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Final Mark 79.5/100

Level:

Company:

Vocabulary (10pts total) 9.50/10

Read the text and choose the correct option (A, B or C) for each gap

1. At first, some of Daniel's ideas were quickly _____ by senior management, even if no one openly rejected them.

A forbidden

B frowned upon

C acknowledged

2. Still, his manager believed that informal meetings could _____ A _____ within the team, especially after a tense quarter.

A strengthen bonds

B take ownership

C get the best out of them

3. There was no official rule to (1) _____ A _____ speaking up in meetings, but people had learned to (2) _____ A _____ when challenging decisions.

A forbid ✓

B acknowledge

C recognize

A tread lightly ✓

B take on water

C throw a tantrum

4. One afternoon, however, a junior analyst threw a quiet ___B___ when her proposal was dismissed without explanation.

A bonding

B tantrum ✓

C workaround

5. Daniel, for his part, believed in taking (1) ___B___ of his work, even when projects started failing and, as he once put it, “the whole thing (2) ___B___.”

A recognition ✓

B ownership x

C willingness

A is a cash grab

B is taking on water ✓

C gets the best out of them

6. In those moments, the team relied on quick ___B___ rather than long-term solutions, just to keep things moving.

A acknowledgement

B workaround ☒

C willingness

7. Over time, what made the difference wasn't talent, but the ___A___ to listen, adapt, and actually respond to feedback.

A willingness ☒

B recognition

C cash grab

8. And although formal B_____ leadership was rare, people still noticed who _____ effort and who didn't.

A acknowledgement

B recognition ☒

C bonding

9. The marketing team had its priorities, and the finance team had (1) ___B___ concerns altogether.

A another

B other ☒

C others

10. The new manager, ___B___ had just joined from a competitor, was already trying to change how meetings were run.

A *which*

B *who* ✓

C *that*

Grammar (20pts total) 20/20

Part I

Rephrase the following sentences into indirect questions (10 pts)

1. How does it work? / I wonder how it works ✓
2. Where are you from? / would you tell me where you are from? ✓
3. Could you find me euros? / I would like to know if you could find me 50 euros ✓
4. Does Susana know about the current issue? / I wonder if Susana knows about this issue ✓
5. Do you have any problem with that? / Can you tell me if you have any problem with that? ✓

Part II: Read through each sentence and determine whether the verb is transitive or intransitive. (10 pts) 10/10

1. The vase broke suddenly. (Transitive) ✓
2. Paul brought a bottle of champagne for the celebration. (Transitive) ✓
3. Jack and Jill love hiking <this is the D.O, not jack and jill> in the mountains. (Transitive) ✓

4. The books and notebooks are in the backpack. (Transitive) V
5. They bought a new car. (Transitive) ✓
6. Jane misplaced her favorite necklace. (Transitive) ✓
7. It was snowing until late evening. (Transitive) V
8. There are exactly 100 candy bars. (Transitive) V
9. The dog chased its tail around the yard. (Transitive) ✓
10. The firefighter rescued the people in the building. (Transitive) ✓

Reading (15pts total) 15/15

Read the following text and answer the true or false the questions down below and be sure to mark your choice.

Working in an international team has been one of the most rewarding—and also one of the most challenging—experiences of my career. From the very beginning, I knew it wouldn't be the same as working with people from my own country. Meetings, casual conversations, emails: everything had to be done in a language that wasn't my own, nor anyone else's native tongue. It was our shared "bridge language," and while we could all communicate in it, not everyone did so with the same ease.


At first, it was tough. I found myself measuring every word, translating in my head before speaking, constantly wondering if what I said made sense the way I intended. Sometimes I felt like my way of expressing myself was limited, like I couldn't fully show my personality or explain my ideas the way I wanted to. The most frustrating moments were when I wanted to

make a joke or say something spontaneous, but by the time I found the words, the moment had passed.

Over time, though, I learned to listen more. I started paying attention not just to words, but to gestures, pauses, tone. I realized that we were all making an effort: some spoke more slowly, others found ways to simplify without losing meaning. And through that shared effort, something valuable started to grow—a way of working built on patience, clarity, and empathy.

I also came to appreciate the richness of working with people from such different backgrounds. Cultural differences weren't just something to "manage" to avoid misunderstandings; they were a source of new ideas and perspectives. Sometimes, what seemed "obvious" to me was "interesting" or even "strange" to someone else—and that made us all question things we used to take for granted.

It's not always easy. There are moments of frustration, of confusion, of awkward silence. But there are also moments when, despite the barriers, we understand each other perfectly. And in those moments, I realize that real communication doesn't just depend on language—it also depends on the willingness to be understood and to be understood.

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1. The narrator always felt confident using the shared language from the beginning.
False - At first, it was tough. He found himself measuring every word. ✓
 2. Everyone on the team used a language that was not their native tongue.
True- Everything had to be done in a language that wasn't his own, nor anyone else's native tongue. ✓
 3. The narrator found it easy to make spontaneous jokes during conversations.
False- when he wanted to make a joke or say something spontaneous, but by the time he ~~founded~~ found the words, the moment had passed. ✓

4. Over time, the narrator became more focused on non-verbal cues like tone and gestures.

True- He started to pay attention not just to words, but to gestures, pauses, tone. ✓

5. The team never had any misunderstandings or awkward moments.

False- It was not always easy. There were moments of frustration, of confusion, of awkward silence. ✓

Listening (15pts total) 15/15

Part I: Listen and indicate whether the sentences are true or false. (7.5 pts)

1. No one really knows much about the situation with John. – True ✓
2. Kiera doesn't necessarily share everything she knows about John. – True ✓
3. Susanne wasn't the original creator of the cars idea. – False ✓
4. Susanne reported John to people higher up in the company. – False ✓
5. Kiera disagrees with what Will has said about John's aggressive behaviour. – False ✓

Part II: Complete the sentences (7.5 pts)

Mouth – Fire – Books – Investigation – Award – contact – Credit – High

1. Kiera says it's almost impossible to report people as high up as John was. ✓
2. He shouted and screamed at people and they learned to keep their mouth shut. ✓

3. You could be in his good books and then suddenly you were out. ✓
4. Kiera was lucky that she didn't have much contact with him. ✓
5. They're doing a full investigation ✓

Writing (20pts total) 16/20

Rewrite the text in reported speech.

"Over the past year, we have seen significant changes in our market," said the CEO. "We are facing increasing pressure from competitors, and our clients expect faster delivery, lower costs, and more flexible solutions. Although we have invested heavily in new technology, the results are not visible yet. Some departments are still struggling to adapt to these changes and this is affecting our overall performance."

If we don't respond quickly, we will lose market share and weaken our position in the industry. We must re-think our strategy, streamline our processes, and focus more on long-term sustainability. At the same time, we cannot ignore short-term results, as our stakeholders are expecting immediate improvements.

<The> CEO said that over the past year, they had been seeing <past perfect simple fits here> their continuous: "had seen" Significant changes in their market.

He assured that they were facing increasing pressure from competitors, and that their clients expected faster delivery, lower costs, and more flexible solutions.

He also pointed out that although they had been investing heavily in new technology, the results were not visible yet.

He also said <Given that "although" was used in the previous sentence, it is advisable to either remove it, replace it or join this clause to the previous one through the coordinating conjunction "and"> that some departments were still struggling to adapt to those changes, and that was affecting their overall performance.

He mentioned that if they didn't respond quickly, they would lose market share and would weaken their position in the industry.

He said that they ~~must~~ <had> re-think their strategy, ~~must~~ streamline their processes, and focus more on long-term sustainability.

Finally, he declared that at the same time, they could not ignore short <>term results, as their stakeholders were expecting immediate improvements.

Speaking (20pts total) 14/20

- 1) Pick one of these topics and elaborate. Make proper use of tenses, vocabulary, and grammar.

A: Does speaking the same language mean sharing the same culture?

-To keep in mind: Subject + verb agreement; proper use of article ("people vs the people"), and exemplification in order to support argument.

B: The Importance of Networking How do professional connections help your career?

C: What strategies help you stay calm under pressure when others are expecting answers?

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