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Company: Accenture

Vocabulary (10pts total) 10

1. When we met years ago it was love ___at___ first sight. ☐
2. I went home ____at___ midnight because I was so tired. ☐
3. They didn't give her any alcohol because she was ____under___ age. ☐
4. I was so distracted that I put salt into my coffee ____by___ accident. ☐
5. There is no solution ____to___ this problem. ☐
6. John has a reputation ___for_____ being late all the time. ☐
7. She hasn't got any money left ____in___ other words, she's broke. ☐
8. Could you call tomorrow? He's not ___in___ such a good mood today. ☐
9. She took me ___by___ the hand, and we walked along the beach. ☐
10. I washed his car in exchange ___for___ some pocket money. ☐

Grammar (20pts total) 20

Complete the sentences with the past simple or the present perfect

1. I __haven't fed_____ the cat yet. (not feed) ☐
2. We __have lived_____ here for two years. Before that we ___lived___ in Rome. (live, live) ☐
3. He ___has changed_____ a lot since I last _____saw__ him and looks very different. (change, see) ☐
4. I __didn't see_____ Tom yesterday. (not see) ☐
5. I __have just cleaned_____ the house. (just / cleaned) ☐
6. That is the best meal I __have ever eaten_____. (ever / eat) ☐
7. I _bought___ this phone online. (have, buy) ☐
8. He __took_____ a lot of photos on holiday. (take) ☐

Fill in the gaps with the ing or the to infinitive

1. I can't imagine ___working___ at home. (work)□
2. We have decided against __buying_____ a new car. (buy)□
3. She seems ___to like___ her new job. (like)□
4. The students hope ___to pass___ the exam. (pass)□
5. He won't go by plane. He is afraid of ___flying___. (fly)□
6. I am lazy. I don't feel like __doing_____ any work. (do)□
7. Remember __to post_____ the letter. Otherwise they won't get it by Saturday. (post)□
8. Have you ever learned how ___to fly___ such a plane? (fly)□
9. They were too lazy __to go_____ out with us. (go)□
10. I always enjoy ___talking___ to my grandfather. He always tells me great stories. (talk)□

Reading (15pts total) 15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

A Town that Lives in One Building

Located in the beautiful state of Alaska, a little town called Whittier is tucked away in a picturesque area surrounded by mountains and the ocean. This hidden gem is hard to reach: the only ways to and from Whittier are either by ferry or through a one-lane tunnel that cuts through the mountains. This tunnel is unique because it is shared by both vehicles and trains, necessitating a precisely managed schedule to accommodate both modes of transportation and both directions of traffic.

Whittier's economy thrives on its port, the town's main source of employment, where cargo ships drop off their containers for rail transportation across Alaska. The town also has a grocery store, a museum, two hotels, and various other job opportunities for all its citizens: police officers, municipal workers, educators at the local school, and marina staff. Tourism has grown over the last few years to become an alternative source of income, drawing visitors to attractions such as the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel, glacier jet ski tours, and scenic boat excursions that offer breathtaking views of marine wildlife and icebergs.

But the most fascinating aspect of Whittier is perhaps the fact that nearly all of its 200-odd residents live under the same roof. The Begich Towers, a 14-story building, is more than just an apartment complex; it's a self-contained town! The harsh winter weather helps to explain the convenience of this unusual way of living. Whittier's winter months are known for their heavy snowfalls and fierce winds. By having all the necessary facilities and services in one building, the

residents don't have to brave the cold weather every time they need to run an errand or go to church. Not even the children need to step outside to attend school, which is in an adjacent building connected through a tunnel. It's an ingenious solution that makes life in such an extreme climate much more manageable.

However, the origins of Whittier's unique living situation date back to the early last century when the area was chosen for a military base. Shielded by towering mountains and situated by a bay with unfreezing waters, this location offered an ideal strategic position. Initially, wooden camps housed the soldiers, but as the need for more permanent structures grew with the increasing population, two significant buildings were erected: the once largest building in Alaska, the Buckner Building, and the Begich Towers. The construction of the tunnel in the 1940s, intended to provide railway access, marked Whittier's transformation into an essential cargo and passenger port. After the military left in the 1960s, the Buckner Building was abandoned, and the Begich Towers became the main residential and communal space for the town's inhabitants.

1 Which adjective would better describe Whittier?

A.remote ☐

B.reachable

C.mountainous

2 If you are going to Whittier through the tunnel...

A.your only option is to take a train.

B.you can't use the tunnel while other people are leaving. ☐

C.you can go by car at any time.

3 Most people in Whittier work in...

A.the shipping industry. ☐

B.tourism.

C.services.

4 According to the text,...

A.having a town in one building is not ideal.



B.the school is in the same building.

C.the town's church is in the Begich Towers. ☐

5 The towers were built...

A.to protect the soldiers from the weather.

B.to accommodate an expanding population. ☐

C.to mark Whittier's transformation.

6 Which of these can you NOT find in Begich Towers?

A.a restaurant

B.a hospital ☐

C.a supermarket

Listening (15pts total) 12,5

1 What does Piers say about the bus?

A.It takes him fifteen minutes to go to the bus stop.

B.He can often sit and relax on the bus.

C.He often cannot relax on the bus. ☐

2 What does Piers think about the underground?

A.It's sad and he hates it.

B.It's much better than driving. ☐

C.He loves it, but only when he can sit

3 Sydney...

A.relaxes and watches the sunrise before going to work.

B.doesn't like loud music in the car.

C.drinks coffee on her way to work. ☐

4 Which is true about Sydney?

A. She always has to slow down due to speed cameras.

B. She always finds traffic jams when entering the city.

C. She sometimes feels her journey to work is too short. ☐

5 Brenda...

A. began to enjoy cycling in New York.

B. enjoys her bike ride to work but not so much the ferry.

C. enjoys both her bicycle and ferry ride. ☐

6 Nick says that...

A. he often gets frustrated in traffic jams.

B. learning French might help him get a new job. ☐

C. he likes his current job.

Writing (20pts total) 20/20

Write an email cover letter applying for the position as a Human resources manager. Make sure to include how you found the job, why it interests you, and your previous experience. Use a formal and polite tone.

Dear Hiring Manager,

My name is Victoria Schnaiderman, and I am writing to apply for the position of Human Resources Manager. I found this job advertisement on LinkedIn and I was very interested in the opportunity.

I am very motivated to apply for this position because I have always enjoyed working with people and helping them. I think that a good Human Resources department is very important for any company, and I would like to be part of your team.

I have 4 years of experience working in Human Resources. In my previous job, I was responsible for recruiting new employees, organising training programmes, and helping staff with any problems they had at work. I learned a lot in that role and I

feel ready for a new challenge. I also have good communication and organisational skills, so I can work well under pressure and I am always willing to learn new things.

I believe that I am a good candidate for this position because I am hardworking, responsible, and I have the experience that you are looking for. I would love the chance to talk more about how I can help your company.

Thank you very much for reading my application. I hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards,

Victoria Schnaiderman

Speaking (20pts total) 19/20

How has AI impacted the way you work? What are some of the pros and cons?

