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Diagnostic Test

GRAMMAR

PART 1

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

- 1 Even though she _____ only a dozen or so books, J.K. Rowling is one of the most read authors on the planet.
A wrote
B has written
C was writing
- 2 At 4 p.m. on Sunday, I _____ the championship basketball game on TV. The game starts at 3:30 p.m.
A watch
B am watching
C 'll be watching
- 3 Julie _____ to Sweden last month.
A went
B has gone
C was going
- 4 Before moving to the United Kingdom to work at a research facility there, Len _____ been running a small lab in Spain for over ten years.
A has
B had
C will have
- 5 By 2014, the movie director _____ well known in Asia and North America.
A already became
B has already become
C had already become
- 6 Aldo has been studying for his math test _____ the last two weeks.
A since
B for
C until

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- 7 While Sam _____ to the grocery store, he ran into his friend Ali.
- A is walking
 - B had walked
 - C was walking
- 8 By the time Shou graduates, she will _____ eighteen courses in math alone!
- A take
 - B be taken
 - C have taken

PART 2**Write the correct form of the verb in parentheses.**

- 1 Jin finally stopped _____ **(smoke)** cigarettes. It's really good that he quit.
- 2 If I ever _____ **(see)** an alien, I _____ **(try)**
to talk to it. But I don't think I'll ever see an alien—they don't exist.
- 3 The snow yesterday made the driving conditions terrible, and Sam got into a car accident on his way home
from work last night. If it _____ **(snow)** so much, Sam probably
_____ **(crash)** his car.
- 4 If you _____ **(miss)** your train, you can just take the next one.
- 5 You won't be able to enter the building unless you _____ **(have)** an ID.
- 6 I wish our teacher _____ **(give)** us homework less often—we are always
doing homework!

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PART 3**Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.**

- 1 The 1930s was a time _____ there was a lot of unemployment and poverty in the United States.
A that
B when
C which
- 2 Last week Paul said, "I haven't studied for my finals yet." So, Paul said that he _____.
A hasn't studied for his finals yet
B didn't studied for his finals before
C hadn't studied for his finals at that time
- 3 My grandmother is someone _____ spending time with.
A I really enjoy
B , who I really enjoy
C who do I really enjoy
- 4 Peter invited Sara _____ him at his best friend's wedding next month. Sara said yes, and so she has to buy a new dress for it.
A join
B to join
C will she join
- 5 Grant has a beautiful oceanfront property _____ she has owned since 1987.
A that
B where
C at which
- 6 Aaron told me _____ my baking. He thinks my chocolate cake and bread are some of the best he's ever had.
A to really like
B he really likes
C that he really like

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- 7 My friend _____ is going to visit me in New York next week.
- A lives in Dallas
 - B that lives in Dallas
 - C , who lives in Dallas,
- 8 I'm really not sure _____ to get from New York to Boston by car.
- A how long
 - B how long it takes
 - C how long does it take

PART 4**Choose the correct answers to complete the conversation.**

Kristina: So I heard you were offered a new job in Miami. Are you going to take it?

Martin: No. I actually just turned **(1) down / down it / it down** . I've moved four times in the past six years or so, and I just wouldn't want to have to do that again.

Kristina: Yeah, **(2) so / either / neither** would I. You really like living here in L.A., **(3) haven't / don't / aren't** you?

Martin: I do. The weather is much nicer and I've got some good friends here, **(4) so / too / either** . How about you? Have you found **(5) out your promotion / your promotion out / out about your promotion** yet?

Kristina: No, not yet. They said they would get **(6) back to me / me back to / back me to** by this Friday. Wish me luck!

Martin: You haven't had a promotion in a while, **(7) had / have / did** you?

Kristina: Nope. That's why I really want this one. I hope my hard work and efforts have paid **(8) off / off it / it off** this time, and I get the job.

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PART 5**Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.**

- 1 Because of the new security feature, our car doors _____ be locked before we can leave. Otherwise, the car won't start.
A could
B must
C might
- 2 We went to the auto mechanic yesterday and the car _____ by him.
A repaired
B was repaired
C were repairing
- 3 That necklace _____ to me by my mother. It's really precious to me.
A gave
B was given
C has given
- 4 Padraig really didn't want to go to the ballet, but we _____ him to come by promising to take him out to dinner afterwards.
A got
B made
C helped
- 5 This project is extremely important. It _____ be finished by Monday.
A may
B could
C must
- 6 Anders is never late, but it's 9 a.m. and our meeting with the head of our division is about to start. He _____ be sick.
A might
B can
C has to

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7 Your flight was sitting on the runway for five hours! That _____ have been terribly annoying!

- A must
- B should
- C could

8 My parents came to town yesterday, so I asked my boss if I could have the afternoon off, but he said no. He _____ me work all day.

- A let
- B made
- C got

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READING

PART 6

Read the article. Then choose the correct answers.

Extroverts and Introverts

Nadia, who needs to spend several hours alone each day, avoids large social gatherings whenever possible. She hates small talk, and at office holiday parties, which are “must-attend” events, she’s always the first one to leave.

You probably know someone like Nadia. Maybe you’re even one of those people that nag a friend like her to get out more. If so, stop! Nadia is an introvert, and there’s really nothing wrong with that. Introverts are people that get their energy by spending time alone. Their opposites are extroverts, people whose energy comes from being around others. Neither type is better than the other. However, because there are so many more extroverts than introverts, there is a lot of misunderstanding about the introverts among us.

First, people have a tendency to think that all introverts are shy. Not so. Shy people fear social situations, but many introverts just try to avoid the ones that drain their energy. Nadia, who is great at leading big, noisy business meetings, isn’t afraid of those meetings. But she needs a lot of recovery time afterwards. Unlike extroverts, who love the small talk at those meetings, she prefers private conversations that focus on feelings and ideas.

Secondly, people also assume that you have to be an extrovert (or act like one) in order to succeed. However, every day the news is full of examples that contradict that belief. Microsoft’s Bill Gates is one famous introvert who comes to mind. Another is successful businesswoman Andrea Jung. Jung, who grew up in a traditional Chinese family, considers herself “reserved,” but not shy. A writer who has studied the personality traits of business leaders points out that the one trait which absolutely defines successful leaders is creativity. Introverts are known for being creative, so it shouldn’t be a surprise to find many of them at the top of their professions.

What happens when an extrovert and an introvert become friends or fall in love? Opposites attract, but can first attraction survive really big personality differences? Yes, but only if both can accept the other person’s needs—and it’s not always easy. Extroverts, who have to talk through everything before they even know what they think, can drive an introvert crazy. Nadia, who always thinks before she speaks, doesn’t always understand their need to talk. On the other hand, many extroverts, who reach for their cell phones after two minutes alone, can’t see why an introvert like Nadia requires so much time by herself. (*Is that really normal?* they wonder.) However, if both people take the time to understand the other’s personality type, the results can pay off. The introvert, who has a rich inner life, can help the extrovert become more sensitive to feelings. And the risk-loving extrovert can help the introvert develop a sense of adventure. As a result, each friend’s personality becomes more complete.

It’s important to remember that no one is a pure introvert or extrovert. In fact, we are probably all “ambiverts,” people who act like introverts in some situations and extroverts in others. Like everyone else, you have a unique personality—your own special combination of traits that makes you *you*!

- 1 What is the main purpose of the article?
 - A to compare and contrast introverts and extroverts
 - B to explain why introverts and extroverts don’t get along
 - C to argue for why we should all consider ourselves “ambiverts”

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2 According to the article, the number of introverts is _____ the number of extroverts.

- A smaller than
- B greater than
- C about the same as

3 According to the article, why do introverts avoid some social situations?

- A They are too shy to take part in conversations.
- B They use more energy to engage in small talk.
- C They have difficulty focusing on what others say.

4 The article implies that _____.

- A extroverts are not creative
- B introverts are not adventurous
- C introverts and extroverts can't be friends

5 Why does the article suggest that we are all "ambiverts"?

- A We create different personalities based on our moods.
- B People's emotions don't stay the same.
- C Our personalities can change from one situation to another.

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PART 7**Read the article. Then choose the correct answers.****The Stress Interview**

A few weeks ago, Melissa Morrow had an unusual job interview. First, the interviewer asked why she couldn't work under pressure. Before she could answer, he asked if she had cleaned out her car recently. Right after that he wanted to know who had written her application letter for her. Melissa was shocked, but she handled herself well. She asked the interviewer whether he was going to ask her serious questions. Then she politely ended the interview.

Melissa had had a stress interview, a type of job interview that asks tough, tricky questions, with long silences, and negative evaluations of the job candidate. To the unhappy candidate, this may seem unnecessarily nasty on the interviewer's part. However, some positions require an ability to handle just this kind of pressure. If there is an accident in an oil well near the coast, for example, the oil company's public relations officer must remain calm when hostile reporters ask how the accident could have occurred.

The uncomfortable atmosphere of a stress interview gives the potential employer a chance to watch a candidate react to pressure. In one case, the interviewer ended each interview by saying, "We're really not sure that you're the right person for this job." One excellent candidate asked the interviewer angrily if he was sure he knew how to conduct an interview. She clearly could not handle the pressure she would encounter as a TV news reporter—the job she was interviewing for.

Stress interviews may be appropriate for some jobs, but they can also work against a company. Some excellent candidates may refuse the job after a hostile interview. Melissa Morrow handled her interview extremely well, but she later asked herself if she really wanted to work for that company. Her answer was no.

A word of warning to job candidates: Not all tough questioning is legitimate. In some countries, certain questions are illegal unless the answers are directly related to the job. If an interviewer asks how old you are, whether you are married, or how much debt you have, you can refuse to answer. If you think a question isn't appropriate, then ask the interviewer how the answer specifically relates to that job. If you don't get a satisfactory explanation, you don't have to answer the question. And remember: Whatever happens, don't lose your cool. The interview will be over before you know it!

1 Why did Melissa Morrow end her interview early?

- A She thought the interviewer was joking in the interview.
- B The interviewer was asking her questions too quickly.
- C The questions she was being asked did not relate to the position.

2 According to the article, stress interviews _____.

- A often include questions that are illegal and should never be used
- B are useful for jobs that require the candidate to stay calm under pressure
- C have become a popular interview strategy in all industries

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- 3 What is the main purpose of the article?
- A to educate readers about the purpose of and strategies to deal with stress interviews
 - B to argue against the use of stress interviews in making decisions about job candidates
 - C to describe one woman's experience handling the difficulties of a stress interview
- 4 For which job would a stress interview probably NOT be useful according to the article's author?
- A a librarian
 - B a restaurant manager
 - C a police officer
- 5 According to the article, if you don't think a question is suitable for an interview, you should ____.
- A walk out of the interview immediately
 - B answer the question but not take the job
 - C ask why the question is important for the job

LISTENING**PART 8**

Listen to the podcast. Then choose the correct answers.

- 1 According to the listening, tips ____.
- A exist only in North America
 - B are still illegal in some countries
 - C are given for many different services
- 2 Which statement best describes Irene Frankel?
- A She has a new book about tipping practices worldwide.
 - B She travels around the world to study cultural norms.
 - C She is a frequent guest of the *World Travel Today* show.

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- 3 Which of the following best describes Americans' views on tipping?
- A Very few like that they have to tip for services.
 - B Many are unsure about the best tipping practices.
 - C They do not like the way tourists and other visitors tip.
- 4 Which fact does the interview NOT present to suggest that tipping is not logical?
- A Many servers themselves would prefer being paid by their employer, not by tips.
 - B The amount of a tip is often based on the price of a meal, not the actual work involved.
 - C Servers in other industries often do not receive tips although restaurant waiters are always tipped.
- 5 If you don't know a tipping practice, Irene Frankel recommends you ____.
- A visit her website
 - B leave a tip just in case
 - C ask the person providing the service

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SPEAKING**PART 9**

Read the paragraph below. Then imagine that you were asked the following questions in an interview. Report the questions and your sample responses to them in a similar way to the paragraph. Use reported speech.

In my last interview I was asked a number of questions. For example, the interviewer asked me why I wanted to work for her company. So, I told her that I would be able to contribute my skills as a computer programmer to the job opening as a software developer.

- How long have you worked in this industry?
- What are your future goals?
- What are your strengths?
- What are your weaknesses?
- Do you have any questions?

PART 10

Look at the two pictures. What is happening? Who is involved? Where is it taking place? What caused these situations? Speculate as to what is happening in each situation and for the cause/reason for each situation.



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WRITING

PART 11

Choose one of the statements. Do you agree with it? Why or why not? Support your opinion with reasons and examples from your own experience.

"By 2050, average global temperatures will stop rising and possibly begin decreasing."

"By 2050, we will no longer be using natural resources because we will have created man-made resources to survive."

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PART 12

Write a response to the email below in about 200 words. In your email, respond to Roger's questions as if you were his close friend.

Hey there friend,

So, as you know, I started graduate school recently. There's been so much work that I haven't had time for anything else. All I seem to do is work, study, and sleep. As you can imagine, this has caused some problems for my relationship with my girlfriend. She's always complaining that I don't make time for her. Also, I seem to be tired all the time and I've gained some weight since starting my courses. Do you have any advice for me? It would be much appreciated.

And let me know how things are going in your life. I always love the distraction of a friend's update.

Talk soon,

Roger

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