

## File Test 8 Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation A

### GRAMMAR

#### 1 Complete the sentences using reported speech.

Example: 'Did Mel arrive on time?'

He asked me if Mel had arrived on time.

- 1 'We're having a party next Friday.'  
They told us they \_\_\_\_\_ a party next Friday.
- 2 'Don't waste your time in a job you don't like.'  
He told us \_\_\_\_\_ waste our time in a job we don't like.
- 3 'I've bought some new jeans.'  
She told me that she \_\_\_\_\_ some new jeans.
- 4 'We may not get to the train station on time.'  
Dad said we \_\_\_\_\_ get to the train station on time.
- 5 'I'll give you a lift.'  
Trevor said he \_\_\_\_\_ give me a lift.
- 6 'I must be home by 6 p.m.'  
He said he \_\_\_\_\_ be home by 6 p.m.
- 7 'Are you watching the football?'  
My neighbour asked us \_\_\_\_\_ we were watching the football.
- 8 'We interviewed 20 candidates today.'  
They said they \_\_\_\_\_ 20 candidates that day.
- 9 'What are your names?'  
He asked us what our names \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 'Have you been to New York?'  
She asked me if I \_\_\_\_\_ to New York.

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#### 2 Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form or the infinitive (with or without *to*) of the verb in brackets.

Example: She recommended visiting (visit) the museum.

- 1 I can't believe you forgot \_\_\_\_\_ (post) that letter!
- 2 You're really good at \_\_\_\_\_ (write) stories.
- 3 Javier doesn't seem \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) sport very much.
- 4 Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) your music down? I can't concentrate.
- 5 I love \_\_\_\_\_ (not / have) to write essays anymore.
- 6 Do you feel like \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out for pizza tonight?
- 7 I've given up \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to make Don smile – he's so miserable!
- 8 She asked Wilf to go to the shop \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a newspaper.
- 9 I remember \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Jane for the first time many years ago.
- 10 My boss refuses \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me a pay rise. I'm going to resign.

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#### VOCABULARY

#### 3 Tick (✓) the correct word(s).

Example: My current job is **permanent**  / **self-employed**  / **temporary** . It's a one-year contract.

- 1 Fantastic news! I've **been retired**  / **been sacked**  / **got promoted** !
- 2 My paintings are selling well since I **applied**  / **set up**  / **worked**  a website.
- 3 Jason's sleeping late. He's working night **shifts**  / **hours**  / **jobs**  at the factory this week.
- 4 I love being **part-time**  / **temporary**  / **self-employed**  – I can work whenever I want to.
- 5 Sasha's **in charge**  / **responsible**  / **boss**  for the training department.
- 6 I usually do **overtime**  / **full-time**  / **temporary**  at the hospital. I get home later in the evening, but I earn more money.
- 7 I think that people will have to **resign**  / **set up**  / **retire**  when they are 70 in the future.
- 8 I've decided to **resign**  / **apply for**  / **set up**  from my current job because I don't like it.

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#### 4 Write the nouns for the verbs.

Example: demonstrate demonstration

- 1 respond \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 pay \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 qualify \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 retire \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 lose \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 choose \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 sell \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 agree \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 5 Complete the sentences with the correct noun.

Example: That was not a clear explanation. I don't understand what I need to do!

- 1 My flight was cancelled, but the airline gave me **c** \_\_\_\_\_. I got the money back and a free night in Madrid.
- 2 Your grades aren't very good this year. I need to see an **i** \_\_\_\_\_ next year.
- 3 I made a **c** \_\_\_\_\_ to the waiter. It was not a good meal.
- 4 The best **t** \_\_\_\_\_ for a headache is a rest in a dark room.

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Vocabulary total		20
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### PRONUNCIATION

#### 6 Match the words with the same sound.

airline bargain complain  
~~receipt~~ said choose

Example: tree receipt

- 1 train \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 boot \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 chair \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 egg \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 computer \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 7 Which is the stressed syllable? Tick (✓) 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.

Example: im|prove 1  2

- 1 de|mon|strate 1  2  3
- 2 de|li|ver 1  2  3
- 3 tem|pora|ry 1  2  3
- 4 un|em|ployed 1  2  3
- 5 qua|li|fi|ca|tion 1  2  3  4  5

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Pronunciation total		10
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File Test 8  
Reading and Writing A

## READING

## 1 Read the blog posting and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

## Careers blog

Choosing a career is probably one of the most major decisions we ever make. Most people spend 8 to 10 hours a day working. That's a lot of time, so it's important to choose a job you're happy to spend a significant part of your life doing. A job also needs to make us happy – but what that means can vary from person to person.

I remember asking my dad years ago how to decide on a career. He said the ideal job is one you like doing so much that your salary is an added extra. However, it's also true that some people want a job that's well paid because they dream of having a particular lifestyle. Other people have a definite goal from a young age – perhaps because they have a passion for a certain subject, or maybe because they've been inspired by a person who they know or have seen in the media.

It's normal to feel confused by all the possibilities. However, it's important not to make a decision too quickly if you can avoid it. Another older relative of mine told me that she and some of her friends only went to university because they had no idea what jobs they wanted to do! Remember too that a 'job for life' isn't as common as it used to be. I know several people who tried doing many different things for a short time, just to see what they liked and didn't like about them.

There's a lot of advice on the internet about choosing jobs, and I think taking an online personality test is a good place to start. This can help you focus on your own needs and abilities, as well as what motivates you. I'd also recommend chatting to older friends and relatives, like I did. Talking through your ideas can help you to think more clearly about them, even if there are no easy answers. And other people may suggest different things to consider that hadn't occurred to you previously. Then there's always the option of getting some professional careers advice, if you're prepared to pay for it.

Finally, don't forget to look to the future. We live in a changing world. Some jobs may become more popular in the next few years, but others may not be needed as much. And what about your own future? Where do you see yourself in 5 or even 15 years' time? Think about this question, but also remember that some people get their dream job purely by chance – maybe one they didn't even know existed when they were younger. Sometimes it's good to be open to different ideas and see where life takes you!

Example: The author thinks choosing a job \_\_\_\_\_.

A should be fun  B is a big decision  C takes too long

1 The author says a job should be \_\_\_\_\_.

A well paid  B enjoyable  C different from other people's

2 The author asked his or her father how to \_\_\_\_\_.

A earn a lot of money  B have a particular lifestyle  C choose a career

3 The author says some people have \_\_\_\_\_ when they are still young.

A a clear job plan  B a good salary  C an ideal job

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- 4 The author's older relative didn't \_\_\_\_\_.  
A have many friends  B know what job to do  C go to university
- 5 The author says 'jobs for life' \_\_\_\_\_.  
A no longer exist  B are less usual now  C are quite popular today
- 6 The author thinks an online personality test can \_\_\_\_\_.  
A help you focus on your skills  B make you more motivated   
C help you communicate better
- 7 The author believes older people may \_\_\_\_\_.  
A offer quick solutions  B have similar ideas to you   
C help to improve how you think
- 8 The author says \_\_\_\_\_ jobs will be popular in the future.  
A more  B different  C fewer
- 9 The author thinks it can sometimes be good to have a \_\_\_\_\_ about the future.  
A relaxed attitude  B fixed idea  C changing opinion

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### 2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

Example: The author says a lot of our life involves working.   T  

- 1 The author says people in the media sometimes influence our career choices. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The author advises us not to choose a job too quickly whenever possible. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 The author says he or she knows some people who didn't like changing their jobs. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The author says you don't have to pay for professional careers advice. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The author suggests thinking about the future when making decisions about a career. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 The author says some people find their ideal job without planning to. \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading total	15
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### WRITING

**Write a blog post about a good / bad / unusual experience that you had while working or studying. (140–180 words)**

Writing total	10
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Reading and Writing total	25
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## File Test 8 Listening and Speaking A

### LISTENING

#### 1 Listen to a conversation. Tick (✓) A, B, or C.

- 1 In his previous job, Aidan was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A choosing clothes  B selling clothes  C designing clothes
- 2 Aidan said he didn't get \_\_\_\_\_ when he worked at Kelly's.  
 A a good salary  B to be creative  C the promotion he wanted
- 3 Aidan resigned before he \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A was fired  B told his wife  C found an investor
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ makes Aidan feel proud.  
 A Designing new products  B Developing his business  C Selling online
- 5 The person who inspires Aidan \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A also changed careers  B is older than he is  C is a fashion journalist

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#### 2 Listen to five conversations. Match the conversations (1–5) with what the speakers were talking about (A–E).

- Conversation 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conversation 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conversation 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conversation 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conversation 5 \_\_\_\_\_

- A Complaining that his / her job is too busy.
- B Telling someone that he / she won't invest.
- C Describing an experience of solving problems at work.
- D Finding a temporary job.
- E Asking for overtime work.

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Listening total		10
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### SPEAKING

#### 1 Make questions and ask your partner.

What would you do if you ...

- not / have to work?
- can buy / house anywhere in the world?
- can change something about / lifestyle? What / change?
- can choose / any job? Which / choose?
- have to / wear same clothes for a month? What / choose?

Now answer your partner's questions.

#### 2 Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

'We should have more small shops, and fewer shopping centres and supermarkets.'

#### 3 Listen to your partner talking about work. Do you agree with him / her?

Speaking total		15
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Listening and Speaking total		25
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