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Vocabulary (10pts total)

1 Match the words (1–10) to the correct definitions (1–6).

Words

1. Sovereignty
2. Inflation
3. Biodiversity
4. Sanctions
5. Renaissance
6. Monopoly
7. Sustainable
8. Hypothesis
9. Secular
10. Migration



Definitions

- A. A proposed explanation made on the basis of limited evidence 8 **Correct**
- B. The variety of plant and animal life in a particular ecosystem 3 **Correct**
- C. The movement of people from one region or country to another 10 **Correct**
- D. A period of revival in art, literature, and learning 5 **Correct**
- E. The authority of a state to govern itself 1 **Correct**
- F. Not connected with religious or spiritual matters 9 **Correct**
- G. A general increase in prices over time 2 **Correct**
- H. Economic or political penalties imposed by one country on another 4 **Correct**
- I. Able to be maintained over the long term without harming the environment 7 **Correct**
- J. Exclusive control of a product or service in a market 6 **Correct**

2 Complete the sentences using the correct form of the words from Part 1.

1. The country imposes economic sanctions on its neighbour in response to human rights violations. **Correct**
2. Climate change poses a serious threat to global Biodiversity.
..... **Correct**
3. Scientists tested their hypotheses through a series of controlled experiments. **Correct**
4. After years of conflict, the nation finally regained its sovereignty. **Correct**
5. Rapid migration has created overcrowded cities in several developing countries. **Correct**
6. Governments aim to create more Sustainable energy solutions to reduce carbon emissions. **Correct**
7. During the Renaissance, artists such as Leonardo da Vinci revolutionised European art. **Correct**

8. Rising Inflation has reduced consumers' purchasing power. **Correct**
9. The company was accused of creating a Monopoly by eliminating its competitors. **Correct**
10. France is officially a secular state, meaning religion and government are separate. **Correct**

10pts

Grammar (20pts total)

3 Complete the questions with the words in brackets. (20pts)

1. How often do you usually do exercise? (you / usually do) **Correct**
2. Who wrote Harry Potter? (write) **Correct**
3. Could you tell me how much this phone costs? (this phone / cost) **Correct**
4. I can't remember where I parked my car this morning. (I / park) **Correct**
5. Did you enjoy your trip to the countryside last weekend? (you / enjoy) **Correct**
6. What kind of work does your brother do? (your brother / do) **Correct**
7. Who ate the last cookie? (eat) **Correct**
8. Do you know what time the library opens on Saturdays? (library / open) **Correct**
9. Why didn't your sister like the present you gave her? (your sister / not like) **Correct**

10. Do you have to__ play your music so loud? I can't concentrate. (you / have to) **Correct**

10pts

4 Complete the mini-conversations with an auxiliary or modal verb. (10pts)

1

A She's finished her homework, ~~isn't~~ **hasn't** she? **Incorrect**

B Yes, she handed it in this morning.

2

A We can leave early today, can't we? **Correct**

B I'm afraid not. We have a meeting at four.

3

A Why didn't you call me?

B I **did** _____. I call you but you didn't answer. **Correct**

4

A I've never tried skiing.

B Neither have I. **Correct**

5

A They won't be late, will they? **Correct**

B No, their train arrives at 6:00.

6

A Did you enjoy the concert?

B Yes, I **did** _____. It was fantastic! **Correct**

7

A Tom doesn't drive to work.

B No, he doesn't. He takes the bus. **Correct**

8

A You've met my sister, ____haven't_____ you? **Correct**

B Yes, we met at your birthday party.

9

A I'm exhausted.

B So ____am_____ I. I didn't sleep well last night. **Correct**

10

A Sarah could help us, couldn't she? **Correct**

B Yes, I'm sure she'd be happy to.

9pts**Reading (15pts total)****5 Read the following text and answer the questions:**

In a reading rut? How to get back into reading for fun

In a world full of distractions, it can be difficult to form a habit that needs attention. Experts advise on getting out of the rut.

Madeleine Egger

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Most of us feel a daily tug – texts, emails, menus, bills, social media captions and news stories. But in the UK, a 2024 report found that half of UK adults do not regularly read for pleasure.

"The world is increasingly distracting," says Vicki Holtz, president of the American Library Association. "It can be really difficult to get into a reading habit."

Are you in a reading rut? We asked experts how to get out of it.

What are the benefits of reading?

It is said that reading is good for you. It might even make you a better person.

It has been found that reading fiction can make people more empathetic and thoughtful.

Craig Getting, co-host of the book podcast Overdue, says reading fiction helps him understand other people's views. "It helps me to have a more

grounded and open-minded view of the people I interact with," Getting says.

It doesn't even matter if fiction isn't your favorite thing to read. Regular reading has been shown to reduce stress levels and protect cognitive function in later life.

Morgan Menzies, a literary curator and influencer, says reading is an effective way for her to slow down before bed. "Some nights I get a few pages in. Other times it's one or two pages and I'm out," she laughs.

Why do people stop reading?

If reading for fun is so great, why do so many people fall out of the habit?

Distraction: Distraction is a big reason, says Getting, podcast co-host, Andrew Cunningham. He says that a lot of entertainment is made to get our attention, including social media, news, podcasts. Plus, many of these other distractions are "a lot easier to do while you're doing something else," he says. In contrast, reading requires much more attention.

Life changes: Menzies says people also tend to break their reading routine during times of change, like relocating, having a baby, or moving. "You're focused on other things, so you can't then read as much."

Reading selection: Sometimes, people get hung up on reading a certain kind of book. My own reading lulls happen when I try to read books I think will make me seem smarter, rather than what I enjoy (detective stories and gossip memoirs).

"If you're excited to read classic fiction, then awesome," says Cunningham. "But if you prefer to read an enemies-to-lovers romance or a book with dragons, then read that."

How can you get back into a reading routine?

Figure out what you enjoy: Helmick recommends trying various kinds of books. "Read the first chapter, and see which one or two interests you."

Keep it short: Cunningham suggests people start with shorter books. "Don't have infinite shelf space, first book you read if you haven't read anything in a few years," he says. He suggests searching online for recommendations for short books or short story collections.

The medium doesn't matter: Whether you read physical books, use an e-reader or listen to audiobooks, it's all valuable.

Do it daily: Once you've found your favorite genres and reading medium, make time for it each day. "Read 10 minutes before bed for about 20 days," says Helmick. "That's how you create a habit."

Make it fun: Finally, make sure you're having a good time. "Reading is something that should be enjoyable," says Menzies. "There's a lot you can gain from it."

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1. How many people in the UK read for pleasure?

According to a 2024 report, half of UK adults do not regularly read for pleasure. **Correct**

2. What kind of reading is best for improving empathy?

Reading fiction helps improve empathy and makes people more thoughtful.

Correct

3. How is reading better for you later in life?

Regular reading has **seen** shown to reduce stress levels and protect cognitive function in later life. **Correct**

4. What can people do with some kinds of entertainment that they can't do with reading?

People can do other entertainment (ex: TV, social media, news, podcasts) while doing something else, but reading requires much more attention. **Correct**

5. How important is the medium you use to read?

The medium doesn't matter, reading physical books, ereaders, or audiobooks are all valuable. **Correct**

6. How often does Helmick recommend you read to start the habit?

Helmick recommends reading for 10 minutes before bed for about 20 days to create the habit. **Correct**

15pts

Listening (15pts total)

6 Watch the interview and choose the correct answer for each question:

Topic: The Future of AI

What is a potential issue with AI-generated art?

Lack of creativity

Over-reliance on technology

Ethical concerns

Tangibility issues

Incomplete

In the interview, what example is given for biases in AI-generated images?

Images of autistic individuals x **Correct**

Abstract sculptures

Portraits of famous artists

Landscape paintings

According to Emily, what is a limitation of AI in ceramics?

Limited interaction with the artwork

Difficulty in generating 3D objects x **Incorrect**

Inability to create molds

Lack of interest in tangible art

How does Aubrey feel about disclosing the use of AI in a dating profile?

Uncomfortable

Disinterested

Impressed by honesty x **Correct**

Indifferent

7.5pts

Writing (20pts total)

7 Writing Activity: "A Vacation to Remember"

 Task Instructions

Write a 250–300 word essay about a vacation you have taken.

In your essay:

- Describe the destination and purpose of the trip.
- Explain what you particularly liked.
- Discuss what you didn't like or what went wrong.
- Reflect on how the experience affected you.

- Conclude by saying whether you would recommend it or go back.

Use a balanced, reflective tone. Avoid simply listing events — focus on evaluation and insight.

Last summer, I took a vacation to Italy with my husband and our three children. It was a very special trip for me because I had always dreamed of visiting that country. My mother was born in Italy and moved to Argentina when she was eight years old, so one of the main purposes of the trip was to visit her hometown and connect with our family history. We planned the trip one year in advance, which helped us enjoy it even more.

During our vacation, we visited many incredible cities, including Rome, Milan, Venice, Naples, and the Amalfi Coast. The city of Naples is beautiful and, for Argentinians, it has a special meaning because of everything related to Maradona.

However, what I found less pleasant is the way people drive: motorcycles move around quickly, and horns are constantly honking.

We walked a lot, explored famous places, went sightseeing, and also did some shopping. Everything was beautiful, but what I liked the most was the food. Italian food was excellent: fresh, homemade, and full of flavor. It reminded me of the meals I used to eat at my grandparents' house.

To visit my mother's hometown, we stayed in Tropea, a dreamlike place by the sea. I highly recommend traveling there during the European summer. From Tropea, we drove to my mother's village. The experience was unforgettable. The local people were extremely kind and welcoming; talking to them felt like talking to my aunts. They even invited us into their homes.

The only downside of the trip was how tired we were, because we walked a lot every day. However, it was completely worth it.

This vacation deeply affected me, as it helped me connect with my roots and share that experience with my children. I would definitely recommend Italy and would love to go back one day.

20pts

Speaking (20pts total)

8 Discuss the following topic: "Culture"

**Discussion questions:**

- What should you learn about a foreign country's culture before visiting it?
- If a foreign person was coming to your country, what advice would you give them?
- Which country do you think has a strange culture? Why is it strange to you?
- Are there any stereotypes about your culture that are not true?
- What is something that people should never do in your culture?

Note: The student has good pronunciation, her speech is coherent, she uses tenses correctly and appropriate vocabulary.

20pts

