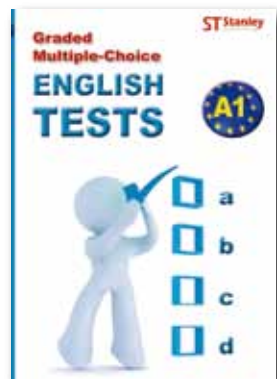


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Test 1a

Choose the correct answer — *a, b, c* or *d* — to complete the following texts. Only one answer is correct.

- Their cars _____ in the street.
 a) is
 b) isn't
 c) comes
 d) are
- Where is the dictionary?
—It is _____ the table.
 a) on
 b) in
 c) at
 d) with
- I can't see the children. What _____ doing?
 a) they're
 b) is he
 c) are they
 d) are
- Charlotte is very clever. She _____ four different languages.
 a) speak
 b) is speak
 c) speaking
 d) speaks
- Is George Mrs Eliot's son?
—Yes, _____.
 a) he is his son
 b) she is his son
 c) he is her son
 d) he is their son
- What can you see in the garden?
—_____ some big trees.
 a) There is
 b) There are
 c) There isn't
 d) There's
- What _____ Susan doing?
 a) is
 b) do
 c) does
 d) are
- Every morning Mr Smith goes to work _____ car.
 a) in
 b) on
 c) by
 d) per
- We like to _____ television in the evening.
 a) watch
 b) see
 c) see the
 d) look
- Do you smoke?
—Yes, _____.
 a) I am
 b) I do
 c) I'm smoking
 d) that is
- Go straight ahead and turn left _____ the traffic lights.
 a) in
 b) on
 c) to
 d) at
- There is a group of _____ in front of the school.
 a) woman
 b) womans
 c) women
 d) wimmen

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Composition of Tests 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d

- 1 Agreement in number of subject and verb.
- 2 Common prepositions: *in, on, at, etc.*
- 3 Formation of present continuous with the auxiliary *be*.
- 4 Formation of present simple with the auxiliary *do* in questions and negatives.
- 5 Possessive adjectives: *my, your, his, her, our, their*.
- 6 Use of *there is, there are*: positive, negative and question forms.
- 7 Use of auxiliaries *do* and *be*. Agreement in number of subject and verb.
- 8 Prepositions with certain nouns: *by car, by bus, on foot, at work, on holiday, on television, etc.*
- 9 Common collocations: *watch television, make a mistake, ask a question, tell a story, etc.*
- 10 Short answers with present simple, present continuous and *can*.
- 11 Prepositions used in giving directions: *in, on, to, at*.
- 12 Irregular plurals: *men, women, children, sheep, fish, etc.*
- 13 Adjective or adverb?
- 14 *Many* and *much* with countable and uncountable nouns.
- 15 Possessives and *'s*.
- 16 Demonstrative adjectives: *this, that, these, those*.

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- 17 Omission of *the* in common expressions: *next week, have breakfast, etc.*
- 18 Use of *a/an*.
- 19 Infinitive of purpose.
- 20 Use of *a/an*.
- 21 Use of *one/ones* after an adjective: *a new one, the red ones, etc.*
- 22 Impersonal use of *it* to speak about the weather. Distinction between *it is* and *there is*.
- 23 Use of *other* and *another* (frequently followed by the pronouns *one/ones*).
- 24 Expressions with *be* in English: *be hot, cold, hungry, thirsty, afraid, right, in a hurry, etc.*
- 25 Use of *some* in positive statements and *any* in negatives and questions.
- 26 Use of *a/an* with jobs and profession: *She's a mechanic*.
- 27 Possessive adjectives.
- 28 *Be* going to + infinitive.
- 29 Formation and use of present continuous and present simple.
- 30 *Must* and *mustn't*.
- 31 Irregular plurals: *feet, mice, teeth, etc.* Nouns that are plural in English: *trousers, clothes, people, etc.*
- 32 Use of *whose* in questions: *Whose pen is this?*
- 33 Uses of *can* and *can't*.
- 34 Use of the present continuous to express future intentions: *I'm going out tonight*.

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- 35 Omission of *the* with the names of certain places: *home, work, university, bed, etc.*
- 36 Formation and use of present continuous and present simple.
- 37 Present continuous used to express future intentions.
- 38 Use of *a/an* where no article is required in Spanish (e.g. in exclamations).
- 39 Position of preposition at the end of questions: *Where is he from?*
- 40 Use of *some* in positive statements, of *any* in questions and after negatives, and of *some* in requests.
- 41 Uses of *can* and *can't*.
- 42 Use of *too, too much, too many* and *enough* with adjectives and adverbs.
- 43 Omission of *the* with non-specific nouns, names of sports, etc.
- 44 *Would you like* in polite offers. Possible confusions.
- 45 *Be going to* + infinitive.
- 46 Common phrasal verbs: *bring back, look for, turn on, turn down*.
- 47 Use of *must* and *mustn't*.
- 48 Contrast of present continuous and present simple.
- 49 Basic phrasal verbs: *put on, take back, turn off, throw away*.
- 50 Ellipsis with the auxiliaries *do* and *be* in short answers (e.g. *Yes, I am*.) and similar structures.

Composition of Tests 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d

- 1 Possible confusions using the verb *like*.
- 2 Past simple of irregular verbs: *get, feel, fall, do*.
- 3 Use of the passive verb *be born* in questions and affirmations.
- 4 Use of *could* as the past of *can*.

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- 5 *Would you like* in polite offers. Possible confusions with other uses of *like*.
- 6 Infinitive of purpose.
- 7 Use of *have to; had to* as the past of *must*.
- 8 Order of direct and indirect object pronouns after verbs *like give, send, etc.*
- 9 Possessives; distinction between *'s* and *'r*.
- 10 Verbs not normally used in continuous tenses: *seem, believe, belong, fit*.
- 11 Uses of *other* and *another*, often followed by the pronouns *one/ones*.
- 12 Questions with *how long*.
- 13 Irregular plurals (*sheep, fish*) and nouns which are plural in English (*people, police*).
- 14 Use of *there is, there was, etc.* Possible confusion with *it is, it was, etc.*
- 15 *Something, anything, nothing; somebody, anybody, nobody*.
- 16 Irregular adverbs: *fast, well, hard*.
- 17 Formation and use of past simple: *put back, be*.
- 18 Possessive pronouns: *mine, yours, his, hers, ours, theirs*.
- 19 Comparatives of adjectives, regular and irregular (*good, bad*).
- 20 Future with *will* and *shall*. Possible confusion with present simple.
- 21 Use of *too* followed by an adjective.
- 22 Prepositions with expressions of time: *in, on, at*.
- 23 *Agoo* and *for* in expressions of time.
- 24 Verbs followed by prepositions: *depend on, think about, get married to, look after*.
- 25 Formation of questions in various tenses.
- 26 Use of *like* in such questions as *What is it like?* Possible confusions.
- 27 Superlative form of adjectives: *the most intelligent, the worst, etc.*

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- 28 Formation and usage of the past simple.
- 29 Preposition followed by *-ing*: *before going, after paying, etc.*
- 30 Nouns which are uncountable in English: *advice, news, information, furniture, etc.*
- 31 Comparison of adjectives, comparisons with *as ... as*.
- 32 *Must, mustn't, have to, don't have to, etc.*
- 33 Negative verbs followed by *any*. Negations with *no* and *none*.
- 34 Use of the pronouns *one/ones* after adjectives.
- 35 Present simple and present continuous in negative sentences.
- 36 *Everything* and *everybody* followed by singular verb.
- 37 Questions with *how* and *what*. Possible confusions using *like*.
- 38 Prepositions in common verbs and phrases: *think about, on foot, on the phone, etc.*
- 39 Future with *will* and *shall*. Possible confusions with present simple.
- 40 Adjectives and verbs followed by prepositions: *kind to, wait for, laugh at, talk about*.
- 41 Possessive pronouns: *mine, yours, etc.*
- 42 Irregular verbs in the past simple: *buy, ring, see, take*.
- 43 Contrast of past simple and past continuous.
- 44 Irregular verbs in the past simple: *write, shut, fell, feel*.
- 45 Adjective or adverb? Position of adverb in the sentence.
- 46 Questions with *who* as subject: *Who opened the window?*
- 47 Comparison of adjectives and adverbs.

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- 48 *Something, anything, nothing; somebody, anybody, nobody*.
- 49 Contrast of *don't have to* and *mustn't*.
- 50 Common phrasal verbs: *get up, speak up, depend on, look after*.

Composition of Tests 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d

- 1 Formation and use of present perfect. Position of *yet* and *already*.
- 2 Auxiliaries and their use; ellipsis of the main verb.
- 3 Formation of questions in present simple and past simple.
- 4 Questions with *who* as subject: e.g. *Who gave it to you?*
- 5 *Can* and *could* followed by the infinitive without *to*.
- 6 Verb followed by infinitive (*forget*) or verb followed by *-ing* (*hate, stop, enjoy*).
- 7 Possessive pronouns: *mine, yours, etc.*
- 8 Possessives. Distinction between *'s* and *'r*. *There is, there was, there will be, there has been*.
- 10 Countable and uncountable nouns: *news, information, advice, homework*.
- 11 Use and omission of *the* in the expression *like next week*, with non-specific nouns, etc.
- 12 *Some, any, none; something, anything, nothing*.
- 13 *May* and *might* to express uncertainty.
- 14 *Much, many, a lot*.
- 15 Demonstrative adjectives: *this, that, these, those*.
- 16 Past simple and past participles of irregular verbs: *sleep, go, tell, fly*.
- 17 Adjective or adverb: position of adverbs of frequency.

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- 18 *Too + adjective/adverb, adjective/adverb + enough*.
- 19 Uses of present perfect.
- 20 Word order in sentences: subject + verb + object + adverb expressions (except frequency adverbs).
- 21 Infinitive of purpose.
- 22 Use of *still, yet* and *already*; and their position in the sentence.
- 23 *Should* and *must* followed by the infinitive without *to*.
- 24 Adjective followed by the pronouns *one/ones*: *a bigger one, the blue ones, etc.*
- 25 Verb + infinitive (*want*) or verb + *-ing* (*stop, enjoy*).
- 26 Questions with question words: *what, who, which, how*.
- 27 Position of direct and indirect object pronouns after verbs *like give, show, lend, etc.*
- 28 Superlative forms of adjectives; use of *in* (not *of*) after superlatives (*in the world, etc.*).
- 29 Questions with *how long* + present perfect.
- 30 Use and omission of prepositions in time expressions (*last week, in January, on 2nd May, etc.*).
- 31 *Somebody, anybody, nobody; something, anything, nothing*.
- 32 Verbs and adjectives followed by prepositions: *depend on, look after, married to, think about*.
- 33 Conjunctions: *so, because, or, but*.
- 34 Past simple contrasted with present perfect.
- 35 Prepositions of time: *since, for, during, until, etc.*
- 36 Use of *still, yet* and *already*; their position in the sentence.

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- 37 *Would you like?* as a polite form of *do you want?* Possible confusions.
- 38 Questions with *who* and *what* as subject: e.g. *What happened?*
- 39 Prepositions with verbs and in common expressions (*on time, on the phone, etc.*).
- 40 Prepositions of place: *at, in, on, to*.
- 41 Prepositions in expressions of time: *since, for, during*.
- 42 *Some, any, no, none; somebody, anybody, nobody*.
- 43 Comparatives using *as ... as*.
- 44 Past simple and past participles of irregular verbs: *know, swim, drink, ride*.
- 45 Use of *must, mustn't, have to, don't have to, etc.*
- 46 Use of *may* and *might* to express uncertainty.
- 47 Past simple contrasted with present perfect.
- 48 Common phrasal verbs: *take off, put on, turn off*. Position of object pronoun.
- 49 Common phrasal verbs: *bring back, take back, put back, give back*. Position of object pronoun.
- 50 Common phrasal verbs: *break down, fill in, throw away*.

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Test 2c

Choose the correct answer — a, b, c or d — to complete the following texts. Only one answer is correct.

- I didn't expect to get the job. I was _____ when they offered it to me.
 a) really surprising
 b) really surprised
 c) real surprised
 d) real surprising
- Jimmy _____ at the moment. He's on holiday.
 a) don't work
 b) can't working
 c) doesn't work
 d) isn't working
- Mike got some tickets for the concert. — _____ expensive?
 a) Were they
 b) Was they
 c) Did they be
 d) Did they were
- Are you doing anything interesting this evening?
—I don't know. _____ at home and read a good book.
 a) I might stay
 b) Perhaps I stay
 c) Maybe I stay
 d) I'll stay maybe
- A lot of electric cars _____ from Japan.
 a) are imported
 b) are importing
 c) they are importing
 d) is imported
- She _____ her shopping during the week, but always on Saturday.
 a) doesn't do
 b) isn't doing
 c) doesn't make
 d) isn't making
- Would you like _____ ice-cream?
—Yes, please, just a little.
 a) any
 b) some
 c) a few
 d) little
- Larry _____ he was exhausted and wanted to sleep.
 a) told that
 b) said us that
 c) said us
 d) told us
- He spoke _____ English, so it was possible to communicate with him.
 a) very well
 b) a little of
 c) a little
 d) little
- Where does Maggie live?
—She lives in Dublin. She _____ there all her life.
 a) lives
 b) has lived
 c) lived
 d) is living
- Modern films are _____ old films.
 a) much more violent than
 b) much violenter than
 c) much more violent that
 d) too much violent than
- Did you find the _____ you were looking for?
—Yes, I did. Thank you.
 a) person whose
 b) person which
 c) person what
 d) person

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Composition of Tests 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d

- 1 Clauses with *when* and *if* + present simple.
- 2 Subject and object pronouns; possessive pronouns.
- 3 Comparatives: *less than, more than, etc.*
- 4 *A friend of mine, of yours, etc.*
- 5 Present simple contrasted with present continuous: position of adverbs of frequency.
- 6 Short questions using auxiliaries: *Are you? Is he? etc.*
- 7 *Have, have got*: positive, question and negative forms.
- 8 Past simple, past continuous or present perfect.
- 9 Word order with *yet* and *already* and present perfect; *have been* contrasted with *have gone*.
- 10 Present simple or present continuous?
- 11 Common false friends: *large, library, notice, adequate*.
- 12 Formation and use of future simple.
- 13 Exclamations: *What a lovely dress! How nice!*
- 14 Modal verbs: *should, could, might*.
- 15 *Must, mustn't, have to do, don't have to*.
- 16 Present perfect or past simple?
- 17 Questions with *how* + adjective/adverb: *how fast, how far, etc.*
- 18 Possessives: *the name of the street, not the street's name*.
- 19 Conjunctions: *but, although, however*.

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- 20 *Some, any, a little, a bit: something, anything, nothing*.
- 21 Adjectives and adverbs: *hard, fast, late, well*.
- 22 Present perfect: *have been* contrasted with *have gone*.
- 23 Comparisons with *as ... as* and *the same ... as*.
- 24 Adjective + *enough*: *good enough, big enough, etc.*
- 25 Word order with *still, yet, already*.
- 26 Question tags: negative (*aren't you?*) and positive (*is he?*).
- 27 Prepositions in expressions of time: *at night, in 2001, etc.*
- 28 Questions with *how long* + present perfect.
- 29 Prepositions after certain adjectives and verbs: *interested in, wait for, afraid of, fed up with*.
- 30 Possessive pronouns; subject and object pronouns.
- 31 Clauses with *when* + present and *when* + past.
- 32 Past simple or present perfect?
- 33 Use and omission of prepositions in common expressions: *at work, go home, at home*.
- 34 First conditional: *if* + present simple.
- 35 Word order with adverbs and adverbial expressions.
- 36 Infinitive or *-ing* form?
- 37 Adjective or adverb?
- 38 *Little, few, a little, a few* with countable and uncountable nouns.

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- 39 Word order with *still, already, yet, just* + present perfect.
- 40 *Something, anything, nothing; somebody, anybody, nobody, somewhere, anywhere, nowhere*.
- 41 *A friend of mine* and similar constructions: *an uncle of mine, etc.*
- 42 Past simple and past participle of irregular verbs: *sell, choose, meet, find*.
- 43 Past simple or past continuous?
- 44 Prepositions with common expressions: *on time, on holiday, good at*.
- 45 *Few, a few, little, a little* with countable and uncountable nouns.
- 46 Question tags: negative and positive.
- 47 Past simple or present perfect?
- 48 Common phrasal verbs: *take off (plane), slow down, speak up, hold on (wait)*.
- 49 Common phrasal verbs: *pick up, take off, give up, break down*.
- 50 Common phrasal verbs: *try on, turn off, pick up, give up*.

Composition of Tests 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d

- 1 Adjectives ending in *-ed* and *-ing*: *bored/boring, etc.*
- 2 Present continuous or present simple?
- 3 Questions with past simple of *be*.
- 4 *May* and *might* to express uncertainty.
- 5 Passive voice: present and past simple.
- 6 Auxiliaries in negative: *doesn't, didn't, haven't, etc.*
- 7 *Some, any, no, none*.
- 8 Indirect speech: distinction between *say* and *tell*.
- 9 *Little, a little, few, a few* with countable and uncountable nouns.

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- 10 Present perfect or past simple?
- 11 Comparatives (with *a lot and much*) and superlatives; *as ... as*.
- 12 Defining relative clauses with and without *who* and *that* (the person you want).
- 13 *Too much, too many; how much, how many*.
- 14 Word order: position of adverbs of frequency.
- 15 Reflexive pronouns (*myself, yourself, etc.*) and *each other*.
- 16 Prepositions in time expressions: *in 2004, on Monday, in three weeks, etc.*
- 17 *So that* to express purpose.
- 18 Modal verbs in the negative: *mustn't, don't have to, shouldn't, couldn't*.
- 19 Past simple or past continuous?
- 20 *Something, anything, nothing; somewhere, anywhere, nowhere*.
- 21 Clauses with *when* + present/past and *if* + present.
- 22 Questions with *who* as subject: *Who wants a sandwich?*
- 23 Passive voice: present simple and past simple (including *be born*).
- 24 Demonstrative pronouns: *this, that, these, those*.
- 25 Adverbs, regular and irregular (*hard, well, late, lately*).
- 26 Questions with *how long* + present perfect.
- 27 Comparison of adjectives.
- 28 Questions with *who* and *what* as subject: *Who knows? What happened?*
- 29 Defining relative clauses: *the people who live next door*.
- 30 Prepositions of place and direction: *on, in, into, over, across, etc.*
- 31 Question tags: present simple and past simple.

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- 32 Indirect speech: distinction between *say* and *tell*.
- 33 Order of direct and indirect object pronouns after verbs like *give, send, show, etc.*
- 34 Questions with prepositions at the end: *Who's he waiting for?*
- 35 *What's it like? What's he like? etc.*
- 36 Passive voice: present simple and past simple.
- 37 Use of the pronouns *one/ones*.
- 38 Use of *long* to express duration with the verb *take*: *How long will it take?*
- 39 Reflexive pronouns and *each other*.
- 40 Prepositions in common expressions (*good at, sorry for*); *-ing* form of verb after preposition.
- 41 Superlatives: *in (not of)* in phrases like *the tallest building in the world*.
- 42 Adjective pairs ending in *-ed* and *-ing* (*excited/exciting*).
- 43 Distinction between *say, tell, talk and speak*.
- 44 Defining relative clauses.
- 45 Common verbs with *get*: *get home, get to, get in, get off*.
- 46 Indirect speech with ellipsis of the verb (*he said he didn't*). Distinction between *say* and *tell*.
- 47 Common "false friends": *history, argument, assist*.
- 48 Common phrasal verbs: *look out, get on, get in*.
- 49 Common phrasal verbs: *get in, check in, fill in*.
- 50 Common phrasal verbs: *fill in, leave out, go out (light), check in*.

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Composition of Tests 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d

- 1 Word order in indirect questions: *Do you know what time it is?*
- 2 Past continuous or past simple.
- 3 Passive voice: present simple and past simple.
- 4 *Either* and *neither* followed by singular verb.
- 5 Future with *will* and *shall*. Possible confusion with present simple.
- 6 *Mustn't* contrasted with *don't have to*.
- 7 Conditional simple: *would* + infinitive.
- 8 *Should* to make suggestions or give advice.
- 9 *It* in impersonal structures: *is it true? how far is it?* etc.
- 10 *For, since* and *ago* in time expressions.
- 11 Negative sentences.
- 12 Questions with *would you like...?* and possible confusions with other uses of *like*.
- 13 Indirect speech; distinction between *say* and *tell*.
- 14 Questions with *who* and *what* as subject: *Who lives there? What started the fire?*
- 15 Verb + *-ing* (*enjoy doing*): *-ing* after prepositional verbs (*think of doing*).
- 16 Questions with *how long* + present perfect.
- 17 Common "false friends": *library, assist, notice, rich*.
- 18 Present perfect: distinction between *have been* and *have gone*.
- 19 Get in common collocations: *get home, get dressed, get hungry, get on (train)*.
- 20 *There is, there was, there will be, there has been*.
- 21 Common collocations with *go*: *go for a drink, go for a swim, go fishing, go to bed*.

- 22 Questions with prepositions at the end: *What did you dream about?*
- 23 *Either* and *neither; either ... or, neither ... nor*.
- 24 Word order in indirect questions.
- 25 Infinitive of purpose: *have time to do something*.
- 26 Order of direct and indirect object pronouns; possessive pronouns.
- 27 Conditional tense: *would* + infinitive.
- 28 Singular and plural nouns: *people, police, etc.*
- 29 Avoidance of double negatives (*he never says nothing*).
- 30 Past simple or present perfect?
- 31 Comparisons with *as ... as* and *not as ... as*.
- 32 Position of adverbs of frequency.
- 33 Past continuous or past simple?
- 34 Prepositions in time expressions: *the moment, on Friday, at night, etc.*
- 35 Word order in indirect questions.
- 36 Prepositions of place and movement: *on, in, through, over, etc.*
- 37 Present continuous used to express future intentions: contrast with *will* and *shall*.
- 38 Prepositions in common expressions: *on foot, talk about, sorry for, fed up with*.
- 39 *Both, either* and *neither; either ... or*.
- 40 Defining relative clauses.
- 41 Questions with *what, which, how often*.
- 42 Questions with *how long*. Present perfect or past simple?
- 43 Defining relative clauses; the relative pronoun *whose*; omission of relative pronoun.
- 44 Use of the *-ing* form after prepositions: *before going, after eating, etc.*

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Test 2c

Choose the correct answer — a, b, c or d — to complete the following texts. Only one answer is correct.

- The car has broken down again.
—That car is useless. It _____.
 a) is always breaking down
 b) breaks down always
 c) is breaking down always
 d) has broken down always
- Tell me about Sir Francis Drake. When _____ and when did he die?
—I'm sorry, I don't remember.
 a) did he born
 b) did he borned
 c) was he borned
 d) was he born
- This soup tastes _____. What's in it?
 a) real well
 b) really good
 c) really well
 d) real good
- I _____ read a newspaper every day, but now I do.
 a) wasn't use to
 b) usen't to
 c) didn't use to
 d) wasn't used to
- The pyramids of Egypt _____ about three thousand years ago.
 a) they built them
 b) built themselves
 c) were builded
 d) were built
- Recently Daniel's behaviour has been completely crazy. People think he's round the _____.
 a) curve
 b) bend
 c) corner
 d) angle
- The police asked me _____ about the things I had seen.
 a) to not tell no one
 b) that I tell no one
 c) to not tell anyone
 d) not to tell anyone
- I don't understand this machine. Can you explain _____?
 a) me how it works
 b) how it works to me
 c) me how does it work
 d) how does it work to me
- If your parents could see you now, _____ surprised?
 a) couldn't they be
 b) wouldn't they be
 c) weren't they
 d) aren't they
- I asked Mr Jones, the carpenter, to _____ me a bookcase.
 a) form
 b) realise
 c) do
 d) make
- Do you know when the first Olympic Games _____?
—Yes. In 776 BC.
 a) were being held
 b) have been held
 c) were held
 d) were happened
- Where can I get _____ about flights to Chicago?
 a) an information
 b) any informations
 c) some information
 d) some informations

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Composition of Tests 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d

- 1 Defining relative clauses with *who, what, which, whose* and *where*.
- 2 Second conditional sentences: *if + past simple, conditional*.
- 3 *So + adjective (+ that...); such + adjective + noun (+ that...)*.
- 4 Comparisons with *as... as, the same... as, etc.*
- 5 Present continuous or present simple?
- 6 Use of past perfect ("past in the past").
- 7 *Want (tell, ask) somebody to do something*.
- 8 Uses of *would* for activities that occurred regularly in the past; use of *wouldn't* for *refused to*.
- 9 Question formation.
- 10 *Used to + infinitive*: positive, negative and questions forms.
- 11 Agreement and disagreement with *so* and *not* (*I hope so, I don't think so, I hope not, etc.*).
- 12 Verbs followed by infinitive (*decide to do*), verbs followed by *-ing (stop doing)*.
- 13 *In case + various tenses*.
- 14 Expressions + *-ing*: *have difficulty doing something, there's no point doing something*.
- 15 Ways of expressing purpose: *to, for, so that*.
- 16 Present perfect with *the first time, the second time*, and similar expressions.
- 17 Singular and plural nouns: *means, scissors, news, jeans*.
- 18 Use of *should*, especially after certain verbs (*insist, suggest*) and expressions (*it's essential that...*).

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- 19 Verbs followed by infinitive (*decide to do*), verbs followed by *-ing (stop doing)*. Negative infinitives.
- 20 2nd conditional sentences: *if + past simple, conditional*.
- 21 *Make someone do something, let someone do something, allow someone to do something*.
- 22 *Passive with present and past perfect simple (have/had been done)* and infinitive (*be done*).
- 23 Indirect speech and questions.
- 24 *Noun + noun constructions (family reunion, tennis ball, shop windows)*.
- 25 Past perfect ("past in the past").
- 26 *In case + various tenses*.
- 27 *Used to + infinitive*: positive, negative and questions forms.
- 28 Simple constructions with *wish* and *hope* (*I wish you a good journey*).
- 29 *Little, a little, few, a few, much, many, etc.*
- 30 Defining relative clauses with *who, what, which, whose*; omission of relative pronoun.
- 31 Adjectives with *-ing, -ed (boring, bored)*.
- 32 *Verb + preposition (succeed in, look forward to, feel like, dream of)*.
- 33 Verbs not normally used in the continuous tenses (*seem, understand, need, prefer, fit*).
- 34 *Word order with always, probably, soon and also*.
- 35 Preferences expressed with *I'd rather* and *I'd rather not*.
- 36 *So + adjective (+ that...); such + adjective + noun (+ that...)*.
- 37 *Both, either and neither*.

Composition of Tests 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d

- 29 Common expressions related to telephoning: *out of order, be cut off, hold the line, wrong number*.
- 30 Possessive apostrophe and possessives with *of*.
- 31 *Verb + preposition: explain to someone, dream/think about, think of* (when expressing an opinion).
- 32 Use and omission of reflexive pronouns.
- 33 Comparatives and superlatives.
- 34 *Much, many, few, little, plenty, etc.*
- 35 Verbs of sense, etc. followed by adjectives, not adverbs (*tastes good, looks nice*).
- 36 Subjective in imagined situations: *if I were you, I wish you were here, etc.*
- 37 Common expressions related to driving: *the rush-hour, be stuck in a traffic jam, a write-off*.
- 38 Present perfect or past simple?
- 39 The verb *mind* followed by *an if* clause or *-ing*.
- 40 *Both... and, neither... nor, either... or...*
- 41 Common expressions with *get*: *get the sack, get a move on, not get someone wrong*.
- 42 Short replies agreeing with previous statement (*So do I*) or disagreeing (*Neither do I*).
- 43 Expressing preference with *prefer* and *would rather*.
- 44 Expressions which mention colours: *out of the blue, red tape, green with envy, once in a blue moon*.
- 45 Defining relative clauses with *who, which* and *that*; omission of relative pronoun.
- 46 Constructions with *wish* and related verbs.
- 47 Common phrasal verbs: *get away, call back, give away, make up (invent)*.
- 48 Common phrasal verbs with *up*: *split up, do up, blow up*.
- 49 Common phrasal verbs with *out*: *eat out, drop out, get out of, leave out*.
- 50 Common phrasal verbs with *off*: *put off, set off, take off (plane)*.

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- 38 *How long (ago) + past simple; how long + present perfect*.
- 39 *Passive voice with simple tenses and infinitive*.
- 40 *Want (tell, ask, allow, expect) somebody to do something*.
- 41 Indirect speech and questions.
- 42 Past perfect ("past in the past")
- 43 2nd conditional sentences: *if + past simple, conditional*.
- 44 Short answers with *so* and *not* (*I hope so, I hope not*).
- 45 Connectors: *although, however, etc.*
- 46 Phrasal verbs: *join in, turn out, put off, let down*.
- 47 *Used to + infinitive*: positive, negative and questions forms.
- 48 Phrasal verbs: *switch off, find out, cross out*.
- 49 Phrasal verbs: *give up, carry on, go off (alarm, bomb)*.
- 50 Phrasal verbs: *come up to, keep up with, see off, close down*.

Composition of Tests 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d

- 1 *Always used with present continuous in complaints*. Position of adverb.
- 2 Formation and use of past simple.
- 3 Verbs of sense (*look, feel, sound, etc.*) and *be, get, become* and *seem* followed by adjectives.
- 4 *Used to + infinitive* to express repeated or regular activity in the past.
- 5 *Passive voice with present simple and past simple*.
- 6 Common idioms describing people: *chatterbox, hard as nails, pain in the neck, round the bend*.
- 7 *Tell/ask/etc. somebody to do something*. Negative infinitive: *not to do*.
- 8 *Verb + preposition: explain something to someone, wait for something, talk about something*.

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- 9 Conditional with *would, could, should, might*.
- 10 Possible confusions with *do* and *make*: *make a mistake, do someone a favour, etc.*
- 11 *Word order in indirect questions*.
- 12 Abstract uncountable nouns: *advice, progress, information, research*.
- 13 Short replies agreeing with previous statement (*Me, too*) or disagreeing (*Me, neither*).
- 14 Present perfect with *just, already, yet, etc.*
- 15 Everyday expressions that reminds me, *make up one's mind, if the worst comes to the worst, as far as I'm concerned*.
- 16 Question tags: use of *shall* we after suggestions with *let's*.
- 17 The verb *mind* followed by *an if* clause or *-ing*.
- 18 *Verb + preposition + -ing: succeed in, feel like, prevent someone from*.
- 19 *To, for* and *so that* to express purpose.
- 20 Use of *take* and *bring* and possible confusions.
- 21 Past simple, past continuous, past perfect and *used to*.
- 22 Adjective + *to* (*kind, difficult, impossible, glad*).
- 23 Common idioms with *bad*: *go from bad to worse, go through a bad patch, be a bad lot, etc.*
- 24 2nd conditional (*if + past simple, conditional*).
- 25 Use of *can* and *could* with verbs of sense.
- 26 *Verbs + -ing (suggest, avoid, fancy)*.
- 27 *Tell/remind/advise/etc. somebody to do something*. Exception: *suggest + that*.
- 28 Common noun + noun combinations (*bank manager, exam result*) and related structures (*three-year-old child*).

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- 22 *So + adjective/adverb, such + (a/an) + adjective + noun*.
- 23 *Wish + subjunctive (past simple): I wish I knew*.
- 24 Comparatives: *bigger and bigger, better and better, etc.*
- 25 Idioms associated with mind: *make up one's mind, speak one's mind, etc.*
- 26 *Preposition + -ing or + infinitive: dream of, be afraid to, look forward to, sorry to, think of*.
- 27 Conjunctions: *however, although, though, unless*.
- 28 *Verb tenses with the time*.
- 29 Use of *most* (without preceding definite article): *most of the time*.
- 30 Expressing preference with *prefer, would rather* and *like better*.
- 31 Common collocations with the verb *get*: *home, get rid of, get to know*.
- 32 Idiomatic noun phrases: *blissing in disguise, piece of cake, flash in the pan*.
- 33 Verbs of sense followed by adjectives, not adverbs. Adjectives ending with *-ing/-ed*.
- 34 Prepositions in common phrases: *on holiday, at 100 miles an hour, on the phone, on the way*.
- 35 *Used to + infinitive*: negative and question forms.
- 36 *Noun + noun compounds: youth hostel, computer technology, alarm signal, pedestrian crossing*.
- 37 *Wish + subjunctive (past simple)* for an imagined situation in the present: *I wish I knew her*.
- 38 Superlatives followed by *in*, not *of*: *the biggest in the world, etc.*
- 39 Questions with *how + adjective/adverb*: *how big, how quickly, how often, etc.*
- 40 Adjective/verb followed, or not followed, by a preposition: *sensible of, explain to, shocked at, discuss*.

- 41 Use of *quite + adjective, quite + (a/an) adjective + noun*. Possible confusion with *enough*.
- 42 *Want/would like someone to do something*.
- 43 Countable and uncountable nouns: *equipment, success, homework*.
- 44 Use of *in case* with present and past tenses.
- 45 Common idioms formed by pairs of adverbs: *now and again, few and far between, neither here nor there*.
- 46 Common false friends: *sensitive, sensible, eventually, actually*.
- 47 Common phrasal verbs: *fill in, make up, run out, turn down*.
- 48 Common phrasal verbs: *find out, look up, turn down, try on*.
- 49 Common phrasal verbs: *write down, tidy up, work out, turn out*.
- 50 Common phrasal verbs: *drop out, turn out, take off, get on*.

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Test 3b

Choose the correct answer — *a, b, c* or *d* — to complete the following texts. Only one answer is correct.

1. Would you mind _____ your bike for half an hour?
 a) that I lend
 b) if I borrowed
 c) borrowing me
 d) if I lent
2. I _____ myself since your birthday party last year. What a fantastic party that was!
 a) didn't really enjoy
 b) haven't been enjoying
 c) really didn't enjoy
 d) haven't really enjoyed
3. I've apologised to her but she still refuses _____ to me.
 a) to speak
 b) speaking
 c) of speaking
 d) that she speaks
4. If you don't improve your sales figures, you're going to lose your job. Can't you see the _____?
 a) writing on the board
 b) writing on the wall
 c) script on the scroll
 d) spelling on the scroll
5. The children have _____ to do at the weekends.
 a) much homework
 b) lots of homeworks
 c) a lot of homework
 d) many homeworks
6. How dare you accuse me _____! I would never do such a thing.
 a) with cheating
 b) of cheating
 c) that I cheat
 d) that I cheated
7. The cat has been trapped in the tree for hours. If only we _____ a ladder!
 a) have
 b) would have
 c) were having
 d) had
8. What _____ in your spare time? Have you got any hobbies?
 a) have you done
 b) did you do
 c) do you do
 d) have you made
9. I didn't stop at the traffic lights because I _____. The light was green!
 a) didn't have to
 b) didn't have
 c) mustn't
 d) 'd better not
10. —I have to go to the bathroom. If the phone _____, can you answer it?
—Sure, no problem.
 a) rang
 b) rings
 c) will ring
 d) would ring
11. I've been working on a new website. I hope to have it _____ before Christmas.
 a) up and running
 b) functioning and up
 c) up and jumping
 d) down and out
12. The television _____. Now it's working again.
 a) has been repaired
 b) is being repaired
 c) had been repaired
 d) was repairing

Composition of Tests

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Composition of Tests 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d

- 1 Present perfect simple or present perfect continuous?
- 2 Modals: *can, could, be able to*.
- 3 Confusion of *would rather* with *had better*.
- 4 *Have/get something done*.
- 5 Common prepositional expressions: *in the mood, on the dot, under the impression*.
- 6 The possessive apostrophe in time expressions: *a day's work, a month's salary*, etc.
- 7 Third conditional: *if + past perfect, conditional perfect*.
- 8 *Be and get used to doing something; used to do something*.
- 9 Word order in indirect questions.
- 10 Question tags, including *shall we* after suggestions with *let's*.
- 11 Common prepositional expressions: *on the point of, out of curiosity*, etc.
- 12 *Want/would like someone to do something*.
- 13 Future continuous contrasted with future simple.
- 14 Preposition followed by the *-ing* form of the verb.
- 15 Omission of the definite article in number expressions: *platform 1, question 6, size 42, room 202*.
- 16 Past perfect simple and past perfect continuous.
- 17 *A friend of mine, a friend of my sister's*, etc.

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- 18 Passive voice with simple tenses and passive infinitive used with modals.
- 19 Confusion of *all and everything*.
- 20 Formal prepositional expressions: *with effect from, in view of, with regard to*.
- 21 Irregular adverbs: *hard and hardly, late and lately*.
- 22 *So + adjective that...; such + adjective + noun that...*
- 23 Third conditional: *if + past perfect, conditional perfect*.
- 24 Common proverbs: *no news is good news, bad news travels fast*, etc.
- 25 Verb + *-ing*, verb + infinitive: *try, help, remember*.
- 26 Clauses starting with present and past participles (*-ing/-ed* clauses).
- 27 Idiomatic expressions: *foad for thought, a big hit, do someone a good turn*.
- 28 Double comparatives of adjective and adverbs: *the sooner the better*, etc.
- 29 *Wish + past simple; wish + past perfect*.
- 30 Present perfect simple or present perfect continuous?
- 31 Conjunctions: *although, though, however, in spite of*, etc.
- 32 Third conditional: *if + past perfect, conditional perfect*.
- 33 Idiomatic expressions: *play hard to get, be hard up, safe and sound, in the long run*.
- 34 *Have/get something done*.

- 35 The conjunction *as*: *as I was happy, as I was walking along*.
- 36 *Be and get used to doing something; used to do something*.
- 37 Defining relative clauses without relative pronouns.
- 38 Confusion of *would rather* with *had better*.
- 39 Passive with simple tenses and the verb *be born*.
- 40 Idiomatic expressions: *through thick and thin, into thin air, thick as thieves*.
- 41 Expressions followed by *-ing*: *there's no point in doing, no difficulty doing*.
- 42 *Wish + past simple; wish + past perfect*.
- 43 Word order: *with even, any more, yet, still*.
- 44 Verb + *-ing* (*mind doing, finish doing*), verb + infinitive (*learn to do, pretend to do*).
- 45 Noun + preposition: *increase in, need for, demand for, reason for*.
- 46 Adjective + preposition: *sorry for, fed up with, aware of, crowded with*.
- 47 Phrasal verbs with *in*: *put out, leave out, drop out, drop in, let in*.
- 48 Phrasal verbs with *on*: *put out, carry out, fall out, run out*.
- 49 Phrasal verbs with *on and off*: *put on (weight), call off, put off, see off*.
- 50 Phrasal verbs with *up and down*: *turn up, turn down, cut down on, let someone down*.

Composition of Tests 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d

- 1 Various past tenses contrasted: past simple, past perfect, present perfect.
- 2 Indirect speech and word order in indirect questions.
- 3 Pronouns and determiners: *something, anything, nothing, each other, each, every*, etc.

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- 4 Prepositions of time: *in, on, at, during, by*, etc.
- 5 Modal verbs: *could and be able to, must and have to, mustn't and don't have to*, etc.
- 6 Conjunctions: *as soon as, unless, as long as, in case*, etc.
- 7 Common idiomatic expressions formed by pairs: *give and take, touch and go*, etc.
- 8 *Used to* and possible confusion with past continuous.
- 9 Relative clauses: use and omission of relative pronoun.
- 10 *Had better and should*.
- 11 Verb + *-ing* or infinitive: *mind, refuse, remember, avoid*.
- 12 Discourse markers: *first of all, what's more, last but not least, once upon a time*.
- 13 *Allow + to/-ing*; possible confusion with the verb *let*.
- 14 Conditional sentences: first, second and third conditionals.
- 15 *Would you mind followed by -ing*, never by *to*, in positive and negative requests.
- 16 Common idiomatic expressions formed by pairs of adverbs: *back to front, now and then*, etc.
- 17 Common collocations: *call attention to, bear in mind, get to the point, make up your mind*.
- 18 *All (of + pronoun) and everything/everybody*.
- 19 Expressing future actions with present and future tenses.
- 20 Third conditional with *would, might, could, should*.
- 21 Prepositions of place, movement, etc.
- 22 Singular and plural nouns (*means, pyramids*): singular verb with sums of money, periods of time, etc.
- 23 Passive with simple tenses and infinitive.
- 24 Possessives: inanimate and abstract things.

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- 25 Common expressions with *short*: *be short of, for short, in short, at short notice*.
- 26 Verb + *-ing* or infinitive: *remember to do, pretend to do, be worth doing, be afraid to do*.
- 27 Reflexive pronouns; expressions like *on my own, by myself*, etc.
- 28 Noun + noun compounds and related hyphenated expressions: *14-year-old girl*, etc.
- 29 Noun/adjective + preposition: *reason for, good at, increase in, nice to*.
- 30 Common idioms with parts of the body: *pull someone's leg*, etc.
- 31 Use of *they/them* as pronouns and *their* as possessive adjective for *nobody, anybody*, etc.
- 32 Confusion of *neither, none, nor*.
- 33 Third conditional with *would, may, might, could, should*.
- 34 *All, every, whole*.
- 35 Verb tenses, past, present and future.
- 36 Adjectives ending in *-ed/-ing*: *bored/boring, disgusted/disgusting*, etc.
- 37 Verb + preposition, and verb without preposition: *discuss, prefer (to), apologise (for), thank (for)*.
- 38 Common idioms with parts of the body: *get something off one's chest*, etc.
- 39 Passive voice with simple tenses and infinitive.
- 40 *Little, few, only a little*, etc.
- 41 *It's time + subjunctive* (past simple): *it's time the children were in bed*.
- 42 Word order with several adjectives: *a small black plastic bag, a nice new house*, etc.
- 43 The infinitive or the *-ing* form of the verb?
- 44 *Quite meaning completely; not quite meaning not completely*.

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- 45 Double comparatives: *bigger and bigger, more and more difficult*, etc.
- 46 Common expressions with animals: *let the cat out of the bag*, etc.
- 47 Phrasal verbs with *out*: *carry out, work out, turn out, sort out*.
- 48 Phrasal verbs with *on and off*: *put on, call off, put off*.
- 49 Phrasal verbs with *on and off*: *go on, get on, drop off, put someone off*.
- 50 Phrasal verbs with *down*: *blow down, knock down, let someone down, turn down*.

Composition of Tests 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d

- 1 Requests with *would you mind + -ing, not + -ing, and + if*.
- 2 Present perfect simple, present perfect continuous, past simple or past continuous?
- 3 Verb + *-ing* (*fancy, involve*), verb + infinitive (*refuse, afford*).
- 4 Common idioms: *tip of the iceberg, writing on the wall, step in the right direction, pack of lies*.
- 5 Quantifiers and pronouns: *none of them, all of us, neither of them*, etc.
- 6 Verb + preposition: *apologise to someone, accuse someone of*, etc.
- 7 *If only + past simple and past perfect*.
- 8 Review of present and past verb tenses.
- 9 *Must, have to, mustn't, don't have to, had better, had better not*, etc.
- 10 First, second and third conditionals.
- 11 Common idioms: *be broke, be up an running, be down and out*, etc.
- 12 Passive voice with simple and continuous tenses and infinitive.

- 13 Infinitive or *-ing* form after certain verbs: *keep, pretend, stop*, *be worth*.
- 14 Third conditional with *might and could*.
- 15 Determiners and pronouns: *everything, some, any, a little*, etc.
- 16 Review of verb tenses: present perfect or past simple?
- 17 Adjectives and adverbs: comparatives, superlatives, word order, etc.
- 18 *Wish + past simple, wish + past perfect*.
- 19 Idiomatic expressions: *beat about the bush, bite off more than one can chew*, etc.
- 20 Conjunctions: *as long as, unless, although, even though, in case*, etc.
- 21 Relative clauses with pronoun and *be omitted: the man standing at the door*, etc.
- 22 Prepositions of position, movement, etc.
- 23 Past tenses and *used to, didn't use to*.
- 24 Expressions + *-ing*: *have difficulty doing, no point in doing, waste of time doing*, word order.
- 25 Prepositions of position: *in, on, at*, etc.
- 26 Idiomatic expressions: *call it a day, drop someone a line, get on one's nerves*, etc.
- 27 Nouns which are singular in English (*luggage, furniture*) but plural in other languages.
- 28 *Can, could* and *be able to* in various tenses.
- 29 *Followed by -ing* or infinitive (*be worth, fancy*): *want/advise someone to do something*.
- 30 Word order with several adjectives: *little black plastic bag*, etc.
- 31 Common phrasal verbs: *keep away from, point out, keep up with, carry on with*.
- 32 Modal verbs with infinitive (*must be*) and perfect infinitive (*must have been*).
- 33 Quantifiers and indefinites: *most of, very little, very few*, etc.

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- 34 Review of verb tenses: present perfect simple and continuous, past perfect simple.
- 35 Vocabulary, false friends, common collocations, etc.
- 36 Third conditional with *might and could*.
- 37 Vocabulary, false friends, common collocations, etc.
- 38 Review of verb tenses: past continuous, past simple and present perfect.
- 39 Vocabulary, false friends, common collocations, etc.
- 40 Idiomatic expressions: *keep one's fingers crossed, know something inside out*, etc.
- 41 Vocabulary, false friends, common collocations, etc.
- 42 Verb + infinitive, verb + *-ing*.
- 43 Vocabulary, false friends, common collocations, etc.
- 44 Vocabulary, false friends, common collocations, etc.
- 45 Idiomatic expressions: *until one is blue in the face, like a red rag to a bull*, etc.
- 46 Review of verb tenses: present continuous, present perfect, past simple.
- 47 Phrasal verbs with *up*: *catch up, give up, turn up, bring up (a child)*.
- 48 More phrasal verbs with *up*: *put up, put up with, come up with, tear up*.
- 49 Phrasal verbs with *down*: *cut down on, pull down, turn down (refuse), cut down*.
- 50 Phrasal verbs with *off*: *set off, go off (alarm, bomb), show off*.

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Test 2a

Choose the correct answer — *a, b, c or d* — to complete the following texts. Only one answer is correct.

- Hurry up, James! Our train _____ if we don't get to the station soon.
 a) will have left
 b) will be leaving
 c) will leave
 d) has left
- _____ put the phone down than it rang again.
 a) No sooner I had
 b) Just as I had
 c) I had just
 d) No sooner had I
- I _____ out if Louis hadn't mentioned the subject in passing.
 a) would never have found
 b) never had found
 c) would have never found
 d) had never found
- The film is _____ based on a true story, but most of it is fiction.
 a) loosely
 b) casually
 c) faintly
 d) lightly
- I've had this car for 12 years, but now I'm having more and more problems with it. Clearly it's _____.
 a) on its hind legs
 b) got its back up
 c) got its heart set
 d) on its last legs
- We hadn't _____ there being so much traffic, and we missed the plane.
 a) bargained on
 b) factored on
 c) counted with
 d) accounted with
- Calls from people trying to sell us things we don't want are a real _____.
 a) ache in the neck
 b) ache in the back
 c) pain in the neck
 d) pain in the back
- There are two supermarkets in the town but _____ of them sells fresh fish.
 a) none
 b) neither
 c) no one
 d) either
- How long _____ in Greece?
—Two years altogether, before moving to Italy.
 a) have you lived
 b) did you live
 c) had you lived
 d) did you used to live
- The cast _____ several times before leaving the stage to wild applause.
 a) bowed
 b) inclined
 c) revered
 d) crouched
- When her sister left home, Louise finally had a bedroom _____.
 a) all to her
 b) for her only
 c) for only herself
 d) all to herself
- _____ James didn't have the right qualifications, he was offered the job.
 a) Although
 b) Even so
 c) Even that
 d) No matter

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Composition of Tests 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d

- 1 Verb tenses: present simple or present continuous.
- 2 Defining and non-defining relative clauses, including with prepositions: *at which point, in which case, etc.*
- 3 Modal verbs: *should, ought, might, may, could, etc.* Idiomatic usages.
- 4 Countable and uncountable nouns: *wool, information, proof, progress.*
- 5 Idiomatic expressions: *turn a blind eye to, keep an open mind, be out of touch.*
- 6 Genitive case and s' with periods of time: *a day's work, etc.*
- 7 Verb tenses: past simple, present perfect simple and continuous.
- 8 Vocabulary and common collocations: *set an example, ample time, shed tears, give rise to.*
- 9 Inversion of subject and verb after negative adverbials: *not only, rarely, seldom, never, etc.*
- 10 *Both, neither, neither ... nor, not ... nor.*
- 11 Word order with participle adjectives: *a pleasing result, bored children, etc.*
- 12 Infinitive after *would like, had better, would rather, would prefer, etc.*
- 13 Idiomatic expressions: *out of this world, mixed feelings, catch someone red-handed, poetic justice.*
- 14 Expect to do, expect someone to do, object to someone doing, let someone do.
- 15 Modal verbs referring to past actions: *should have done, could have done, etc.*
- 16 Vocabulary and common collocations: *relevance to a subject, welcome an opportunity, in terms of, at random.*

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- 17 Comparisons and contrasts with *like, unlike, whereas, etc.*
- 18 Verb tenses: past continuous or past simple?
- 19 Subordinate clauses with *all, since, however, etc.*
- 20 Verbs in the passive voice.
- 21 Idiomatic expressions: *be the turning point, have second thoughts, etc.*
- 22 Prepositions in certain expressions: *live through, interested in, under the impression, out of curiosity.*
- 23 Use of so and not to avoid repetition: *I think so, I hope not, etc.*
- 24 Infinitive or gerund after the verb?
- 25 Vocabulary and common collocations: *with a view to, shrink, in attendance, uppermost.*
- 26 Present and past subjunctive after certain expressions: *I'd rather, it's time, suppose, ... etc.*
- 27 Concessive linking words: *though, whereas, in spite of, however, whatever, etc.*
- 28 Idiomatic expressions: *in the nick of time, out of the question, over the hill, over the moon.*
- 29 Use of it and there in common expressions: *it's no wonder, it's no use, there's no point, etc.*
- 30 Connecting sentences and ideas within sentences.
- 31 Phrasal verbs: *turn up, get on for, put someone up, put up with.*
- 32 Modal verbs referring to past actions: *should have done, couldn't have done, etc.*
- 33 That-clauses in reported statements after verbs like *tell, suggest, admit, promise, inform.*
- 34 Vocabulary and common collocations: *inquire into, glance, have regard for, etc.*

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- 35 Inversion of subject and verb after certain verbs: *not only, rarely, seldom, never, etc.*
- 36 Verb tenses: future, future continuous, future perfect simple and continuous.
- 37 Reported speech, including with verbs like *forbid, advise, apologise for.*
- 38 *Have something done, get something done.*
- 39 Proverbial expressions: *have one's cake and eat it, you scratch my back, etc.*
- 40 Prepositions used to express duration: *for, over, during, throughout.*
- 41 Connecting sentences and ideas within sentences with *even so, consequently, hence, etc.*
- 42 Present and past subjunctive after certain expressions: *I'd rather, it's time, suppose, ... etc.*
- 43 Vocabulary and common collocations: *it remains to be seen, keep a straight face, etc.*
- 44 Verb tenses: the future seen from the past; *was/were to + infinitive (I was to go).*
- 45 Causative structures: *make someone do something, have someone do something.*
- 46 Use of it and there in common expressions: *it's no wonder, it's no use, there's no point, etc.*
- 47 Phrasal verbs: *take after, call off, stand up for, fall through (plan).*
- 48 Phrasal verbs: *pass out, ring off, go off (food), feel up to.*
- 49 Phrasal verbs: *wear off, crack down on, live up to, see through.*
- 50 Phrasal verbs: *come across as, get away with, get by on, crack down on.*

Composition of Tests 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d

- 1 Review of verb tenses: future perfect, past perfect, perfect infinitive, etc.
- 2 Inversion after negative or semi-negative introductions: *hardly, only, no sooner, etc.*
- 3 Conditional sentences of various sorts.
- 4 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *based loosely on, omit to do, etc.*
- 5 Idiomatic expressions: *one's last legs, behind one's back, etc.*

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- 6 Phrasal verbs: *bargain on, ask after, bear out, bring about.*
- 7 Idiomatic expressions: *a pain in the neck, put one's foot in it, etc.*
- 8 Quantifiers: *each, every, either, neither, none, etc.*
- 9 Review of verb tenses: past simple, future perfect, future continuous, etc.
- 10 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *soothe fears, prove to be, etc.*
- 11 Pronouns: object, reflexive and reciprocal.
- 12 Expressions of concession: *although, however, no matter, etc.*
- 13 Idiomatic expressions: *get one's foot in the door, bang one's head against a brick wall, etc.*
- 14 Idiomatic expressions: *be at death's door, talk through one's hat, etc.*
- 15 Structure after verbs: gerund, infinitive or that-clause.
- 16 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *resent, fuss, deceptive cause (of action).*
- 17 Hyphenated noun phrases used adjectivally: *a matter-of-fact manner, etc.*
- 18 Phrasal verbs: *bring off, bring up, catch on.*
- 19 Every and each in idiomatic expressions: *every now and then, each and every one, etc.*
- 20 Use of few, a few, the few, little, a little, etc.
- 21 Short answers with so and not (*I think so, so I hear, I hope not*) and that-clauses.
- 22 Idiomatic expressions: *have one's cake and eat it, etc.*
- 23 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *avert, apt to, dispense with, be averse to.*
- 24 Various types of conditional sentences.
- 25 Phrasal verbs: *come up (occur), come up with, come in for.*
- 26 Relative clauses introduced by phrases like *in which case, at which point, during which time, etc.*
- 27 Idiomatic expressions: *an old flame, no smoke without fire, etc.*
- 28 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *judging by, chuckle, in the absence of, outdo.*

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- 29 Participle clauses with adverbial meaning.
- 30 Idiomatic expressions: *put a brave face on, etc.*
- 31 Omission of words after auxiliary verbs.
- 32 Subjunctive for hypothetical situations, *after wish, I'd rather, if only, supposing, ... etc.*
- 33 Quantifiers: *each, every, either, neither, none, few, a few, little, a little, etc.*
- 34 Word order when several adjectives precede a noun.
- 35 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *resort to, remedy a situation, etc.*
- 36 Relative pronouns: *whoever, whatever, whichever one, etc.*
- 37 Idiomatic expressions: *off the top of one's head, not make head nor tail of, etc.*
- 38 Phrasal verbs: *draw up, drop off, drop in, end up.*
- 39 Adjectives and adverbs.
- 40 Various way of expressing cause: *because (of), due to, owing to, for, what with, etc.*
- 41 Prepositions of place: *in, on, at.*
- 42 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *purely, feel for someone, etc.*
- 43 Various types of conditional sentence.
- 44 Idiomatic expressions: *be in two minds, be out of one's depth, etc.*
- 45 Comparison of adjectives with *as ... as* and *so ... as to*.
- 46 Idiomatic expressions: *be in the bag, etc.*
- 47 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *dispute, on one's guard, etc.*
- 48 Phrasal verbs: *face up to, fall for, fall back on, fall out with.*
- 49 Phrasal verbs: *fall through, get at, get off (with something), get on for.*
- 50 Phrasal verbs: *get round to, get up to, come off, get over something.*

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Composition of Tests 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d

- 1 Phrasal verbs: *give off, go back on, go round, go through with, etc.*
- 2 Idiomatic expressions: *take one's pick, be par for the course, etc.*
- 3 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *sparsely furnished, access to, pinpoint a problem, etc.*
- 4 Defining and non-defining relative clauses. Relative and demonstrative pronouns.
- 5 Usage of verb tenses: past simple, present perfect, past perfect continuous, etc.
- 6 Phrasal verbs: *have it out with someone, have someone on, etc.*
- 7 Idiomatic expressions: *have half a mind to, set one's sights on, etc.*
- 8 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *sheer pleasure, an enquiring mind, etc.*
- 9 Word order in direct speech and indirect questions.
- 10 Asides with *not that* instead of *not that that means that*; interpolated clauses.
- 11 Nominalisation (noun clauses).
- 12 Idiomatic expressions: *be at pains, get blood from a stone, etc.*
- 13 Question tags after *anyone, nobody, let's, etc.*
- 14 Phrasal verbs: *hold up (delay), hold with (agree), etc.*
- 15 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *blame on, mauldy bread, report on, etc.*
- 16 Infinitive propositions: *I want him to come, etc.*
- 17 Idiomatic expressions: *bear something in mind, mind over matter, etc.*
- 18 Inversion of subject and verb following a negative: *neither, nor, little, only, etc.*
- 19 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: words describing the movement of liquids.
- 20 Phrasal verbs: *let on about something, get over something, etc.*

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- 21 Inversion in hypothetical conditional clauses.
- 22 Idiomatic expressions with military overtones: *get one's marching orders, take a lot of flak, etc.*
- 23 Subjunctive in verbal and other constructions: *ask that something be done, lest something occur, etc.*
- 24 Causative structures: *have/get something done.*
- 25 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *resent, threatening overtones, redeeming feature, etc.*
- 26 Phrasal verbs: *break off, take after, etc.*
- 27 Idiomatic expressions: *an eye-opener, as clear as mud, etc.*
- 28 Resultative structures: *blackmail someone into doing something, etc.*
- 29 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *uproot one's family, counter an argument, etc.*
- 30 Compound nouns (*six-year-olds*) and nouns used as adjectives (*job losses*).
- 31 Phrasal verbs: *run down (criticise), set about (start), etc.*
- 32 Idiomatic expressions related to gambling: *luck of the draw, show one's hand, etc.*
- 33 Countable and uncountable nouns: *staff, evidence, etc.*
- 34 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *mind the baby, assert one's authority, etc.*
- 35 Composite adjectives: *thousand-odd, all-out, etc.*
- 36 Irregular comparatives: *better off, all the better, worse at, etc.*
- 37 Phrasal verbs: *take up (start), take off (imitate), etc.*
- 38 Idiomatic expressions related to the sea: *learn/know the ropes, be in the same boat, etc.*
- 39 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *rusty, strike one as strange, etc.*
- 40 Comparatives and superlatives: *little-less-the-least, etc.*

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- 41 Idiomatic expressions: *rock the boat, make waves, get off to a flying start, etc.*
- 42 Phrasal verbs: *live something down, look into (investigate), etc.*
- 43 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *jostle, jerk, shirk, twitch, reckless, heedless, etc.*
- 44 Use of so to echo another speaker's statement: *so did I, so I did, etc.*
- 45 Idiomatic expressions: *have a bee in one's bonnet, take the bull by the horns, etc.*
- 46 Linking words and expressions: *provided (that), so long as, etc.*
- 47 Phrasal verbs: *stand by someone, come up with (find), etc.*
- 48 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: words describing the movement of liquids.
- 49 Phrasal verbs: *come round (regain consciousness), come into (inherit), etc.*
- 50 Idiomatic expressions referring to birds: *as the crow flies, like water off a duck's back, etc.*

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Graded Multiple-Choice ENGLISH TESTS



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Test 2d

Choose the correct answer — *a, b, c or d* — to complete the following texts. Only one answer is correct.

1. She's hopeless at making decisions. She even _____ over which toothpaste to buy.
 a) totters
 b) dodders
 c) dithers
 d) falters
2. In 1995, _____ only two experts on the disease in the whole country.
 a) there was thought to be
 b) they were thought to be
 c) there were thought to be
 d) it is thought there was
3. These areas of the brain respond to various auditory _____.
 a) stimuli
 b) stimulus
 c) stimuluses
 d) stimulae
4. He _____ that one day he would be sharing a cell with the most famous bank robber in Britain.
 a) thought little
 b) didn't think much
 c) thought quite a little
 d) little thought
5. I know that I behaved stupidly. You don't have to _____.
 a) rub it on
 b) scrub it in
 c) scrub it on
 d) rub it in
6. As a novelist, I try to show the world as I see it. But I wouldn't say I have a political axe to _____.
 a) sharpen
 b) grind
 c) whet
 d) hone
7. I don't know why nobody ever listens to Ted. He's _____ as intelligent as his brother.
 a) rather
 b) fairly much
 c) somewhat
 d) every bit
8. The meat was nice but the vegetables were a bit too salty for my _____.
 a) liking
 b) desire
 c) appetite
 d) favour
9. —If you implement this scheme, we shall have no choice but to go on strike.
—_____, we must implement the scheme.
 a) Be that as it may
 b) May that be as it is
 c) Though it be thus
 d) While that be so
10. Dad won't let me go away with my friends at Easter, but Mum might be able to talk him _____.
 a) about
 b) round
 c) back
 d) down
11. They can pay us what they like. They know they have us over a _____.
 a) barrel
 b) drum
 c) keg
 d) hogshead
12. East Europeans regard the Union's standards and prosperity as worth _____.
 a) striving for
 b) striving
 c) to be striven for
 d) to strive for

Composition of Tests

The tests in this book are arranged in three series (see *Introduction*). The tests within a series —tests 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d, for example— all follow the same pattern, presenting questions on the same grammatical or lexical themes. The way in which the tests are composed, and the themes dealt with in each series, are shown below.

Composition of Tests 1a, 1b, 1c and 1d

- 1 Modal verbs: *can, cannot, may, should, etc.*
- 2 Idiomatic expressions: *get one's act together, etc.*
- 3 Uses of the subjunctive; formulaic subjunctive (*be that as it may*), etc.
- 4 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *shed, spill, wrench, gouge, billow, radiate, prone to, apt to.*
- 5 Phrasal verbs: *put out (cause inconvenience), take up (start doing), etc.*
- 6 Uses of *so, not, either, neither, etc.*
- 7 Idiomatic expressions: *jump on the bandwagon, etc.*
- 8 Expressions of time: *in a few years, a week on Sunday, etc.*
- 9 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *steer, stray, shrink, reduce, infect, invade, crave, reclaim, etc.*
- 10 Phrasal verbs: *keep up with, catch up with, etc.*
- 11 Linking words and phrases: *regardless, irrespective, given, granted, etc.*
- 12 Idiomatic expressions: *not have a clue, etc.*
- 13 Prepositions: *to, towards, by, from, etc.*
- 14 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *drive someone to crime, etc.*
- 15 Phrasal verbs: *work something out, sort something out, etc.*
- 16 Elliptical phrases: *whether (we are) rich or poor, etc.*
- 17 Idiomatic expressions: *get thrown in at the deep end, etc.*
- 18 Infinitive or gerund?

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- 19 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *a capacity for hard work, etc.*
- 20 Phrasal verbs: *get out of doing, pass out, come down with, etc.*
- 21 Expressing preference with *just as soon*; and sequential action with *no sooner*.
- 22 Idiomatic expressions: *feeding frenzy, figment of one's imagination, etc.*
- 23 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *a lethal weapon, etc.*
- 24 Link words and phrases: *let alone, while, much less, etc.*
- 25 Phrasal verbs: *wind up, end up, talk down to, etc.*
- 26 Idiomatic expressions: *take something for granted, etc.*
- 27 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *persist in doing something, etc.*
- 28 Passive constructions: *it is thought that...*, etc.
- 29 Passive structures with *own*: *my own car, etc.*
- 30 Linking words and expressions: *given, since, apart from, for all, never mind, let alone, etc.*
- 31 Phrasal verbs: *pull oneself together, fork out (spend), etc.*
- 32 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *relieve pain, contract a disease, etc.*
- 33 Idiomatic expressions: *on the off-chance, etc.*
- 34 Verb tenses: present perfect continuous, past perfect, etc.
- 35 Prepositions: *blame someone for doing something, etc.*
- 36 Phrasal verbs: *rip off (cheat), cut back on, etc.*

- 37 Adjectives and adverbs: comparatives and superlatives.
- 38 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *walk briskly, a pervasive smell, etc.*
- 39 Idiomatic expressions: *like a sore thumb, etc.*
- 40 Expression of preferences with *prefer, would rather, etc.*
- 41 Phrasal verbs: *squeeze something in, take something on, etc.*
- 42 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *a draughty room, to mope about, etc.*
- 43 Idiomatic expressions: *in the teeth of opposition, etc.*
- 44 Prepositions and prepositional phrases: *concerning, regarding, with respect to, in connection with, etc.*
- 45 Phrasal verbs: *jut down, make out (write), etc.*
- 46 Use and omission of definite and indefinite articles.
- 47 Idiomatic expressions: *get a word in edgeways, etc.*
- 48 Expressions of time: *over the next ten years, ten years on, etc.*
- 49 Phrasal verbs used as exclamations and warnings: *mind out!, watch out!, etc.*
- 50 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *to fall prey to someone, etc.*

Composition of Tests 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d

- 1 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *bungle something, wield power, etc.*
- 2 Impersonal passive sentences with *believe, expect, fear, hope, etc.* Punctuation!
- 3 Nouns only used in the plural (*premises, guts*) and irregular plurals (*criteria, stimuli*).
- 4 A little, a few, enough with *quite, good, rather, etc.*
- 5 Phrasal verbs: *pick on someone, play at something, etc.*
- 6 Idiomatic expressions: *absence makes the heart grow fonder, etc.*

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- 30 Phrases containing numbers, fractions, percentages, etc.
- 31 Phrasal verbs: *drive at, let up (stop), get by, etc.*
- 32 Constructions with *so* and *such*.
- 33 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *take one's mind off one's troubles, etc.*
- 34 Proverbial expressions: *too many cooks spoil the broth, etc.*
- 35 Prepositional expressions: *make it to, time off, be alone in, off the coast, etc.*
- 36 Inversion after negatives and words with negative value.
- 37 Discourse markers: *come to think of it, mind you, etc.*
- 38 Phrasal verbs: *get over (believe), go along with someone, etc.*
- 39 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *newspaper circulation, etc.*
- 40 Idiomatic expressions: *be in the doghouse, back to the drawing board, etc.*
- 41 Verb tenses.
- 42 Idiomatic expressions: *put all one's eggs in one basket, etc.*
- 43 Phrasal verbs: *make up for something, make out (distinguish), etc.*
- 44 Idiomatic expressions: *make funny faces, as fresh as a daisy, etc.*
- 45 Prepositional expressions: *out of, in for, etc.*
- 46 Idiomatic expressions: *gift of the gab, great minds think alike, etc.*
- 47 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *pay damages, etc.*
- 48 Phrasal verbs: *see someone out, clear off, etc.*
- 49 Phrasal verbs: *tear someone away from something, while away the time, etc.*
- 50 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *dismantle a tent, etc.*

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Composition of Tests 3a, 3b, 3c and 3d

- 1 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *electronic components, etc.*
- 2 Phrasal verbs: *rule something out, spark off, spring from, etc.*
- 3 Linking words and expressions: *as for, as far as, regarding, concerning, etc.*
- 4 Comparatives and superlatives.
- 5 Idiomatic expressions: *get on like a house on fire, etc.*
- 6 Verb tenses after *I wish, I'd rather, etc.*
- 7 Conditional structures not using *if*: *were it not for, had there not been, but for, etc.*
- 8 Phrasal verbs: *work itself out, snap out of it, etc.*
- 9 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *deficiency of a mineral, etc.*
- 10 Idiomatic expressions: *keep up with the Joneses, etc.*
- 11 Gerund or infinitive?
- 12 Prepositions and prepositional phrases: *bar none, saddled with, etc.*
- 13 Phrasal verbs: *stir up (trouble), blow over, etc.*
- 14 Various kinds of clauses.
- 15 Idiomatic expressions: *grow by leaps and bounds, like it or lump it, etc.*
- 16 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *plough money into a business, etc.*
- 17 Verb tenses: present perfect for future, etc.
- 18 Phrasal verbs: *abide by, add up, amount to, etc.*
- 19 Idiomatic expressions: *thin on the ground, go out of one's way, etc.*
- 20 Idiomatic expressions: *be at a loss, have all the makings of, leave someone in the lurch, etc.*
- 21 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *convey one's thanks, etc.*
- 22 Discourse markers: *all in all, on the other hand, etc.*

- 23 Various kinds of clauses.
- 24 Phrasal verbs: *be bent on, black out, blunder into, etc.*
- 25 Idiomatic expressions: *make mince meat of an opponent, etc.*
- 26 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *in full swing, etc.*
- 27 Adjectives and adverbs: *accordingly, consequently, hardly, etc.*
- 28 Infinitive, gerund or that-clause?
- 29 Phrasal verbs: *bottom out, bring about, round up, round down, etc.*
- 30 Idiomatic expressions: *like looking for a needle in a haystack, etc.*
- 31 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *usher in a period of calm, etc.*
- 32 Perfect infinitives used with modals: *shouldn't have done, shouldn't have been doing, etc.*
- 33 Third conditional: *if + past perfect, conditional perfect.*
- 34 Subjunctive after certain structures: *it's (high) time, if only, etc.*
- 35 Phrasal verbs: *butter someone up, cash in on something, etc.*
- 36 Idiomatic expressions: *one good turn deserves another, etc.*
- 37 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *be pressed for time, etc.*
- 38 Gerund, infinitive or that-clause?
- 39 Phrasal verbs: *delve into something, dwell on something, etc.*
- 40 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *scope for initiative, etc.*
- 41 Idiomatic expressions: *daylight robbery, a rule of thumb, etc.*
- 42 Discourse markers: *no doubt, in all honesty, besides, etc.*
- 43 Phrasal verbs: *linger on, live off, mete out, etc.*
- 44 Vocabulary, collocations, false friends: *strike a match, etc.*

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