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Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation B

GRAMMAR

1 Order the words to make sentences.

Example: reception Violet our couldn't to wedding come
Violet couldn't come to our wedding reception.

1 They of out have cheapest sold the tickets

2 able be to exam retake the won't You

3 been year working last here Annabel's since

4 want our to go We university daughter to

5 having whitened Ruth tomorrow her is teeth

6 nails do often your done How have you ?

7 think you When we do arrive should ?

8 back he like took jacket the so it didn't Daniel

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2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

Example: They are building a new theatre at the moment.
A new theatre is being built at the moment.

1 Somebody fixed our air-conditioning.

I had _____.

2 'Do you want to go to the cinema with me?' asked Larissa.

Larissa asked me _____ to go to the cinema with her.

3 You needn't go to the shop. There's enough milk in the fridge.

You don't _____ to the shop. There's enough milk in the fridge.

4 I think you should complain to the manager.

I think you ought _____ the manager.

5 I didn't get the email so I didn't reply.

If I _____ the email, I would have replied.

6 I hate it when I can't pay by credit card.

I hate not _____ pay by credit card.

7 It's impossible to revise everything in one weekend.

You _____ everything in one weekend!

8 That factory makes seven hundred cars every day.

Seven hundred cars _____ in that factory every day.

9 'Call me as soon as you arrive,' said Luca.

Luca told _____ him as soon as I arrived.

10 The children said they wouldn't do it again.

They said, 'We _____ again.'

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: Mark is going to have his hair cut tomorrow. (have)

- 1 The play _____ by the time we arrived so we had to wait until the interval to go in. (start)
- 2 He asked me if I felt like _____ out. (go)
- 3 She's finally succeeded in _____ her driving test. (pass)
- 4 You _____ buy a programme. You can share mine. (not have to)
- 5 Are you looking forward to _____ your girlfriend's parents? (meet)
- 6 Our grandmother made us _____ all our toys. (put away)
- 7 I'd love _____ play the piano. (be able to)
- 8 If I'd known she was a vegetarian, I _____ chicken for dinner. (cook)
- 9 All phones must _____ during the exam. (switch off)
- 10 They just can't afford _____ a lot of money at the moment. (spend)

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4 Underline the correct word(s).

Example: She's having / She has her lunch at the moment.

- 1 A Why isn't she answering the door?
B I think she *can* / *must* be out.
- 2 Does / Is he like travelling so much for his job?
- 3 He asked me why I *haven't* / *hadn't* been to the gym the day before.
- 4 Andreas *shouldn't* / *ought not* to drive so fast. It's dangerous.
- 5 A Where is yesterday's newspaper?
B I *threw it away* / *threw away it*.
- 6 The teacher warned them *to don't cheat* / *not to cheat* in the exam.
- 7 The exam ended but I hadn't finished *to answer* / *answering* all the questions.
- 8 Tomorrow is a public holiday. You *needn't* / *don't need* get up early.
- 9 Aamirah needs to get *renewed her passport* / *her passport renewed*.
- 10 Our washing machine is *being repaired* / *repairing* so we can't use it at the moment
- 11 Do you think Mandy takes *her mother after* / *after her mother*?
- 12 She ran to catch the train, but the doors *had already closed* / *already closed*.

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VOCABULARY

5 Underline the odd word out.

Example: bunches a pony tail plaits a shave

- 1 aisle dome crypt shield
- 2 opponents spectators fans crowd
- 3 manicure parting pedicure massage
- 4 light bulb spanner screwdriver hammer
- 5 mug teapot glass cup
- 6 select enter receipt insert
- 7 best man invitation bridesmaid pageboy
- 8 rope tile wire string
- 9 plate course meal food
- 10 press-ups stretches weights sit-ups

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6 Write the American word for the British word.

Example: mobile phone cell phone

- 1 tap _____
- 2 autumn _____
- 3 petrol _____
- 4 cinema _____
- 5 trainers _____
- 6 wardrobe _____
- 7 pavement _____

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7 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: I haven't taken the exam yet. It's next week.
made got taken

- 1 Where's the wedding being _____?
had held taken
- 2 Lily's going to put my hair _____ for the party.
on up out
- 3 May I _____ your order, madam?
do take ask
- 4 Jacob can't _____ up his new home cinema system on his own.
set put tie
- 5 I'm going to have my hair _____ red. It's time for a change!
curled permed dyed
- 6 You borrowed Shannon's jacket a long time ago. You should _____ it back.
give get pay
- 7 Alexa mostly _____ the rowing machine at the gym.
uses does goes
- 8 My company has been taken _____ by a much bigger organisation.
away over after

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8 Complete the sentences. Write one word in each gap.

Example: Our tickets were for seats high up in the circle.

- 1 Bob's **m**_____ isn't so good now. He often forgets things.
- 2 Dinner's ready. Can you **p**_____ the wine?
- 3 That restaurant is popular so you need to **b**_____ a table.
- 4 There wasn't enough time to get drinks from the theatre bar during the **i**_____.
- 5 It's safer to carry several glasses on a **t**_____.
- 6 I know you can shave your legs but I prefer **w**_____.
- 7 Joe left a large **t**_____ because he liked the waitress.
- 8 You have to **r**_____ your card before you can take your money.
- 9 Please could you pass the salt and **p**_____.
- 10 Philippa hasn't been on holiday. It's a fake **t**_____.
- 11 We sat in the second row, so we were very close to the **st**_____.
- 12 When Luis and Felicia got married, there were 80 guests at the **r**_____.
- 13 Renata only passed that exam because she **c**_____. It's not fair.
- 14 I don't want it all bleached. I'm just having some **h**_____.
- 15 My brother's helping me to **p**_____ up some shelves.

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Vocabulary total	40
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PRONUNCIATION

9 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: com|pli|ment

- 1 per|for|mance
- 2 for|get|ful
- 3 a|ccu|rate|ly
- 4 ga|lle|ry
- 5 ta|ble|cloth
- 6 cu|sto|mer
- 7 e|le|va|tor
- 8 e|mo|tion|al
- 9 e|lec|tri|cian
- 10 re|co|mmend

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10 Match the words with the same sound.

business cheated **crypt** destroyed failed
 machine reminded **result** sport thesis
 wardrobe

Example: invitation crypt

mended 1 _____, _____
 practise 2 _____, _____
 defeat 3 _____, _____
 lived 4 _____, _____
 audience 5 _____, _____

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Pronunciation total		20
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READING

- 1 Read the text and choose the answer (A, B, C, or D) which you think fits best according to the text.**

The Hen Weekend

For any British bride, the term 'hen weekend' will be instantly recognisable and your gut reaction is probably a mixture of excitement and a little bit of **trepidation**. Since it is the bridesmaids' job to organise the event which marks the end of the bride-to-be's single life, you can never be completely sure what's going to happen. For our readers who are less familiar with this pre-wedding custom, please read on.

Nobody seems to know for sure exactly when or how the tradition **came about**. What we do know is that it's a huge and dynamic industry nowadays. While twenty years ago the bride-to-be might have been content with two or three close friends spending an evening together locally, recent surveys indicate that the average number of participants is now thirteen and two days is the norm. The destinations and choice of activities have changed **radically** too.

Figures from 2018 showed that spending on hen parties was up by more than a quarter compared with five years previously, with the average cost being around £400 per person. Some go abroad but around 70% decide to stay in the UK and we can **pinpoint** exactly where. Hosting 20% of British hen parties, Liverpool leads the list of top destinations, followed by Brighton and Bournemouth at 18% and 10% respectively, which is no surprise as these cities benefit from being on the coast and the seaside is certainly a draw for hen celebrations. This is reflected in the leading overseas locations: Barcelona, Benidorm and Marbella in Spain and Albufeira in Portugal. No matter what the destination, the boom time for hen weekends is, and has always been, the month of May.

Regrettably, hen parties have developed a reputation for noisy, **obnoxious** behaviour which often makes them unwelcome visitors. Even if they conduct themselves well, they do tend to stand out due to the current trend for wearing matching outfits and the fact that the future bride has to wear a wedding veil, with a copy of a learner driver sign attached.

They probably attract most attention when dining out in a restaurant and, later, dancing the night away at a club – both of which are practically compulsory on hen weekends. The other classic pastime is to go to a spa for relaxation and pampering treatments such as having your nails done or getting a facial. However, 2019 data revealed that the popularity of spa days fell by 60% compared to 2017 and saw a growing trend for more challenging and unique entertainment. White water rafting, high ropes courses and escape rooms are the new favourites and a surprising 68% of hen parties now enjoy treasure hunts. This makes the whole hen party experience far more active than it used to be.

There are even specialised companies who promote hen weekends as being good for you health-wise. After all, even without doing extreme activities, up to 180 calories can be burned in half an hour of dancing (which can at least make up for the cake and cocktails participants usually consume). Add to that the widely agreed belief that laughter has medicinal benefits and the chance for further bonding with and support from your friends and perhaps it's not too ridiculous to think that a hen weekend can boost a bride-to-be's health before the big day.

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Reading and Writing B

Example: In Britain, the hen weekend is something which _____

- A happens after a wedding. ☐
 B is understood by most brides. ☐
 C always involves the same things. ☐
 D is arranged by the bridesmaids. ☒

1 Which aspect of hen parties has NOT changed recently?

- A The many people are in the group. ☐
 B The most popular time of year to go. ☐
 C How much money participants spend. ☐
 D The length of the celebration. ☐

2 Around _____ of hen parties happen outside the UK.

- A 70%. ☐
 B 20%. ☐
 C 10%. ☐
 D 30%. ☐

3 The writer suggests that women on a hen weekend _____

- A are popular with local people. ☐
 B aren't keen on going to the beach. ☐
 C always wear fancy dress costumes. ☐
 D are usually very noticeable. ☐

4 According to statistics, _____ hen parties.

- A fewer spa experiences are being booked for ☐
 B treasure hunts are common to almost all ☐
 C eating out hardly ever happens these days on ☐
 D relaxation is the most important aspect of ☐

5 The writer says that hen weekends _____

- A help the participants to lose weight. ☐
 B may really be of benefit for a future bride's health. ☐
 C occasionally involve dancing and eating out. ☐
 D can be the cause of problems between friends. ☐

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2 Match the **highlighted** words / phrases with **five** of the definitions.

- 1 trepidation _____
 2 come about _____
 3 radically _____
 4 pinpoint _____
 5 obnoxious _____

- A find the exact place
 B alter or change
 C extremely or very much
 D nervousness or worry
 E very unpleasant or rude
 F start to happen

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WRITING

Choose one question and write 140–180 words.

- 1 Write an article about the following topic.
'Saving money with DIY'
Include the following information:
 - give examples of jobs and repairs which people can do themselves
 - explain ways in which DIY saves money
 - suggest situations when employing a professional is necessary or preferable
- 2 Write an email to a friend telling him / her about a restaurant you've been to recently.
Include the following information:
 - explain where and why you went and who you went with
 - describe the restaurant, food and service
 - say why you would or would not go there again
- 3 Write a report with the title
'Live entertainment in (*add name of your town/city*)'
Include the following information:
 - say what kinds of live entertainment are available
 - suggest one or two theatre, music or sports events to see
 - offer some advice to readers about visiting the event(s)

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Reading and Writing total		25
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Listening and Speaking B

LISTENING

1 Listen to a woman talking about a heritage organisation. Choose the correct answer.

- 1 English Heritage and The National Trust are similar because ____
 A all their properties are owned by the state. ☐
 B they both operate across the UK. ☐
 C they are both charities. ☐
- 2 Annual visitor figures when Charlotte started working for Historic Houses were ____
 A 14 million. ☐
 B 40 million. ☐
 C 26 million. ☐
- 3 Charlotte says that ____
 A members can visit every Historic Houses property. ☐
 B it is difficult for many Historic House owners to maintain their homes. ☐
 C the Historic Houses' experts and advisers are expensive. ☐
- 4 Blenheim Palace and Chatsworth House are examples of properties where ____
 A many commercial opportunities are employed to raise money. ☐
 B they only offer wedding and special events. ☐
 C there is no need for them to raise money. ☐
- 5 According to Charlotte, the most important part of their work is ____
 A restoring and maintaining historic architecture. ☐
 B helping families stay in homes they've always lived in. ☐
 C allowing visitors access to historic properties. ☐

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2 Listen to five people talking about events they've been to recently. What does each person mention in a positive way?

- A their fellow spectators
- B the food and drink
- C the tickets
- D the staff
- E the venue
- F the performances

- Speaker 1 ☐
 Speaker 2 ☐
 Speaker 3 ☐
 Speaker 4 ☐
 Speaker 5 ☐

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Listening total		10
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SPEAKING

1 Make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 / you like / go / gym? Why / Why not?
- 2 What / you think / best way / treat yourself? Why?
- 3 What / important things / you / often forget ?
- 4 Tell me about / historic place / your country.
- 5 How often / you / see / live music or theatre? Why?

Now answer your partner's questions.

2 Listen to your partner talking about learning a language. Do you agree with him / her?

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

'It doesn't matter if you learn British or American English.'

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