My friend explained that it was a festival in Poland and a lot of places were closed. [3] ___ we found a garage that repaired the car, it was late in the evening so we had to stay in a hotel for the night.

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The next day, with the sun shining, we set off to make the journey back to Torun. [4] ___, without any warning, the car stopped again. I realized we'd run out of petrol. This time we were in the middle of the countryside, so we had to walk to find a petrol station. [5] ___ we were walking, it started to rain so we got very wet! We [6] ___ arrived home two days after setting off. What a journey!

A In the end
B When I was 20 and living in Poland
C Eventually
D To start with
E Before
F At first
G Suddenly
H As
I By the time

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Test score

To focus on next:

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