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# **Introduction**

## *Multiple Choice Tests*

For the tests in this section, you will hear a number of passages read aloud to you. The purpose of the tests is to find out how well you can understand the passages. Listen carefully to the instructions which your teacher will give you for each stage of the test.

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# Unit 1

- 1 Jim stopped because A there was a rock on the path  
B there were no trees  
C it was too hot  
D his son could not go on
- 2 Jim drank A all his water  
B a lot of his water  
C some of his water  
D most of his water
- 3 Jim put his head on A a cushion  
B his shirt  
C the rock  
D the ground
- 4 Jim slept A only a few minutes  
B all day  
C until night  
D almost till evening
- 5 When Jim first looked down, the snake was A just crossing his legs  
B by his feet  
C about to jump on him  
D looking down on him
- 6 Jim kept still because he was A afraid  
B interested  
C fascinated  
D lazy
- 7 The snake moved A blindly  
B strangely  
C quickly  
D slowly
- 8 Jim A left his shirt behind  
B took his shirt with him  
C put his shirt on  
D tried to find his shirt

## Unit 2

- 1 Tom wrote stories about  
A animals  
B policemen  
C children  
D soldiers
  
- 2 Tom went to the cinema because he  
A hoped to get ideas  
B wanted to avoid a visitor  
C was feeling lazy  
D could not finish a story
  
- 3 The visitor came to Tom's flat to  
A steal something  
B have a drink  
C see Tom  
D read Tom's story
  
- 4 The man  
A forgot his coat  
B left Tom some advice  
C paid for his cigarettes  
D left Tom some money
  
- 5 The man thought that Tom's story was  
A rather poor  
B quite good  
C too short  
D not very exciting
  
- 6 The man threatened to  
A steal Tom's stories  
B write more stories  
C come back every night  
D come back and rob Tom
  
- 7 Tom found the burglar's suggestions very  
A annoying  
B amusing  
C silly  
D helpful
  
- 8 Tom would like to  
A meet his visitor  
B get more ideas from him  
C have his stories stolen  
D be robbed more often

# Unit 3

- 1 Fred A bought the tickets  
B stole the tickets  
C was given the tickets  
D found the tickets
- 2 Fred arranged to meet his wife A near his office  
B at the theatre  
C in a restaurant  
D at home
- 3 Fred also promised his wife a A chat  
B drink  
C walk  
D meal
- 4 Fred's wife was A surprised  
B amused  
C pleased  
D willing
- 5 They went to the theatre A when they were young  
B only occasionally  
C quite often  
D once a month
- 6 They reached the theatre A as quickly as possible  
B a little late  
C early  
D punctually
- 7 When Fred could not find the tickets in his wallet, he was  
A puzzled  
B angry  
C afraid  
D unhappy
- 8 Fred's wife A made several suggestions  
B looked in his pockets  
C told him to look in his pockets  
D told him to empty his pockets



- 9 Fred had A lost the tickets  
B left the tickets in the office  
C lost his briefcase  
D left his briefcase at home

## Unit 4

- 1 The colonel had been robbed of A jewellery  
B money  
C stamps  
D papers
- 2 Barnes was the colonel's A driver  
B guard  
C gardener  
D manager
- 3 Barnes A owed money  
B was sick  
C was dying  
D was badly paid
- 4 The maid loved a man who had A spent her money  
B spent all his money  
C been abroad  
D been in prison
- 5 The maid may have A stolen the keys  
B spent all the money  
C opened the door  
D forgotten to close the door
- 6 At university the colonel's son had A been difficult  
B been ill  
C needed money  
D done something wrong
- 7 The colonel's son could go to the library when he A liked  
B needed books  
C was free  
D had the time

- 8 Sergeant Smith entered A in a bad temper  
 B almost falling down  
 C in a great hurry  
 D breaking down the door
- 9 Sergeant Smith spoke like A a policeman  
 B an actor  
 C a teacher  
 D a drunken man
- 10 The thief was the colonel's A son  
 B agent  
 C maid  
 D wife

## Unit 5

- 1 The housewives who went to the supermarket were A poor  
 B hopeful  
 C fortunate  
 D envious
- 2 The housewives learnt about the offer of free goods  
 A on the radio  
 B from the manager  
 C at the supermarket  
 D from their friends
- 3 Mrs Edwards A had a lot of friends  
 B had stopped seeing her friends  
 C was a lucky woman  
 D hoped to get free shopping
- 4 Mrs Edwards's husband tried to A make her unhappy  
 B cheer her up  
 C stop her buying things  
 D make her buy more things
- 5 Mrs Edwards very much wanted to A get a free basket of goods  
 B meet the manager  
 C get a free basket  
 D fill all her cupboards

- 6 Mrs Edwards went shopping A on foot  
B by bus  
C in a friend's car  
D by car
- 7 Mrs Edwards went back to the supermarket A angrily  
B eagerly  
C quickly  
D willingly
- 8 Mrs Edwards had to A meet the manager  
B buy one more thing  
C find her shopping  
D pay for her shopping
- 9 The manager held out his hand because he wanted to  
A shake hands with Mrs Edwards  
B carry her basket  
C give her some money  
D take away her shopping
- 10 Mrs Edwards must have been A embarrassed  
B delighted  
C disappointed  
D proud

## Unit 6

- 1 The main problem was A food  
B time  
C space  
D noise
- 2 Aunt Clara had A been invited alone  
B not been invited  
C to be invited  
D been invited for a different weekend
- 3 The man replied A hopefully  
B reluctantly  
C rudely  
D forcefully

- After that Aunt Clara A wrote another letter  
 B phoned  
 C sent a telegram.  
 D came round to see them
- 5 The boys were going to sleep A outside  
 B with friends  
 C downstairs  
 D on the floor
- 6 The man's wife A was looking forward to the visit  
 B started cooking  
 C moved into the garden  
 D was still worried
- 7 On Saturday morning the weather was A rainy  
 B changing  
 C good  
 D hot
- 8 Aunt Clara arrived by A car  
 B plane  
 C train  
 D boat
- 9 The youngest boy sat A by the driver  
 B behind his mother  
 C with his brothers  
 D on the luggage
- 10 The boys had forgotten something A interesting  
 B useful  
 C essential  
 D personal

## Unit 7

- 1 Lane was A standing  
 B leaning  
 C sitting  
 D lying

UNIT SEVEN

- 2 It was A cold  
B wet  
C fine  
D invigorating
- 3 Lane A memorised his orders  
B recited his orders  
C tried to remember his orders  
D repeated his orders to himself
- 4 The agent was going to give Lane some important A papers  
B information  
C news  
D advice
- 5 The agent was A late  
B early  
C punctual  
D in a hurry
- 6 The agent A asked for food  
B looked hungry  
C started to eat  
D talked about food
- 7 Lane found the agent very A impressive  
B peculiar  
C ordinary  
D unpleasant
- 8 The agent left the newspaper A by arrangement  
B at Lane's request  
C by mistake  
D out of kindness
- 9 Lane A read the news  
B read the plans  
C made a kite out of the newspaper  
D turned over the pages of the newspaper
- 10 Lane A got rid of the plans quickly  
B lost the plans  
C threw the plans away  
D managed to save the plans

# Unit 8

- 1 The man and his wife A couldn't find their seats  
B had not got seats  
C got lost in the dark  
D found their seats with difficulty
- 2 The old man came in A after  
B before  
C at the same time  
D by chance
- 3 The old man used his stick because A it was dark  
B he was blind  
C he was tired  
D people were in his way
- 4 The lack of lights was A frightening  
B dangerous  
C surprising  
D amusing
- 5 Perhaps there were no lights A because it was afternoon  
B to make the seats cheaper  
C because they were being repaired  
D to save money
- 6 People who came in later sat A near them  
B in front of them  
C behind them  
D alongside them
- 7 The cinema was A nearly empty  
B half empty  
C nearly full  
D very full
- 8 The man's wife was A impatient  
B tired  
C irritable  
D worried

- 9 The man A could see the time easily  
B tried hard to see the time  
C could hardly see the time  
D just managed to see the time
- 10 The man and his wife wanted to see A different films  
B both films  
C only the first film  
D only the second film

## Unit 9

- 1 John gave his friend a cigarette  
A before they got on the train  
B while they were getting on the train  
C after they had got on the train  
D just as the train started
- 2 The friends had spent their holiday A on a boat  
B in a tent  
C on a farm  
D with an aunt
- 3 Their holiday had lasted A more than two weeks  
B just two weeks  
C less than two weeks  
D a week or two
- 4 John A did not want to give his friend his matches  
B tried to find his matches  
C had no matches  
D had lost his matches
- 5 The man opposite them A was hiding  
B was sleeping  
C was reading  
D did not want to see them
- 6 The man looked old and A sad  
B bad-tempered  
C cruel  
D severe

- 7 Smoking was not A permitted  
B encouraged  
C pleasant  
D safe
- 8 The man said that smoking was A unpleasant  
B unhealthy  
C unsociable  
D unbearable
- 9 The man got out A immediately  
B a few minutes later  
C not long after  
D at the next station
- 10 The man A threw his newspaper away  
B offered them his newspaper  
C dropped his newspaper  
D did not take his newspaper with him
- 11 The two friends read the newspaper A in a hurry  
B with great interest  
C to pass the time  
D to look at the pictures
- 12 The man's photograph was in the newspaper because he was  
A a doctor  
B a spaceman  
C a madman  
D an actor

## Unit 10

- 1 George left his car A at the end of the street  
B quite a long way from the dentist's  
C in the dentist's way  
D in a car park
- 2 When George glanced at his watch he saw he was A late  
B on time  
C just in time  
D in good time



- 3 George was feeling A relaxed  
B excited  
C nervous  
D hot
- 4 In the square George A took an interest in people around him  
B talked to some old women  
C played with the children  
D had a good rest
- 5 When George saw the red car he was A annoyed  
B interested  
C envious  
D astonished
- 6 George A dropped his keys  
B put his hand in his pockets  
C touched his pockets  
D emptied his pockets
- 7 When George spoke, some people A were afraid  
B listened to him  
C looked at him  
D laughed at him
- 8 George's car A was hidden from view  
B had been borrowed  
C was damaged  
D had been moved
- 9 George told the dentist A the whole story  
B a lie  
C the truth  
D a joke
- 10 The dentist A was not in a hurry  
B listened with interest  
C was very patient  
D had not been waiting long