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Use of English _____ / 100

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The Spirit of London

London often gives the impression of being more comfortable with its past than its present. From the world-famous landmarks of St. Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham, Palace and the Tower of London to the traditional and well-loved double-decker buses, the theatres and many grand hotels, England's capital offers visitors a journey through centuries of history. This journey is even better now that the building works, which covered many historic sites, have been taken down. Newly cleaned and restored buildings are revealed, and the city looks as if it has been revitalized.

The city has also rediscovered its river. The area between the South Banks Arts Centre, which includes the national Theatre, and Tower Bridge, has been brought back to life and the city has found a new heart along the forgotten riverside. As you walk westwards along the river from Westminster, you will discover that old warehouses have been transformed into galleries, shops and clubs.

Across the river from London Bridge is 'The City of London', the financial district of the capital. The City has its own historic delights as the 15th century Guildhall and churches designed by Sir Christopher Wren. But the capital is not a historical theme park. It is a lively and exciting metropolis which is well-known for its popular culture, music, clubs, street fashion, and visual arts. Today, many of its wide variety of restaurants claim to be as good as in any other European capitals. For example, Marco Pierre White's highly recommended restaurant is a perfect example of new English cuisine – unusual, sophisticated and extremely expensive. When it comes to shopping, Covent Garden and King's Road in Chelsea offer a mixture of reasonably priced chainstore clothing and unique boutiques selling everything from rave gear to skateboards. Shoppers with full wallets and more sophisticated tastes should head for Knightsbridge, where Harrods and Harvey Nichols compete to be the most exclusive department store in London.

Much of London's energy and originality is now centred in Soho, the city's liveliest and most bohemian area, squeezed in between the department stores of Oxford Street and the bookshops of Charing Cross Road. Soho, once considered one of the dirtiest and most dangerous parts of London, was cleaned up in the early 1980's. Today, with its gurgling cappuccino machines and pavement cafes, **it** has become a meeting place for all kinds of people from all over the world, whatever the hour of day or night.

So, even if you are new to the city, you don't have to try hard in order to experience the real London. Despite its heavy traffic and shaking underground railway, it is still one of the world's greatest and most cosmopolitan cities.

1. *Circle the most appropriate answer.*
1. According to the first paragraph, what is the most outstanding characteristic of London?
A the number of hotels
B the number of historic sites
C the number of landmarks
D the number of theatres
 2. What has recently happened alongside the river?
A The area has been redeveloped
B A new bridge has been built
C New warehouses have been built
D Old warehouses have been torn down
 3. The City of London
A was built by Sir Christopher Wren
B is mainly made up of churches
C is a museum of architecture
D contains different styles of architecture
 4. The new English cuisine is
A well represented by White's restaurant
B only available at the Hyde Park Hotel
C available in all London restaurants
D not worth the price the diner is expected to pay
 5. What does the writer think of London's shopping facilities?
A They are too expensive.
B They provide for a variety of tastes.
C They are all quite reasonably priced.
D They don't have enough customers.
 6. Before the 1980's, Soho was
A neat and tidy
B popular among foreigners
C very crowded
D unsafe and unclean
 7. What does 'IT' in paragraph 4 refer to?
A Soho
B London
C Oxford Street
D shopping in London

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/7

2. Fill in the correct word from the list below according to the meaning given in the brackets.

EXPLORE – HEAD FOR – EXPERIENCE – TRANSFORM – REVEALED – METROPOLIS – CLAIMS TO BE – EXCLUSIVE – SOPHISTICATED – GEAR – LIVELY – RESTORE

- a) They have finally decided to _____(change) that old building into a museum.
- b) The children couldn't wait to _____(look round) the woods behind the hotel.
- c) Over ten million people live in the _____(large capital city) of Buenos Aires.
- d) That man _____(says he is) the best tour guide in the city.
- e) Susan would love to be able to afford expensive _____(modern and elegant) clothes.
- f) As it was a hot and sunny day we decided to _____(go to) the beach.
- g) That club is very _____(restricted to certain people); only rich people can go there.
- h) Without the correct _____(clothes and equipment) it isn't safe to go rock climbing.
- i) The work of the archeologist _____(exposed) the remains of the lost city.
- j) In order to _____(become familiar with) real excitement, try the 'Super Shaker' rollercoaster!
- k) They are planning to _____(repair) the old church.
- l) London has many _____(interesting, exciting) pubs and clubs.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/12

3. Write whether the sentences are TRUE, FALSE or NOT GIVEN.

- a) London offers the tourists a journey through decades of history.
- b) The City is the name of the financial district of London.
- c) The National theatre was built by Sir Christopher Wren.
- d) London is a theme park.
- e) Soho is a place where people can meet for a cup of coffee.
- f) London has many problems with traffic and air pollution.

1 point for each correct answer

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1. Complete the sentences using the Present Simple or the Present Continuous Tense.

1. I (learn) _____ Spanish. My friend is teaching me.
2. We usually go skiing every year, but this year we (not go) _____ anywhere
3. Can you hear those girls? What (they talk) _____ about?
4. Why (you look) _____ at me like that?
5. She told me her address, but I (not remember) _____ it.
6. (you need) _____ a ticket to see your mother play at the theatre?
7. Are you thirsty? (you want) _____ something to drink?
8. My brother usually (go) _____ to work by train.
9. How is your father? Is he still ill? No, he (get better) _____ .
10. Ann (look for) _____ a new job.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/10

2. Complete the sentences using the Past Simple or the Present Perfect Tense.

1. I _____ (never flew) anywhere before.
2. My brother _____ (see) him last week at Jane's birthday party.
3. She _____ (just finish) her homework. She can go out with friends.
4. _____ (John ever visit) Indonesia?
5. I _____ (read) twenty novels last year.
6. I _____ (never write) any poems.
7. Mr. Jones _____ (go) to Australia. He is not in this country.
8. He _____ (live) here since 1989. I believe he will die here.
9. _____ (you watch) TV last night?
10. Tom _____ (just come) . Do you want to talk to him

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/10

3. Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets-Past Simple or Past Continuous.

While I _____(talk) to my friends at the disco last Saturday a boy I _____(know) called John (come) up to me and _____(ask) me to dance. While we _____(dance), he accidentally _____(stand) on my foot. I _____(scream) in pain. We _____(stop) dancing and _____(walk) over to the bar. While we _____(walk), I _____(notice) some other friend of mine. They _____(start) to argue. I _____(ignore) them and while John _____(order) the drinks, I _____(hope) for a better evening.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/14

4. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form: WILL or BE GOING TO.

A Mark: What are you doing with those scissors?

Beth: I _____(cut) that picture of the ocean out of the travel magazine.

Mark: What _____(you, do) with it?

Beth: I _____(paint) a watercolor of the ocean for my art class, and I thought I could use this photograph as a model.

B Mark: _____(you, do) me a favor, Sam?

Sam: Sure, what do you want me to do?

Mark: I _____(change) the broken light bulb in the lamp above the dining room table. I need someone to hold the ladder for me while I am up there.

Sam: No problem, I _____(hold) it for you.

C Gina: Where are you going?

Ted: I _____(go) to the store to pick up some groceries.

Gina: What _____(you, get)?

Ted: I _____(buy) some milk, some bread, and some coffee.

D John: Wow, it's freezing out there.

Jane: I _____(make) some coffee to warm us up. Do you want a piece of pie as well?

John: Coffee sounds great! But I _____(have) dinner with some friends later, so I'd better skip the pie.

Jane: I _____(go) to dinner tonight too, but I'm having a piece of pie anyway.

E Frank: I heard you're taking a Spanish class at the community college.

Tom: Yeah, I _____(go) to Guatemala next spring and I thought knowing a little Spanish would make the trip easier.

Frank: I _____(visit) my brother in Marseilles next year. Maybe I should take a French class.

Tom: I have a course catalog in the other room. I _____(go) get it, and we can see whether or not they're offering a French course next semester.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/15

5. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of Present Simple Passive or Past Simple Passive.

Saint Valentine's Day

Saint Valentine's Day, Western European Christian holiday, originally the Roman feast of Lupercalia. It _____ (establish) in memory of the martyrdom of St. Valentine in A.D. 270, who, in medieval times, came to be associated with the union of lovers under conditions of duress. The holiday _____ (celebrate) on Feb. 14th by the exchange of romantic or comic verse messages called valentines. The first commercial valentine greeting cards produced in the United States _____ (create) in the 1840s by Esther A. Howland. Today millions of such cards _____ (sell) annually.

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion valentine cards _____ (send) each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards _____ (send) for Christmas.) Approximately 85 percent of all valentines _____ (buy) by women. In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day _____ (celebrate) in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, Australia and many other countries in the world.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/8

6. Correct the mistakes in these sentences (first underline the mistakes and then write the correct word or words on the line provided).

1. My grandfather uses to go to school by bike.

2. My grandmother, who has died last year, is a vegetarian, too.

3. Today I don' go to the gym.

4. My mother has started going to school when she was seven.

5. I live in Malaga all my life.

6. They are never eating meat because they are vegetarians.

7. My cousin just got married.

8. I am never watching "Big Brother".

9. Can you phone her later? She just leaves home.

10. Last evening, while my boyfriend plays football, I was going to the pub.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/10

7. Word formation

A Make opposites of these words by adding the appropriate prefix.

LEGAL	PATIENT
PLEASANT	LITERATE
REGULAR	KIND
COMPLETE	APPEAR
FINITE	CORRECT

B Make nouns or adjectives by adding the appropriate suffix.

INFORM	HAPPY
ACT	ENTERTAIN
FAITH	EMBARRASS
BEAUTY	ART
SMOOTH	CAPITAL

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/20

8. Circle the appropriate linking word.

- a) It is a well-known fact that recycling helps the environment **because** / **although** some people ignore it.
- b) Studying abroad can be a very valuable experience, **also** / **however** it can be very expensive.
- c) Working out at a gym is one of the best ways to keep fit. **Firstly** / **In addition**, you should also follow a healthy diet.
- d) Many young people decide to stay in youth hostels when travelling **on the other hand** / **because** it is cheaper than staying in hotels.
- e) Working for a charity can be very rewarding, **yet** / **furthermore** very few people decide to volunteer.
- f) The meeting with the new partners was very long **so** / **but** I was late for my own party.
- g) Elvis Presley was a singer **also** / **and** an actor.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/7

9. Put the adjectives in the correct order by writing them on the line below each sentence.

- a) Yesterday we went to a **modern, new, huge** cinema complex.

- b) Ann's grandmother was a kind woman with **blue, almond-shaped** eyes.

- c) Philip was given that **English, fabulous** racing bike for his birthday.

- d) Alex bought a(n) **blue, Italian, fast** sports car.

- e) They have a(n) **old, large, metal, French** bed.

- f) Mike lives in that **old-fashioned, small, brick** cottage by the river.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/6

READING COMPREHENSION KEY

1. 1B; 2A; 3D; 4A; 5B; 6D; 7A

2. transform – explore - metropolis – claims to be – sophisticated – head for – exclusive – gear – revealed – experience – restore - lively

3. F-T-NG-F-T-NG

USE OF ENGLISH KEY

1. am learning – are not (aren't) going – are they talking – are you looking – don't remember – do you need – do you want – goes – is getting better – is looking for

2. have never flown – saw – has just finished – has John ever visited – read – have never written – has gone – has lived – did you watch – has just come

3. was talking – knew – came – asked – were dancing – stood – screamed – stopped – walked – were walking – noticed – started ignored – was ordering - hoped

4. *Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form: WILL or BE GOING TO.*

A am going to cut - are you going to do - am going to paint

B Will you do - am going to change - will hold

C am going to go are you going to get - am going to buy

D will make - am going to have - am going to go

E am going to go - am going to visit - will go

5. was established - is celebrated - were created - are sold - are sent - are sent - are bought - is celebrated

6.

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19. Can you phone her later? She has just left home.

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7. ILLEGAL; IMPATIENT; UNPLEASANT; ILLITERATE; IRREGULAR; UNKIND; INCOMPLETE; DISAPPEAR; INFINIT; INCORRECT; INFORMATION;

HAPPINESS; ACTOR; ENTERTAINMENT (ER); FAITHFUL;
EMBARRASSMENT(ING;ED); BEAUTIFUL; ARTIST(IC); SMOOTHNESS;
CAPITALISM (IST)

8. although; however ; In addition; because ; yet; so; and

9. huge new modern; almond-shaped blue; fabulous English; fast blue Italian; large old
French metal; small old-fashioned brick