

Form 9

Lexical-Grammar Test

I. Use the correct tense-forms of the verbs in brackets.

Geoff, John, Dave and Darren (1) ____ (to work) in Spain for three months when they (2) ____ (to decide) to go travelling around the country. They (3) ____ (just / to make) up their minds where to go when Dave (4) ____ (to receive) a telephone call from his mother. She said that she and his father (5) ____ (to plan) to visit him for a week. She asked if it (6) ____ (to be) okay and of course Dave said yes. She (7) ____ (to tell) him they (8) ____ (to arrive) on 21st May, the first day of the holiday, and (9) ____ (to stay) for one week. Dave (10) ____ (to finish) talking to his mother and they all sat down to rearrange their plans. "We can put off our trip until Tuesday because your parents (11) ____ (to leave) by then," (12) ____ (to suggest) Darren. "Yes, this (13) ____ (to be) the best solution. After all, there (14) ____ (to be) two weeks left to enjoy ourselves," said Dave.

II. Put in articles where necessary.

Do you see (1) ____ man standing near (2) ____ door? He works as (3) ____ assistant in (4) ____ same shop as I do. Well, I saw him the other day and he was driving (5) ____ big red Porsche. And do you see (6) ____ expensive clothes he's wearing? Where does he get (7) ____ money to pay for everything? (8) ____ month ago he hadn't got (9) ____ penny. I told you about (10) ____ burglary that we had at (11) ____ shop, didn't I? Do you think I should go to (12) ____ police?

III. Complete the multi-part verbs in the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in the box.

fix / drop / stand / ~~call~~ / blow / find / be / get / hang / write / come

0. If you go to Haymarket, will you call on your sister?
1. If you arrive at 2 o'clock, the party _____ over and nobody will be here.
2. They used the dynamite to _____ up the bridge.
3. As soon as the programme had finished, they _____ out more about the museum by visiting the website.
4. George was looking for his razor when he _____ across his wife's wedding ring.
5. Though she was exhausted and wanted to sleep she found it was very difficult to _____ off.
6. I've _____ up an appointment with the dentist next Thursday afternoon.
7. As it is my last day today, let's all _____ together at 12 o'clock and go to the pub.
8. _____ on a minute, I can't find my address book.
9. Despite her ugly dress at last night's concert her talent as a singer _____ out.
10. Listen to the telephone number and _____ it down in your address book.

IV. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in the text.

Creating Your Own Dishes

Good cooking is always a strange (1 mix) of science and art and you certainly have to be fairly (2 create) if you want to come up with your own recipes. All cooking also demands a

fair amount of (3 prepare), and this is true when you're producing (4 origin) dishes. You'll be (5 surprise) by how difficult it can be to cook a good dish. Sometimes your friends may say that your dishes are (6 disgust). But I advise you not to get upset. Just smile (7 sweet) and thank them for their valuable opinion. And never forget that when you're waiting (8 anxious) to hear whether or not your 'masterpiece' is a success, they suddenly show their (9 appreciate). My tip is to remember that home - (10 grow) vegetables are always the best. Don't forget that a very good cook needs a top-quality (11 mix). It's essential piece of kitchen equipment. Make sure you've got lots of good-quality food storage (12 contain). And finally, remember that designing a new dish is not about (13 safe). It's about taking risks, and learning from your mistakes. Have fun in the kitchen!

V. Rewrite the sentences using the word in brackets.

0. I'm sure my mum has serious doubts about my girlfriend. (must)

My mum must have serious doubts about my girlfriend .

1. I regret that I told my parents about our wedding plans. (wish)

_____.

2. You failed your university entrance exams because you didn't study hard. (if)

_____.

3. 'Have you done anything so stupid before?' (asked me)

_____.

4. Maybe she doesn't want to apologise for her unacceptable behaviour the other day. (might)

_____.

5. Sue is going to arrange for someone to water her plants while she is away. (get)

_____.

6. When I was a student I often got up at 10 a.m. (used)

_____.

VI. Choose the right word.

1. These days, many parents find it difficult to assist/support a large family.
2. My grandma doesn't have any close/near family her own age left.
3. Who was to blame/fault for the argument?
4. Dave's parents were very enjoyed/pleased when they saw him in the school play.
5. I have a very good connection/relationship with my mother.

Reading Test

[1] What's it like to live in America? 'America, the Beautiful.' Land of the free. Land of the brave. Land of rock stars and movie stars. Brooks, Madonna, Springsteen, Elvis. Authors Mark Twain, James Baldwin and Toni Morrison. Martin Luther King, Harry Truman, Abe Lincoln. History. The Civil War. The hippy movement of the 1960s. War veterans. The Grand Canyon. The urban cowboy and the real cowboys. Las Vegas. Manhattan Island. Hollywood. Sure, these are images of America. But ask the other 99 per cent of America what it's like to live in America. You'll get a very different picture.

[2] So, what one short sentence describes the real America? How about this one? America is work. Work. The pride of a nation that gets so many philosophers thinking hard trying to figure out why America works so well. Proud of his (and my) nation, Abraham Lincoln said: 'America is the last and best hope of earth.' He said that because he knew that people in America were committed to the task of finding a safe passage for free prosperous people.

[3] America is work. Careers. Being proud and happy about what you do every day. It's the smiling, intense, goal-oriented celebration of life. It's moms and dads working. It's kids off to school. Students know they have to do more than just study to work in the profession of their talent and choice. Some read 500 pages a week. They write research papers and learn public speaking. They support their hometown baseball, football and basketball teams. But students also have to learn how to earn a living, working as machinists, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, cooks, customer service specialists, business owners, managers, nurses, doctors etc. Everyone must produce quality goods everywhere day and night. It all takes work. Quality. That means America has maintained a high employment rate of over 93 per cent since World War II.

[4] I hear America described in terms of the 'spaghetti westerns'. Those old movies tell the story that life in early America was tough. No matter what colour hat you wore, you were working to make a living anyway you could. Sure, the bad men went to jail so the good men could have a safe life for their families. That tradition of freedom means Americans work to be autonomous.

[5] It works because people vote for their government representatives. It is not perfect but still, a working America ensures government is 'of the people, by the people, and for the people'. Elected officials work for the people, not the other way around. Yes, there are a lot of laws and rules in America. But Americans do not want to depend on government. That is what makes America work. This 'working to win' spirit is the American way.

Task 1

Read the text and decide which of the paragraphs (1–5) is best characterised by the summaries (A–F). There is one extra summary. Write your answers in the table below.

0	A The country proud of its people's commitment
1	B The country with a past
2	C The country of well-educated people
3	D The country of famous people, places and events
4	E The country of hard-working people of all ages and professions
5	F The country of democracy and success

Task 2

Read the text again and decide if the statements (1–5) are true, false or not stated. One example (0) has been done for you. Tick your answers in the table below.

		TRUE	FALSE	NOT STATED
0	'America the Beautiful' is a popular myth which doesn't truly reflect the reality of living in America.			
1	99% of the American population is dissatisfied with their lives.			
2	According to the text, the economic success in America is difficult to explain.			
3	The high employment rate in America results from the pressure to do one's best.			
4	'Spaghetti westerns' are about America but they don't tell us much about real American people.			
5	Most of the principles organising American life have been introduced by government.			