

FOR THE
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English B

GRAMMAR AND SKILLS WORKBOOK

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ANSWERS

Answers

Section A Personal texts

1: Diary entry

1

- 1 were you watching
- 2 are you looking for
- 3 checked
- 4 miss
- 5 visited
- 6 drove, walk

2

- 1 They are currently building a school on the field.
- 2 The milkman delivers milk every day.
- 3 I never talked to my neighbours when I lived in that area.
- 4 He got special treatment while he was working there because his grandfather founded the company.
- 5 She was waiting for the bus when it started to rain.
- 6 Bus fares are going up again this year.

3

It was meant to be a perfect day. I **invited** about 50 friends of his – in fact, all his friends who could come. They **were asked** to come to the venue at 5 p.m. so I could have everything and everyone ready for his arrival. I told him the fake plan that we **were going** to the cinema and out for dinner. He totally **believed me**. It was going so well until ... I went to pick him up at 5.30 on the day. He was nowhere to be seen. I **texted** him a million times, and there was no answer. Eventually I had to cancel the party and came home. When he finally rang me, I **was watching** TV at home. I was so angry I yelled at him for ruining the day. He said he **was** sorry, but he had no idea why I was so angry. He told me I had told him that we **would** go to the cinema on Saturday, not today! I now **feel** very silly and stupid.

Answers

Section A Personal texts

2: Personal letter/email

1

- 1 have worked
- 2 hadn't revised
- 3 had finished
- 4 checks
- 5 never asked
- 6 knows

2

- 1 was invited
- 2 was working
- 3 had worked / worked
- 4 had worked
- 5 wanted
- 6 has been
- 7 grabbed
- 8 took
- 9 work
- 10 are working

3

Edward Redford is a businessperson who owns several companies around the world. He **holds** a Master's degree in Law from Cambridge University. He **had worked** at an internationally renowned law firm for five years before he started his own business. He **speaks** multiple languages as he has lived in Spain, Norway, Hong Kong and the USA. He now **lives** in London, England.

Edward is a keen boxer who **entered** the professional league in his youth. He still practises boxing in his free time. He **has never been married** and does not have any children. He **is currently looking for** a long-term friend who can share his interests.

Answers

Section A Personal texts

3: Journal entry

1

- 1 used to come
- 2 liked
- 3 used to live
- 4 would shout
- 5 sold
- 6 visited

2

- 1 I **used to play** cricket when I was at school.
- 2 I **used to be** part of the school choir and we **used to/would perform** at the Royal Albert Hall.
- 3 I **used to love** performing in front of an audience.
- 4 Mum **used to/would take** us to all sorts of museums during school holidays.
- 5 We **used to train** every Sunday and **would (used to) sometimes play** a match against another team.
- 6 I finished reading the book last night.
- 7 She continued performing for almost ten years.
- 8 I **used to think** I was healthy.

3

I **used to love** pineapples. I would eat dozens of pineapple pieces every day. Some days I didn't eat anything else, until one day I **developed** an allergy to them and now I cannot eat them anymore.

I **used to be** very good at football, and was scouted to the junior division of the Premiere League team. My passion for football **started** when I was two. I used to play with a football all

day and go to bed with one. Football was my life until I **broke** my leg and could not play football anymore. The doctors **advised** me never to play football again. It was devastating, but I didn't dwell on the fact. I found another sport that I could play – golf! I had never played golf prior to my accident, but when I played it, I **fell** in love with it.

Answers

Section B Professional texts

4: Formal letter

1

- 1 are going
- 2 are you going to
- 3 will be
- 4 does the movie start
- 5 are going to meet up
- 6 will be
- 7 will book
- 8 is staying
- 9 have finished
- 10 will pay

2

- 1 I will call you when I get home.
- 2 I won't be able to leave my office until I'm done with this.
- 3 We will have to leave as soon as we finish dinner.
- 4 After I get the results of the exams, I will go to Greece for a holiday.
- 5 I promise that I will have finished it by tomorrow.
- 6 The shops will be closed by the time we get there, if we don't hurry up.
- 7 We will have to send it to the editor once it is proofread.
- 8 When you've completed this set of exercises, you will be exhausted.

3

When I **retire** next month, I will move to Florence where I still have my family and friends. First, I **will spend** some time relaxing and catching up with friends and family. I will find a charity organization to work for. I **will volunteer** for the organization three days a week, and

will start writing a book for children, which I have always wanted to do. By the time I **have finished** writing the book, I will have settled into my new routine. I will then start travelling to complete all the things on my bucket list. Life **is** too short for me to settle in one place. I will certainly find a boyfriend along the way and will be having the time of my life!

Answers

Section B Professional texts

5: Essay

1

- 1 was built, was destroyed
- 2 was reconstructed
- 3 is planned
- 4 are often given
- 5 has been solved
- 6 can be found
- 7 be spoken to
- 8 is said
- 9 was found
- 10 be surprised

2

- 1 The African elephant is protected by the government.
- 2 Australia started to be populated by European settlers in 1788.
- 3 In 1956, non-European residents were allowed to apply for citizenship (by the Australian government).
- 4 I noticed that the door had been left open.
- 5 All the cookies have been eaten.
- 6 My purse may have been stolen.
- 7 The road is being repaired.
- 8 More information can be found in the booklet.

3

Tintagel Castle (Cornish: Dintagel) is a medieval fortification **located on** the peninsula of Tintagel Island adjacent to the village of Tintagel, North Cornwall in the United Kingdom. The

site **was** possibly **occupied** in the Romano-British period, as an array of artefacts dating to this period **have been found** on the peninsula, but as yet, no Roman-era structure **has been proven** to have existed there. It **was settled** during the early medieval period, when it was probably one of the seasonal residences of the regional king of Dumnonia. A castle **was built** on the site by Richard, 1st Earl of Cornwall, in the 13th century, during the later medieval period. It later fell into disrepair and ruin.

Answers

Section B Professional texts

6: Proposal

1

- 1 to meet
- 2 to be
- 3 opening
- 4 to avoid
- 5 working
- 6 taking part
- 7 to help
- 8 going

2

- 1 leaving, to do
- 2 to take, falling
- 3 to win, to tell
- 4 giving up, to be
- 5 hitting, to inform
- 6 to think, bothering
- 7 pressing, to learn

3

Kimberly became known when she **started to work / started working** for the local council. Her progressive and creative views on the world provided the council with innovative solutions to the many problems they were experiencing at the time.

After a few successful years as a local council member, she **considered becoming** a politician, but **decided to work** on a greater value for the world – sustainability. Kimberly began working on the Green Project with her colleagues in 2018. Since then, she has established eight sustainable energy-source companies.

She **aims to inform** the public of the importance of a sustainable lifestyle which starts with sensible consumerism and recycling. Her next plan is to work with schools. She **plans to teach** young people how to upcycle and reduce their carbon footprint. Her relentless effort to make the world more sustainable continues.

Answers

Section B Professional texts

7: Instructions/guidelines

1

- 1 about
- 2 for
- 3 of
- 4 for
- 5 with
- 6 for
- 7 to
- 8 on

2

- 1 The man is accused **of** kidnapping.
- 2 What does DM stand **for**?
- 3 What job have you applied **for**?
- 4 At the ceremony, I was presented **with** an award.
- 5 What do you think **of** the film?
- 6 I heard Ronny suffered **from** a serious illness.
- 7 Hey, I'm running late. Don't wait **for** me. I will join you later.
- 8 Don't worry **about** the results.

3

I can't believe that I was blamed **for** something that I didn't do! The cake was baked and decorated by myself, so what would I ruin it **for**? Just like the rest of the family, I was hoping **for** a perfect day for Mum. That's why I volunteered to bake a cake for her. I am not naturally good **at** baking, so I wanted to make a simple cake. However, my sister insisted **on** the most difficult cake – malted chocolate drip cake. So, I worked for hours to perfect it. It was not easy, but I was pleased **with** the result! My only mistake is that I didn't cover it overnight. My sister was furious with me, which is totally unfair. Anyway, Mum looked **at** the cake and smiled **at**

me. She congratulated me **on** making such a beautiful cake despite some paw prints! I love her so much!

Answers

Section C Mass media texts

8: News report

1

- 1 Tomek said he would finish the job. / 'I will finish the job.'
- 2 His boss asked if he had finished the report. / 'Have you finished the report?'
- 3 The security guard asked what I was carrying in my rucksack. / 'What are you carrying in your rucksack?'
- 4 Rosa and Jacob said that they have four children. / 'We have four children.'
- 5 My teacher told me to read more books. / '(Please) read more books.'
- 6 My neighbour asked me to look after her plants while she was on holiday. / 'Could you look after my plants while I am on holiday?'

2

- 1 asked
- 2 why I hadn't completed
- 3 agrees
- 4 the next day
- 5 having
- 6 had fed
- 7 to go
- 8 I was

3

I think the interview went really well. I am pretty sure I have got the job, but I will have to wait and see. They asked me what **I had done** since university. I said that I **have travelled** around the world. They asked **what my favourite experience was**. It was a difficult question to answer, as I have done some amazing stuff! I **told them about** my experience in India. They seemed pleased with my answer. They asked me **if I worked** well with other people. They also asked **if I was willing** to travel abroad. I said that one of the reasons I applied for this job was the travelling aspect of the job and that I was more than willing to travel. When they asked if I

had any questions, I asked them about details of the bonus package. It all sounded great. I am so excited about this job!

Answers

Section C Mass media texts

9: Article

1

- 1 sleepy
- 2 good
- 3 entire
- 4 sensible
- 5 interesting
- 6 effective
- 7 impressed
- 8 latter

2

- 1 the young and the old
- 2 a young person
- 3 The British
- 4 Spanish girl
- 5 The super rich

3

Mr Taylor gets really angry **with** us when we're late for work. Although he has no tolerance or tardiness, he is usually very friendly and **kind**. He is also extremely intelligent and is nicknamed the walking encyclopedia. I do not think he is completely honest **about** his past though. He says he is very interested **in** a lot of things, but the level of his knowledge is beyond any interests! He is very good **at** solving problems of any sort. He is not accustomed **to** working with other people and prefers working on his own. He will be a great asset regardless, and I would be happy to **assist** him.

Answers

Section C Mass media texts

10: Blog entry

1

- 1 He doesn't always shop here.
- 2 He moved surprisingly quickly.
- 3 I suddenly heard loud noises from outside.
- 4 We quickly realized that he couldn't walk. / Quickly, we realized that he couldn't walk.
- 5 Normally, I can't work if there's music on. / I can't normally work if there's music on.
- 6 The street outside was completely silent.

2

- 1 yet
- 2 just
- 3 still
- 4 already
- 5 soon
- 6 now
- 7 ago
- 8 already
- 9 here

3

I was sitting comfortably on the sofa. **Suddenly**, I heard a loud noise from outside. (OR I suddenly heard a loud noise from outside.) I went quickly to the door. I looked **carefully** up and down the street. (OR I looked up and down the street carefully.) Then I stepped out **extremely** slowly and cautiously. (OR I stepped out slowly and extremely cautiously.) The street outside was **completely** silent. There was nothing or nobody there, apparently. So I closed the door **quietly** and went back to the TV. (OR So I quietly closed the door and went back to the TV.)

Answers

Section C Mass media texts

11: Brochure/pamphlet/leaflet

1

- 1 Adverb
- 2 Adjective
- 3 Adverb
- 4 Adjective
- 5 Adverb
- 6 Adverb
- 7 Adjective
- 8 Adverb
- 9 Adverb
- 10 Adjective

2

- 1 late
- 2 lately
- 3 hard
- 4 hardly
- 5 completely
- 6 extremely
- 7 very
- 8 totally

3

This **beautiful** holiday destination is famous for its exotic and unique scenery. The holiday package will include a well-planned itinerary including **free** meals and drinks. The team here has worked hard to find hidden gems of **beauty**, by talking to the locals and other holiday-

makers. It is also carefully designed to minimize travel time and to allow you to have **authentic** experiences of the local culture.

This holiday is just right for the people who are **passionate** about cultural experiences and who wish to take a break from the bustling city life. You will **definitely** feel recharged and revitalized after this amazing holiday!

Answers

Section C Mass media texts

12: Interview

1

- 1 broke down
- 2 broke up
- 3 call off
- 4 Check out
- 5 came across
- 6 fell apart
- 7 get away
- 8 look into

2

- 1 My wife **backed me up** over my decision to quit my job.
- 2 My teacher **broke down** the summative assessment task into small chunks.
- 3 Correct.
- 4 My grandparents **brought me up** after my parents passed away.
- 5 I **called on you** last night but you weren't home.
- 6 I don't **care for** your attitude.
- 7 My doctor advised me to **cut back on** sweets and fatty foods.
- 8 I have to drop my sister **off** at school before I come over.

3

When I **got up** this morning, I had no idea how my day would end. My morning was just normal until I got into my car, which wouldn't start. I decided to **get on** a train instead and called the office to let them know I would be late in.

When I **got on** the train, I realised I had lost one of my earrings. I was **looking around** to find my earring when a man **picked up** something from the floor. It was my earring! This gentleman

was called Mark and I **ended up** having a coffee together in a café near my work. We **got along** instantly. Mark said that he would drop by my office at the end of the day.

In the evening, we **went out** and **bumped into** Mark's old friends. We all **hung out** together until late. My day started badly but it all **worked out** fine. I am so **looking forward to** spending more time with Mark.

Answers

Section C Mass media texts

13: Review

1

- 1 on
- 2 in
- 3 on
- 4 at
- 5 at
- 6 in
- 7 at
- 8 on

2

- 1 since
- 2 for
- 3 for, in
- 4 at
- 5 after
- 6 on
- 7 in
- 8 at

3

Last night, I arrived **in** a spa town called Buxton in Derbyshire. I was exhausted **by** the time I found a hotel, as I had walked **for** seven hours. As soon as I dropped my bag and got changed, I went out to have dinner. There was a huge Thai restaurant **opposite** my hotel, so I headed there. As soon as I walked in, they asked if I had made a reservation. When I said no, they told me the restaurant was fully booked. It was 9.30 p.m. and I was really hungry. So I explained my situation **to** the kind-looking waitress. She told me to wait **for** a minute and disappeared to

she speak to her manager. **Upon** her return, she asked if I didn't mind sitting **under** the awning in the back garden. I didn't mind it at all. Although it was drizzling, it was not cold. After having a warm and delicious Thai meal in the fresh air, I was ready for bed.

Answers

Section C Mass media texts

14: Editorial

1

- 1 so that
- 2 although
- 3 due to
- 4 in order to
- 5 In spite of

2

- 1 Even though they were paid nothing for the work, they were happy to help the people in need.
- 2 Despite the hardship she had to go through, Lauren finished her PhD course successfully.
- 3 Due to its rapid growth, the company had to hire 20 more people this year.
- 4 In spite of movie critiques' praise, the box office sales of the film did not increase.
- 5 Because of neighbourhood complaints, the new airport was forced to be closed.
- 6 In order to succeed in his DP studies, he started to read textbooks before the course.
- 7 Since it was the only choice left, he had to take it.

3

Facebook claims that they have no responsibility over the fake news spread widely on the social media, **despite** that fact that it is proven false. **Although** videos of murder, child abuse and other horrors are routinely and rightly removed from social media, companies such as Twitter and Facebook insist **that** they have no responsibility to exercise the powers they have to remove untruthful stories that are posted by users. Such business decisions have jeopardised the future of many politicians **as** lies of a political nature are often created just **to** influence the voting results. Social media companies should be compelled to take responsibility for its coarsening of political debate **in order to** remove dirty politics in our society.

Answers

Section C Mass media texts

15: Speech

1

- 1 Mrs Baker is my aunt who donated all her fortune to charity.
- 2 This is the mansion in which Mrs Baker used to live. / This is the mansion (which) Mrs Baker used to live in.
- 3 This is the book that Mrs Baker wrote.
- 4 This is Mrs Baker's daughter, whose husband is the Chancellor of Exchequer.
- 5 Today is the last day of school, when we will have a big party.
- 6 The most famous road in Belfast is the Shankill Road where there was a large proportion of the sectarian violence during the Troubles.

2

- 1 Steve Jobs, who dropped out of Reed College, founded the tech company Apple.
- 2 Donald Trump, who was a businessperson and television personality, became the 45th President of the United States.
- 3 Nando's, which is a South African restaurant chain specializing in Portuguese food, has become very popular in the UK.
- 4 McDonald's, which started as a hamburger stand in San Bernardino, California, is the world's second-largest private employer with 1.7 million employees.
- 5 The Sydney Harbour Bridge, where we got engaged, displays the most spectacular fireworks for New Year's Eve.
- 6 We always have a BBQ party on the June solstice, when we have the longest day of the year.

3

Armed robber Andrew Smith, **who** broke into Tesco in Norfolk, was caught after posting on Facebook. He shared his plans to raid a supermarket in a post, **which** included a selfie, a picture of a knife, and the words 'Doing. Tesco. Over'.

His Facebook friends shared his post, **which** was shared over 100 times in 10 minutes. Fifteen minutes later, police caught him with the knife and £400 in cash **stolen** from a Tesco store. Andrew Smith, **who** admitted that it was a mistake to post his plan on Facebook, did not express any remorse. He was sentenced to jail for four years.