

Test

(XII Year)

(Variant 1)

Task 1 (A) Read the text and choose the correct answer (A, B,C).

How Green is Your House

As the UK's cities expand rapidly, problems are being caused for councils who have to meet the demand for housing, In addition to this, energy prices and pollution levels continue to increase.

A solution has been developed by the Peabody Trust who have worked with environmental experts to build the Beddington Zero Energy housing development in Sutton, England.

The unique development is an environmentally-friendly gardens, offices, and childcare facilities with plenty of surrounding green areas. Bed Zed's designers have created an attractive, affordable, urban village whose unique features benefit instead of harm the local community and environment. Bed ZED is a zero energy development--no fossil fuels (coal and gas) are used and homes do not waste energy. Building materials are mostly natural, renewable or recycled. Houses face the south so that they get plenty of sunlight and their roofs are also fitted with solar panels, which change the sun's energy into electricity. The windows consist of three layers of glass to stop heat from escaping. The homes are also fitted with the most modern energy-saving appliances. It is estimated that families' electricity bills could be reduced by up to 60% whilst heating bills could be reduced by as much as 90%.

Developers hope to achieve a 50% reduction in fossil-fuel use by residents' cars over the next decade by reducing the need to travel. Some residents will have the opportunity to work within walking distance of their homes. The Peabody Trust also aim to set up Internet shopping so that food can be delivered by local supermarkets.

As the need for environmentally friendly, low-energy housing increases, Bed ZED may change from being a unique model, to a model for all future houses.

1. Councils are having problems because _____
 - A) there are too many houses
 - B) there aren't enough houses
 - C) houses cost too much to build.
2. The Peabody Trust _____ an answer to the housing problem.
 - A) have found
 - B) may have found
 - C) Have to find
3. The Bed ZED community is _____
 - A) very friendly

- B) good for the environment
 - C) designed for people with children.
4. The designers have created houses which are _____
- A) quite expensive
 - B) reasonably priced
 - C) overpriced.
5. The homes _____
- A) don't use any energy
 - B) don't use more energy than they need
 - C) use more energy
6. _____ of the materials used in the buildings are environmentally-friendly.
- A) Some
 - B) All
 - C) Nearly all
7. Specially--designed _____ keep heat inside the house.
- A) appliances.
 - B) solar panels
 - C) windows.
8. _____ bills could be cut by as much as 60%.
- A) Heating
 - B) Electricity.
 - C) Fossil-fuel.
9. In the next decade some residents will be able to _____
- A) work at home
 - B) take the bus to work
 - C) walk to work
10. Red ZED is going to _____
- A) develop further
 - B) become a town
 - C) remain unique

(B) Read the text about music and mood. Five sentences have been removed. Which sentence (A_F) fits each gap (1---5)? There is one extra sentence you do not need to use.

Musical Benefits

The helpful effects of music on mental health have been known for thousands of years. Ancient philosophers from Plato to Confucius sang the praises of music and used it to help deal with stress (____1____). Military bands use music to build confidence and courage. Sporting events provide music to build up enthusiasm. Modern research carried out by several psychologists' supports what most people believe about music benefiting mood and confidence.

Because of our unique experiences, we develop varied musical tastes and preferences. Despite these differences, however, there are some common responses to music. Babies, for example, love lullabies. Maternal singing is particularly calling, even if a mother has no formal musical talents. Certain kinds of music make almost everyone feel worse—even when they say they enjoy it. A study of 144 adults and teenagers who listened to four different kinds of music showed that their emotions changed according to the music. Grunge negative emotions such sadness, tension, and fatigue across the entire group – even in the teenagers who said they liked it. (____2____). They said it helped them feel happier and more optimistic, friendly, relaxed and calm.

Everyone who has learned the alphabet knows that it is easier to memorize a list if it is set to music. Scientific research supports what many people believe—that playing music with a musical rhythm improves learning and helps people to remember things. Music helps children and teenagers with attention problems in several ways. (____3____). For example, for paying attention to homework for 10 minutes, a child can be given the opportunity to listen to music for 5 minutes; it can also be used to help increase attention to boring academic tasks such as memorization, using songs, rhythms, and dance or movement to enhance the interest of the lists to be memorized. Instrumental music is great for improving attention and reasoning, and for students, playing background music is not distracting. Lastly, music can be used to help organize activities—one kind of music for one activity (studying) another for a different activity (eating), and a third kind for going to bed.

Many people find familiar music comforting and calming. In fact, music is so effective in reducing anxiety; it is often used by dentists or by doctors just before performing an operation to help patients cope with their concerns.

(____4____) Any kind of relaxing, calming music can contribute to calmer moods. It is therefore, often combined with cognitive therapy to lower anxiety. Some studies suggest that specially designed music, which includes certain tones, can help improve symptoms in anxious patients even more than music without these tones, listening to this music without other distractions (not while driving, cooking, talking, or reading) promotes the best benefits. Since ancient times, it has been known that certain kinds of music can help soothe away stress. Calming background music can help patients in hospital feel less bad-tempered. It can also help elderly patients in nursing homes who are very ill feel more calm. Music, wisely chosen, lowers stress hormone levels. On the other hand, parents of teenagers know that certain kinds of music, particularly at high volumes, can cause stress. Knowing that certain kinds of music can reduce stress is one thing. (____5____). So, choose your music as carefully as you choose your food and friends.

- A) Music is found to decrease worries among the elderly, new mothers, and ill children also.
- B) And nowadays, music is used by shopping malls to attract customers and keep the store.
- C) It can be used as a reward for required behaviour.
- D) However, it's difficult to explain how exactly it works.
- E) Being attentive in choosing what kind of music to listen to is another.
- F) In another study, college students reported the opposite when they listened to pop, rock, and classical music, and oldies— songs from more than 15 years ago.

Task Two Complete the sentences with the correct word.

1. The boys were really tired after their journey. In fact they were _____
 (a) exhausted (b) desperate (c) stunned
2. Do you think your dad would _____if we used his computer?
 (a) notice (b) mind (c) matter
3. There's been another bank _____in London today.
 (a) burglary (b) theft (c) robbery
4. The company _____most of its food to France.
 (a) imports (b) expands (c) exports
5. We're planning a major marketing campaign to _____our new laptop.
 (a) produce (b) launch (c) manufacture
6. You won't get very wet if you leave now __it's only _____
 (a) drizzling (b) pouring (c) damp
7. I was really worried when Rob started _____on that fish bone.
 (a) fainted (b) sneezing (c) choking
8. I didn't have much work earlier in the year, but I am very busy _____
 (a) actually (b) eventually (c) at the moment
9. I like that skirt, and it really _____your top.
 (a) suits (b) matches (c) fits
10. You should wear a shirt and _____for the awards ceremony _it's a formal event.
 (a) collar (b) bow (c) tie

Task Three Complete the sentences with one word from list A and one from list B

A *apologizes; belongs; depends; knows; reminds; annoyed; succeeds; kind; right; laughs*

B *about x 2; at; for; in; of; on; to x 2; with*

1. I don't like him. I think he _____ me behind my back.
- 2 I'll be surprised if he _____ walking to the top of the mountain.
3. Isabel sends her love and _____ not contacting you. She is really very busy.
4. It's difficult to know when the bus will come. It _____ the time of the day.
5. She's very intelligent. She _____ a lot _____ economics and things like that.
6. This dictionary isn't mine. I think it _____ Jorge.
7. This music _____ me _____ the time I spent in India.
8. I was _____ the train times. It does leave at 16. 30.
9. I am _____ Paul. He should have called me, but he hasn't.
- 10 Eliza is very _____ her dog. She walks it every day.

Task Four (A) Choose the best continuation.

- a) I am still waiting for the money the bank is supposed to have sent me.
- b) There is still no sign of Alex.
- c) It's getting rather late to deal with this now.
- d) I wish you wouldn't leave your bag near the door like that.
- e) You had better take your umbrella with you.
- f) This piece is the right shape, but it doesn't fit
- g) There should be a filling station here
- h) It's a very long book.
- i) Oh, sorry, yes, these are your keys.
- J) Leave yourself plenty of time for the journey.

- 1) You are bound to need it if you don't.
- 2) Surely you can't have finished it already!
- 3) It should have got here by now.
- 4) It can take quite a long time in the rush hour.
- 5) It can't be the right one after all.
- 6) That's strange! I can't see one anywhere!
- 7) You could always come back tomorrow.
- 8) He may have missed the train I suppose.
- 9) I must have picked them up by mistake.
- 10) Someone could easily fall over it and hurt themselves.

(B) Choose the correct answer.

1. While I _____, the police towed away my car.
 - a) was my hair having done
 - b) my hair was having done
 - c) was having my hair done
 - d) having my hair done.
2. Paul: I don't like fish. Liza: _____
 - a) I, too
 - b) I don't know.
 - c) Neither did I.
 - d) Neither do I.
3. _____ the story before, she decided not to listen to me.
 - a) To have heard
 - b) Having to hear
 - c) To hear
 - d) Having heard.
4. I dislike _____ detective films.

- a) watch
- b) see
- c) watching
- d) seeing

5. Jane was _____ because she _____ to London

- a) exciting/ had never been
- b) excited/has never been
- c) exciting/has never been
- d) excited/ had never been

6. I think it's about time _____

- a) him to leave
- b) he left
- c) that he leave
- d) him leaving

7. He used _____ his grandparents whenever he had time.

- a) visit
- b) to have visited
- c) visiting
- d) to visit

8. John has often heard us _____ such things.

- a) say
- b) to say
- c) said
- d) to be saying

9. The dog _____ still, unable to move or _____ its head.

- a) laid/rise
- b) lay/ raise
- c) laid/raise

d) lay/rise

10. If I had listened to you, I _____ the book on my shelf now.

a) would have had

b) must have

c) should have had

d) would have.

Task Five (A) Replace each phrase in *italics* with one of the expressions in the box

have nothing to do; have fun; take it easy; get ready; take a day off;

1. I think we should *prepare ourselves* for the trip as early as we can.
2. I felt ill last Tuesday, so I decided to *stay at home and not go to work*.
3. Let's go out tonight and *enjoy ourselves*.
4. I *don't have any work* this evening, so we can go to the cinema.
5. I have been working very hard, so I am going to *relax and have some rest*.

(B) Decide which answer best fits each place

Choosing clothes can be difficult. Some people want to be (1)_____, but they don't want to look exactly (2)_____ everybody else. Not all clothes are (3)_____ for work or school, perhaps because they are not (4)_____ enough, or simply not (5)_____. It is easy to buy the (6)_____ size, and find that your trousers are too (7)_____, especially if you are a little bit (8)_____. Very (9)_____ clothes make you feel (10)_____.

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| 1) (a) of fashion | (b) fashioned | (c) fashionable | (d) fashion |
| 2) (a) alike | (b) like | (c) similar | (d) same |
| 3) (a) fitted | (b) suitable | (c) comfort | (d) equal |
| 4) (a) formal | (b) strict | (c) uniform | (d) suited |
| 5) (a) comforting | (b) comfort | (c) comforted | (d) comfortable |
| 6) (a) false | (b) mistake | (c) wrong | (d) error |
| 7) (a) straight | (b) close | (c) stiff | (d) tight |
| 8) (a) slim | (b) overweight | (c) thin | (d) enormous |
| 9) (a) loose | (b) lose | (c) loosened | (d) lost |
| 10) (a) thin | (b) slim | (c) narrow | (d) spare. |

Task Six Write an essay on one of the following topics.

1. Write about an important invention and include the following information (140-180 words)
 - Say what the invention is and how it works
 - Explain why you think it's so important
 - Describe the impact this invention has had on the world.
2. Write about an exciting trip including the following information.
 - Say when and where the trip took place
 - Describe what happened
 - Explain how you felt after that experience.
3. Write a topic *My Perfect Day* and include the following information.
 - Say what a perfect day for you would be and who you want to spend it with.
 - Explain why you would choose to do those things
 - Say why you think the day would be enjoyable

Answer Key: V- ONE

Task 1 (A) (B)

1-A ; 1-B

2-B; 2-F

3-C 3- C

4-C 4- A

5-C 5-E

6-C

7-C

8-B

9-B

10- C

Task 2 (A)

1. Exhausted
2. Mind
3. Robbery
4. Exports
5. Launch
6. Drizzling
7. Choking
8. At the moment
9. Matches
10. Tie

Task 3

1 laughs at

2. succeeds in

3 apologizes for

4. depends on

5. knows about

6. belongs to

7. reminds of

8 right about

9 Annoyed with

10 kind to

Task 4 (A) (B)

a-3	1-c
b-8	2-d
c-7	3-d
d-10	4-c
e-1	5-d
f-5	6-b
g-6	7-d
h-2	8-a
i-9	9-b
j-4	10-a

Task 5 (A) (B)

1 get ready	1.-c	6-c
2. Take a day off	2-b	7-d
3 have fun	3-b	8-b
4. have nothing to do	4-a	9-a
5. take it easy	5-d	10-b