

Proficiency Test 1

GRAMMAR

1. Complete this passage with the correct phrase.

On Sundays, Tom gets up ¹ _____ 10 o'clock. Then he reads his newspaper in the kitchen. He has breakfast and then he telephones ² _____ mother in Scotland. In ³ _____ afternoon, Tom plays tennis with his sister and after that, ⁴ _____ eat dinner in a nice restaurant together. Then, Tom swims for one hour and then he goes by bike to his brother's house. They talk and listen to rock music. Sometimes they go to ⁵ _____ sister's house for dinner.

Tom watches television in the evening ⁶ _____ drinks a cup of orange juice.

Before going ⁷ _____ bed, he eats ⁸ _____ apple.

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| 1. a) at | b) to | c) a | d) in |
| 2. a) he | b) his | c) she | d) her |
| 3. a) an | b) to | c) the | d) his |
| 4. a) their | b) his | c) they | d) he |
| 5. a) her | b) their | c) his | d) its |
| 6. a) but | b) and | c) so | d) because |
| 7. a) in | b) at | c) to | d) for |
| 8. a) a | b) the | c) of | d) an |

2. Choose the correct form of the verbs to complete this passage.

I wish I could find the perfect job for myself. Two years ago, I had a job with a software company in another city. The job ¹ _____ great and I liked my position, but generally, I ² _____ going to work by bus. I ³ _____ there for two years, but nowadays I ⁴ _____ to change my job because the salary ⁵ _____ good enough. Last Friday, while I ⁶ _____ at the company, I ⁷ _____ about a new job near my home. I ⁸ _____ the company and they arranged a meeting for an interview. If I find a better job near my home, I ⁹ _____ to look for another job in the future. I ¹⁰ _____ happier working close to home.

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| 1. a) is | b) being | c) were | d) was |
| 2. a) don't like | b) didn't like | c) haven't liked | d) won't like |
| 3. a) work | b) have worked | c) am working | d) was working |
| 4. a) want | b) wants | c) wanted | d) have wanted |
| 5. a) didn't | b) wasn't | c) will not | d) isn't |
| 6. a) am working | b) work | c) worked | d) was working |
| 7. a) heard | b) have heard | c) hear | d) was hearing |
| 8. a) called | b) will call | c) call | d) calls |
| 9. a) didn't need | b) will not need | c) haven't need | d) don't need |
| 10. a) will | b) will be | c) been | d) have been |

READING

3. Read the article about sleep and choose the correct answers.

Six months ago, Jane Walker felt moody and nervous. She couldn't concentrate and the quality of her work was getting worse. She knew she wasn't getting enough sleep, so she decided to see a sleep therapist.

'I have a very stressful job. Six months ago, I often worked until midnight, drove home, had something to eat, went to bed, and then got up at five in the morning. I decided to see a sleep therapist. She said I needed to have a regular sleeping pattern, with seven or eight hours sleep every night. This meant I had to go to bed at the same time every night and get up at the same time – even at weekends. I decided to go to bed at eleven and get up at seven.

At first I had problems getting to sleep, so my sleep therapist gave me a few ideas. I often used to go to the gym late in the evening, but this is a bad idea because exercise can wake you up. So I started going for a walk or swimming at lunchtime instead.

My therapist also suggested that I should create the right atmosphere in my room for sleeping. Bright light tells the brain that it's time to wake up, so I bought some heavier curtains and made sure my room was nice and dark. She told me not to fill my brain with exciting thoughts last thing at night. I like reading thrillers, but I put them away and read romantic stories instead! I also bought a relaxation tape and listened to it in bed.

After about a week I was more relaxed during the day and I had better concentration. The result was that I did more work and it was better quality. These days, I try to stick to my sleeping schedule. However, it doesn't always work. I sometimes go to bed after midnight at the weekend and I occasionally watch the odd scary movie!

1. Jane went to see a therapist because her moods were affecting her _____.
a) social life **b) work** c) health d) eating habit
2. The therapist advised Jane to _____.
a) go to bed at a regular time b) get up earlier c) go to bed earlier
d) get up at five in the morning.
3. Jane decided to _____.
a) give up exercise b) go to the gym at very late hours
c) exercise at a different time of day d) do more exercise
4. The therapist told Jane to make her room _____.
a) brighter **b) darker** c) quieter d) heavier
5. Now, Jane _____.
a) never goes to bed really late b) often reads scary books **c) sometimes breaks the rules**
d) feels very tired

4. Read an article from a newspaper and then choose the correct answer.

We had always been interested in old cars and bought our first Rolls-Royce in 1960. We paid £120 for the 1926 Phantom I in 1964 because we wanted something bigger. I remember my mother thinking it very silly to buy this old-fashioned machinery. It was beautifully made and lovely to work on.

After finishing our work on the farm, we'd go into the workshop and, with classical music playing in the background, spend hours putting together the copper and brass pieces and admiring the workmanship. Although it has had considerable work done on it, all the body work is original. It's probably worth around £40000 now, though I can't imagine ever selling it.

We never intended to use the car for weddings as a business, the idea was that it would just be a fun and we'd attend Rolls-Royce enthusiast clubs. But, inevitably, as soon as they saw it, people wanted to use it for their special day and we found ourselves doing more and more weddings. People are attracted to this grand old car. It is so exciting it puts modern cars in the shade.

We limit the weddings we do to friends and acquaintances. Often, while I am standing outside the church doing one wedding, someone will come up and ask if I will do one of their relatives' weddings. It can be hard to say no.

Nowadays I charge around £150. My biggest fear is that the car isn't going to work, but so far it hasn't let me down.

To us, one wedding is much the same as another, but to the families it is one of the most important days of their lives and you have to respect that. Everyone is at their most emotional and you get a sort of snapshot of different people's circumstance and characters. You see the best and the worst of people at weddings.

1. They bought their first Rolls-Royce _____.
a) because they wanted something bigger
 b) because their mother asked them to
 c) because they had always liked the idea
 d) because they had only £120
2. They listened to classical music while they were _____.
 a) painting the car **b) working on the car**
 c) trying to sell the car d) working on the farm
3. What did they originally intend to use the car for?
a) for enjoyment b) for special days
 c) for business reasons d) to attract people
4. Who are their customers?
 a) anybody who asks **b) people they know**
 c) they don't choose their customers d) their relatives
5. What does the writer have difficulty doing?
 a) marrying a close friend
 b) attending weddings of acquaintances
c) refusing to use his car at certain weddings
 d) the amount of register office weddings

LISTENING

5. Listen to the conversation. Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

1. Mrs Rogers lives at ____.
 a) number 22A b) number 23 **c) number 23A** d) number 23B
2. Mrs Rogers has lived in her present house for ____ years.
 a) four b) five **c) six** d) seven
3. Mrs Rogers has lived in the area since ____.
a) she was born b) she got married c) she was a girl d) Clare was born
4. Mrs Rogers's husband is from ____.
 a) Sweden b) England c) Wales **d) Scotland**
5. Mrs Rogers thinks ____.
 a) there isn't enough parking **b) they need more lighting in the area**
 c) the street isn't clean enough d) It's dangerous to go out in the dark

WRITING

6. Write an essay (200-250 words) about the topic below.

- What solutions would you offer for decreasing the number of traffic accidents?