

MULTIPLE CHOICE

In this type of exam task you need to read a text with gaps and choose the correct answer for each of the gaps from four possibilities. The answer must be grammatically and lexically correct.

Below, you will find examples of the structures which are most commonly tested in this type of exam task.

TENSES (GRAMMATICAL TENSES, REPORTED SPEECH, THE PASSIVE)

I had to clean the flat in the morning because my friends A to dinner that night.

- A were coming
B have come
C would be coming
D would come

He claimed that he C a complaint before but I find that difficult to believe.

- A has never had
B never used to have
C had never had
D never had

MODAL AND AUXILIARY VERBS

You C me dress. I could have managed myself, my arm is much better now.

- A can't have helped
B might have helped
C needn't have helped
D should have helped

DETERMINERS AND QUANTIFIERS

The outbreak of swine flu could have B significant impact on the aviation industry.

- A many
B a
C lots
D the

PREPOSITIONS

He's been arrested for drink-driving and sentenced C 20 days in prison.

- A for
B on
C to
D with

LINKING WORDS

D Joe is very busy today, we've decided to postpone our meeting until Tuesday.

- A Due to
B Because of
C Owing to
D Since

SYNONYMS

Motorists will be A up to £1,000 for using a mobile phone in their cars.

- A fined
B punished
C penalised
D paid

COLLOCATIONS

I'm sorry but I can't cancel your reservation at such D a little time.

- B late warning
C postponed date
D short notice

PHRASES AND EXPRESSIONS

At first B, one might think that the answer to this question is obvious.

- A view
B sight
C opinion
D point

PHRASAL VERBS

There are many reasons why a teenager may B crime.

- A go on
B turn to
C put up
D get down

TENSES (GRAMMATICAL TENSES, REPORTED SPEECH, THE PASSIVE)

2 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

- Tom _____ (learn) to play the trumpet since he was six.
- This time next week I expect I _____ (sunbathe) on the beach in Majorca.
- The novice driver admitted that he _____ (hit) into the other car while reversing.
- I'll wait here until the rehearsal _____ (finish).
- I'm afraid it's too late. By the time we get there, the film _____ (start).
- He looks at me as though he _____ (know) me, but I've never seen him before.
- I had a nightmare yesterday - I _____ (chase) by a pack of hungry wolves.

3 Choose the correct answers.

- I wish I _____ work in a small town and not in London when I immigrated to the UK for the first time.
A had found
B would find
C found
D have found
- When he got scared, he _____ for a long time in the wardrobe.
A would have hidden
B was hiding
C was to hide
D would hide
- Martha _____ her class reunion next week. Everything has already been arranged.
A has
B will have
C is having
D would have
- If I _____ taller, I'd have joined a basketball club.
A would be
B used to be
C had been
D were

MODAL AND AUXILIARY VERBS

4 Choose the correct answers.

- I'd rather you _____ use that kind of language at home.
A didn't
B don't
C won't
D mustn't
- It _____ have been just a mistake because they kept on doing it.
A mustn't
B can't
C shouldn't
D needn't
- At least a thousand people _____ thought to have died in the earthquake.
A will be
B have
C are
D -
- I'm freezing cold! I _____ put my winter coat on as my mum had told me.
A had to
B should have
C must have
D might have
- I wish you _____ whistle all the time - it does get on my nerves quite a bit!
A won't
B wouldn't
C hadn't
D don't

DETERMINERS AND QUANTIFIERS

5 Complete the sentences with the missing determiners and quantifiers.

- The woman sitting in front of fireplace is singer who can also play the piano quite well.
- I can't understand why children are afraid of dogs, while others can play with them for hours without sign of fear.
- We started our tour in Samoens (which is beautiful mountain village in the French Alps) and finished in Amsterdam, capital city of Netherlands.
- Have you got idea how rubbish your family produces in a day?
- There were few people waiting when we got to airport, but of them knew why the plane was delayed.

6 Choose the correct answers.

- Crime is _____ subject on which people have strong opinions.
A the
B one
C a
D some
- 'Would you like beer or coke?' 'I don't want _____.'
A any
B either
C both
D none
- The most rewarding aspect of _____ university job is human contact.
A the
B a
C some
D an
- There are many different ways of looking at a single object, _____ of which will give the whole view.
A neither
B both
C any
D none

PREPOSITIONS

7 Each sentence below contains one preposition that is incorrect. Find the mistakes and correct them.

- I'm afraid Mr Jones is not available at the moment - he's for a business trip.
- Do you sometimes laugh from practical jokes played on other people?
- I'm sure you're capable with putting some more effort into your work.
- A common misconception is that you'll be safe of the storm if you shelter under a tree.
- Please forgive me by not being there for you when you really needed my support.

8 Choose the correct answers.

- In some countries public housing discriminates against young people, giving priority _____ middle-aged singles or couples.
- The patient died _____ bronchopneumonia within one month of initial assessment.
A of
B for
C by
D to
- A 27-year-old male was charged _____ robbery and a number of related offences.
A of
B with
C against
D for
- Don't lean _____ the railings because some of them can be quite shaky.
A by
B at
C off
D against