

## File Test 8

## Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation B

## GRAMMAR

1 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 asked Fran to go to the newsagent's \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a newspaper.
- 2 My boss refuses \_\_\_\_\_ (give) me a pay rise. I'm going to resign.
- 3 I really love \_\_\_\_\_ (not / have) to go to meetings any more.
- 4 Do you feel like \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out for an Indian meal?
- 5 We've given up \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to make Barry smile – he's totally miserable!
- 6 Don't tell me you forgot \_\_\_\_\_ (post) that letter!
- 7 I remember \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) Christina many years ago.
- 8 Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) the TV down? I can't sleep.
- 9 Martha doesn't seem \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) opera at all.
- 10 I'm not very good at \_\_\_\_\_ (write) formal letters.

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## 2 Complete the sentences using reported speech.

Example: 'Did Mel arrive on time?'

He asked me if Mel had arrived on time.

- 1 'Have you been to Beijing?'  
He asked me if I \_\_\_\_\_ to Beijing.
- 2 'We've bought some ice cream.'  
They told me that they \_\_\_\_\_ some ice cream.
- 3 'I'll give you a lift to the station.'  
She said she \_\_\_\_\_ give me a ride to the station.
- 4 'What are their names?'  
She asked me what their names \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 'We interviewed ten people this morning.'  
They said they \_\_\_\_\_ ten people that morning.
- 6 'We're having a party next Friday.'  
They told us they \_\_\_\_\_ a party next Friday.
- 7 'Are you watching the tennis?'  
My neighbour asked us \_\_\_\_\_ we were watching the tennis.
- 8 'Don't waste your time on a job you don't love.'  
She told me \_\_\_\_\_ waste my time on a job I don't love.
- 9 'We may not get to the airport on time.'  
Mum said we \_\_\_\_\_ get to the airport on time.
- 10 'I must be back by 9 p.m.'  
She said she \_\_\_\_\_ be back by 9 p.m.

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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 I've decided to **resign**  / **apply for**  / **set up**  from my current job because I don't like it.
- 2 Congratulations! You've been **retired**  / **sacked**  / **promoted** !
- 3 My wife and I really enjoy being **temporary**  / **part-time**  / **self-employed**  – we can choose when we work.
- 4 I think that people will have to **set up**  / **retire**  / **resign**  when they are 70 in the future.
- 5 My paintings have sold well since I **worked**  / **applied**  / **set up**  a website to advertise them.
- 6 Mina's sleeping late. She's working night **shifts**  / **hours**  / **jobs**  at the factory this week.
- 7 Laura's doing **full-time**  / **overtime**  / **temporary**  this weekend so she can make more money for her holiday.
- 8 Giovanni is **responsible**  / **in charge**  / **boss**  for the public relations department.

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

Example: demonstrate demonstration

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

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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 Cairo.
- 2 Your grades aren't very good this year. I need to see an i\_\_\_\_\_ next year.
- 3 The best t\_\_\_\_\_ for a headache is a rest in a dark room.
- 4 I made a c\_\_\_\_\_ to the manager. It was not good service.

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#### PRONUNCIATION

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

Example: im|prove 1  2

1 qua|li|fi|ca|tion 1  2  3  4  5

2 de|mon|strate 1  2  3

3 un|em|ployed 1  2  3

4 de|li|ver 1  2  3

5 tem|pora|ry 1  2  3

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7 Match the words with the same sound.

~~receipt~~ bargain airline  
complain said choose

Example: tree receipt

1 boot \_\_\_\_\_

2 train \_\_\_\_\_

3 computer \_\_\_\_\_

4 chair \_\_\_\_\_

5 egg \_\_\_\_\_

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Pronunciation total		10
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Reading and Writing B

## 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 shouldn't be \_\_\_\_\_.

A badly paid  B something you don't enjoy  C the same as other people's

2 The author's father told him or her how to \_\_\_\_\_.

A get a well-paid job  B earn lot of money  C choose the best job

3 The author says some young people have \_\_\_\_\_.

A a specific job plan  B a well-paid job  C an ideal job

4 The author's older relative was unable to \_\_\_\_\_.

A decide on a job  B go to university  C agree with her friends

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- 5 The author says 'jobs for life' \_\_\_\_\_.  
A are less popular today  B don't exist any more  C are less usual now
- 6 The author recommends online personality tests because they \_\_\_\_\_.  
A improve your communication skills  B help you focus on your skills   
C make you more motivated
- 7 The author says talking to older people could \_\_\_\_\_.  
A improve relationships  B help to change how you think  C provide easy solutions
- 8 The author says \_\_\_\_\_ jobs will be popular in the future.  
A fewer  B more  C different
- 9 The author advises people not to \_\_\_\_\_ their future.  
A worry a lot about  B consider  C ask questions about

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

Example: The author says only people with important jobs work long hours. F

- 1 The author says young people are never influenced by people in the media when choosing a career. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The author recommends not making career choices too quickly. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 The author says he or she knows some people who like to change their jobs frequently. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The author suggests doing an online personality test when thinking about a career. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The author believes we shouldn't listen to other people's ideas about jobs. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 The author says many people's career choices happen by accident. \_\_\_\_\_

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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 B

### LISTENING

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

- 1 Aidan used to work \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A as a sales assistant  B for a chain of department stores   
 C as a fashion designer
- 2 Aidan said he wanted \_\_\_\_\_ than he had at Kelly's.  
 A a more responsible job  B a bigger salary  C a more creative job
- 3 Aidan's wife \_\_\_\_\_ about his decision to resign.  
 A was positive  B didn't know  C was worried
- 4 Aidan spent his investor's money \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A on a website  B on his products  C on the shop
- 5 The person who inspires Aidan \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A is older than he is  B also changed careers  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 Explaining why he / she can't have any overtime work.
- B Suggesting a way to make someone's job less busy.
- C Describing an experience of solving problems at work.
- D Explaining a job application process.
- E Asking for money for a business idea.

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Listening total		10
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### SPEAKING

#### 1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now make questions and ask your partner.

What would you do if you ...

- can do / any job you want?
- can buy / an expensive present? What / buy? Who / for?
- set up / a new project for a year?
- can travel / six months / anywhere in world?
- can only go / one shop for a year? Which / choose?

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

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

'A good work–life balance is very important.'

Speaking total		15
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