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### Vocabulary (10pts total)

 Complete the sentences using the words below.

Words:

direct - impolite - disrespectful - helpful - formal - informal - polite -  
respectful - sociable - reserved

**TOPIC: Communication Styles at Work**

Use each word once only to complete the sentences.

- In professional emails, employees are usually expected to use a more \_\_**formal**\_\_ **Correct** style of language.
- Tom is very \_\_**sociable**\_\_ **Correct** and enjoys talking to everyone in the office.
- It is considered \_\_**disrespectful**\_\_ **Incorrect** to interrupt someone while they are speaking in a meeting.
- Good customer service employees should always be friendly and \_\_**polite**\_\_ **Correct**.
- Some managers are very \_\_**direct**\_\_ **Correct** and say exactly what they think.
- The atmosphere at the company is quite relaxed and \_\_**informal**\_\_ **Correct**.
- Anna is quite \_\_**reserved**\_\_ **Correct** and does not usually speak much during meetings.

- Employees should remain **\_\_respectful\_Correct\_\_** even when they disagree with their colleagues.
- His comments were seen as rude and **\_\_impolite\_Incorrect\_\_** by the rest of the team.
- My coworker was very **\_\_helpful\_Correct\_\_** when I needed assistance with the new software.

**8pts**

### Grammar (20pts total)

**2 Complete the story using the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple, Past Continuous, or Past Perfect. (10pts)**

Last Saturday, Emma (1) **\_\_was walking\_Correct\_\_** (walk) through the park when she (2) **\_\_heard\_Correct\_\_** (hear) a loud noise. She (3) **\_\_had\_\_** never **\_\_seen\_Correct\_\_** (see) anything like it before. While she (4) **\_\_was looking\_\_** (look) around, a small dog suddenly (5) **\_\_ran\_Correct\_\_** (run) past her.

The dog's owner (6) **\_\_arrived\_Correct\_\_** (arrive) a few moments later. He was relieved because the dog (7) **\_\_had\_\_** already **\_\_found\_Correct\_\_** (find) its way back. Emma and the owner (8) **\_\_were talking\_Correct\_\_** (talk) for a few minutes when it suddenly (9) **\_\_started\_Correct\_\_** (start) to rain. They quickly (10) **\_\_left\_Correct\_\_** (leave) the park together.

**10pts**

**3 Complete using passive voice. (5pts)**

1. Thousands of books **\_\_are published\_\_** every year. (publish - Present Simple Passive) **Correct**
2. The new bridge **\_\_was opened\_\_** last month. (open - Past Simple Passive) **Correct**
3. The winners **\_\_will be announced\_\_** tomorrow. (announce - Future Simple Passive) **Correct**

4. The museum \_\_had been renovated\_\_ recently. (renovate – Present Perfect Passive) **Incorrect**

5. English \_\_is spoken\_\_ in many countries. (speak – Present Simple Passive) **Correct**

**4pts**

**4** Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech. (5pts)

1. Sarah said, "I can't find my keys."

Sarah said that she couldn't find her keys. **Correct**

2. Tom asked, "Have you finished your homework yet?"

Tom asked if I had finished my homework. **Correct**

3. The teacher said, "Please hand in your projects by Friday."

The teacher told us to hand in our projects by Friday. **Correct**

4. "We visited Rome last summer," Michael said.

Michael told me that he had visited Rome last summer. **Correct**

5. My mother said, "Don't forget to call your grandmother tonight."

My mother told me not to forget to call my grandmother that night.

**Correct**

**5pts**

**Reading (15pts total)**

**Read the text:**

## The polar challenge

TV presenter Helen Skelton has never been afraid of a charity challenge. She has run the 78-mile Ultra Marathon in Namibia, and she has kayaked 3,200 kilometres down the Amazon, from Nauta, in Peru, to Almeirim, in Brazil, for the charity Sport Relief, which helps poor and disadvantaged people. Now she has decided to leave the heat of Africa and South America to take part in

a polar challenge, a 500-mile ski, kite-ski, and bike journey to the South Pole, the bottom of the world. During the challenge, Helen is writing a blog.

A **It's over a month since we arrived in Antarctica**, and, if everything goes to plan, we should reach the South Pole late tonight. We've been here so long it's almost become a routine. We camp, get up, ski, camp, get up, ski. I'm wearing a face mask because of the wind and sun. I may look like Darth Vader, but it will help me get there.

B **My first night in Antarctica**. It's summer here, and the 24-hour daylight is weird. The plan, until 3rd January, is to train before starting our trek. Today was my first full day on cross-country skis, pulling a sledge full of my food, tent, and supplies. It was a nightmare! Still, the scenery was incredible. I'm now going to try out the ice bike for the first time, and we're also going to practise kite-skiing.

C **The first day of the trek is over!** We managed to make the bikes work! But we need to do a minimum of 25 miles a day, and we only managed 15 miles today. After nine hours of cycling (and a lot of pushing), we had to stop, because I was completely exhausted.

D **We've only been in Antarctica for four days**, but there's been a huge snowstorm for the past 48 hours. It's freezing outside, so we can't train – we've had to stay in the tent. The winds are 70 miles per hour, with a temperature of  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  and lots of snow. The visibility is terrible, too. However, we're staying warm and morale is still good.

E **This morning, the second day of our trek**, we set off on the kite-skis, and straight away we were travelling fast. In the first hour, we'd gone eight miles. I thought we could do 60 miles today, but late this afternoon the wind dropped, so we decided to stop and put up camp. But we'd travelled 41 miles – I'm very proud of that. I've only kited a few times before. But I'm trying to complete my challenge in 20 days, and there's still a long way to go...

F **We're now only 150 miles from our destination**. For the last few days, we've only been using bikes and cross-country skis, not kite-skis. We had a ten-hour day yesterday with the bikes. The morning went well, but then we hit some soft snow and we ended up pushing the bikes for the last six miles. Today, we decided to use skis, but progress has been slow.

G We've completed our 500-mile journey in 18 days! When I talked to Dad on the phone, saying we'd done it, I cried. This is the biggest thing I have ever been part of.

H We're on our way to the halfway checkpoint today, where we can have a rest...and I've been promised lots of hot water so I can have a good wash – my second one since arriving in Antarctica. I have to admit, I smell awful...and my hair is absolutely filthy.

I The training is over and we're starting our 500-mile journey today! We've been cycling, walking, and kiting for ten days. I washed and changed my clothes. I'm not going to get clean clothes again for three weeks!

4 Read Helen's blog entries and number the paragraphs in order 1-9. Use the highlighted phrases to help you.

A- 8 **Correct**

B- 1 **Correct**

C- 4 **Correct**

D- 2 **Correct**

E- 5 **Correct**

F- 7 **Correct**

G- 9 **Correct**

H- 6 **Correct**

I- 3 **Correct**



5 Read again. In which paragraph does she mention...?

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Feeling very emotional      | G<br><b>Correct</b> |
| How beautiful Antarctica is | B                   |

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|                                             | <b>Correct</b>               |
| Looking forward to a wash                   | <b>H</b><br><b>Correct</b>   |
| Looking like a science fiction character    | <b>A</b><br><b>Correct</b>   |
| Not being able to go outside                | <b>D</b><br><b>Correct</b>   |
| Stopping cycling because she was very tired | <b>C</b><br><b>Correct</b>   |
| Stopping using one method of transport      | <b>F</b><br><b>Correct</b>   |
| Having to wear the same clothes every day   | <b>I</b> <b>Correct</b>      |
| Travelling quickly for the first time       | <b>F</b><br><b>Incorrect</b> |

**14pts**

**Listening (15pts total)**

*Type of listening: Interview*

**6** You're going to listen to an interview with an ex-Champions League football referee from Spain. Listen and choose a, b or c.

**1** Why did he want to become a referee?

- a His father was a referee.
- b He liked sport, but wasn't good at it. Incorrect**
- c He always liked the idea.

**2** What was the most exciting match he ever refereed?

- a His first professional match.
- b He can't choose just one. Correct**
- c Real Madrid against Barcelona.

- 3 The worst experience he ever had as a referee was when  
a player attacked him.  
**b a woman attacked him. Correct**  
c a child attacked him.
- 4 Why does he think there is more cheating in football today?  
**a Because football is big business. Correct**  
b Because the referees are worse.  
c Because footballers are better at cheating.
- 5 How does he say footballers often cheat?  
**a They fall over when no one has touched them. Correct**  
b They accept money to lose matches.  
c They touch the ball with their hands.

12pts

**Writing (20pts total)**

- 7 Write about a trip during which something unexpected happened.

Write 120–150 words about what happened.

Paragraph 1: Introduce the trip

Include:

- Where you went.
- Who you went with.
- Why you were there.
- What you had planned to do.

Paragraph 2: Describe the incident

Explain:

- What you were doing when the incident happened.
- What happened next.
- How you reacted.
- What other people were doing.

### Paragraph 3: How it ended

Include:

- How the problem was solved.
- What you had learned before the trip ended.
- How you felt afterwards.
- Whether you would take the same trip again.

### Grammar Challenge

Use:

- Past Simple to describe completed actions.
- Past Continuous to describe actions in progress when the incident occurred.
- Past Perfect to describe events that happened before the incident.

### Useful Expressions

- We had planned to...
- While we were...
- Just as...
- Suddenly...
- By the time...
- After we had...
- Fortunately...
- In the end...
- Looking back,...



When I was young, my family had planned to travel to the Sierras of Córdoba, Argentina. The trip consisted of driving directly to the Municipal Camping in Nono in our car while towing a trailer, which we had already used on other occasions.

While we were on the road, and just as we were about to arrive, the car was starting to sound strange. Suddenly, my father got out of the car and checked the engine. Yes, one of its parts had broken.

Fortunately, my father fixed the problem. After he had repaired the engine, we continued our trip and arrived at the camp a few hours later. Before the trip ended, I had learned that it is important to stay calm when unexpected things happen. Afterwards, I felt happy because we could enjoy our vacation. Looking back, it was a good experience, and I would definitely take the trip again.

**20pts****Speaking (20pts total)****8** Discuss the following questions:**"The Best Trip You've Ever Been On"**Objective

Students practice speaking about past experiences using:

- a. Past Simple
- b. Past Continuous
- c. Past Perfect
- d. Time expressions
- e. Sequencing language
- f. Descriptive adjectives

**Questions:**

What's the best place you have visited?

Where did you go?

When did you go?

Who did you go with?

How did you travel?

What did you do there?

What was the weather like?

What was the best moment?

Did anything funny or unexpected happen?

Did you buy anything special?

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| Coherence     | 5pts |
| Fluency       | 5pts |
| Grammar       | 4pts |
| Pronunciation | 4pts |

**18pts**

