**Proficiency Test 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 |

## 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 |

**3. Reorder the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph.**

I. Many farmers now grow flowers, strawberries and similar crops whereas they grew maize and beans in the past.

II. Countries have been forced to switch from their traditional production of food crops for national consumption to cultivation of crops for export.

III. Food crops such as maize and beans have relatively little earning power as exports.

IV. Crops such as flowers and strawberries have a high potential for earning much more money.

V. In many countries, the greatest impact of structural improvement has been in agriculture.

A) I-III-II-V-IV B) V-II-IV-III-I C) II-III-V-I-IV D) V-III-I-IV-II

**4. Which sentence below does not belong to the paragraph?**

(1) One day when the land was still populated by giants, a young warrior and a beautiful girl fell in love. (2) They planned for the day when they could marry and having children. (3) Unfortunately, their people were at war with a neighboring people, and the young man had to leave his beautiful maiden for battle. (4) Battles revealed a man's true character. (5) She sat down to wait for him and soon fell asleep. (6) He never returned, but she can still be seen lying down. (7) She is waiting for her young warrior to return.

A) 1 B) 2 C) 4 D) 7

**5. Choose the correct option to complete the paragraph?**

People strive for success, which motivates them to continuously strive for greater achievements. However, the strength of this motivation can vary greatly from person to person. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. People lacking self-confidence tend to give up on a task much sooner than people with a strong belief in their own abilities. People's levels of motivation are also connected to their beliefs concerning the causes of events.

A) The concept of motivation explains why people strive to achieve particular goals

B) While some sources of motivation are biological and directly promote survival, others are learned

C) Because emotions can both trigger and maintain behaviour, they are motivators of human actions

D) External incentives also act as a motivator for a certain type of behaviour or action

E) Among other things, it depends on the value an individual places on his or her own performance

**6. Choose the correct option to complete following sentence.**

**1.** Salmon farms are prohibited in Alaska \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A) unless salmon actually does protect against cancer.

B) once the industry begins to attack some of the problems

C) but they say salmon farms are bad for the environment

D) because the fishermen blame the farms for undercutting their price

## 7. 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 .
     1. social life b) work c) health d) eating habit
  2. The therapist advised Jane to .
     1. 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 .
     1. give up exercise b) go to the gym at very late hours

c) exercise at a different time of day d) do more exercise

* 1. The therapist told Jane to make her room .
     1. brighter b) darker c) quieter d) heavier
  2. Now, Jane .
     1. never goes to bed really late b) often reads scary books c) sometimes breaks the rules d) feels very tired

## 8. 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 .
   1. because they wanted something bigger
   2. because their mother asked them to
   3. because they had always liked the idea
   4. because they had only £120
2. They listened to classical music while they were .
   1. painting the car b) working on the car

c) trying to sell the car d) working on the farm

1. What did they originally intend to use the car for?
   1. for enjoyment b) for special days

c) for business reasons d) to attract people

1. Who are their customers?
   1. anybody who asks b) people they know

c) they don’t choose their customers d) their relatives

1. What does the writer have difficulty doing?
   1. marrying a close friend
   2. attending weddings of acquaintances
   3. refusing to use his car at certain weddings
   4. the amount of register office weddings

## 9. Listen to the conversation. Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences.

* 1. Mrs Rogers lives at .
     1. number 22A b) number 23 c) number 23A d) number 23B
  2. Mrs Rogers has lived in her present house for years.
     1. four b) five c) six d) seven
  3. Mrs Rogers has lived in the area since .
     1. she was born b) she got married c) she was a girl d) Clare was born
  4. Mrs Rogers’s husband is from \_.
     1. Sweden b) England c) Wales d) Scotland
  5. Mrs Rogers thinks .
     1. 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

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

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