

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY TEST

I Circle the correct option (a, b, c or d).

1. That jacket doesn't suit you well. Try on
a) other b) another one c) someone else d) once more
2. The beauty of that house and garden is almost unbelievable.
a) hers b) theirs c) it's d) its
3. In summer when it's hot, people usually wear -shirts most of the day.
a) sweat b) T c) tea d) night
4. Can I hear the song that you were listening a while ago?
a) / b) from c) to d) it
5. Don't you to be at home by ten?
a) have b) got c) must d) 're supposed to
6. Can I call you later? We're having lunch right now.
a) the b) a c) / d) an
7. How can I to the station please?
a) reach b) find c) to go d) get
8. They say this weekend should be this year.
a) most sunny b) the sunnier c) the sunniest d) the most sunny
9. People with their homes in London, Manchester, Cardiff and Edinburgh live in
a) united states b) a colony c) a republic d) a kingdom
10. I'm sorry
a) late b) 'm late c) lately d) be late

II Read the whole text first. Then fill in each blank with one suitable word.

One of the best ways to see London is to take an open-top bus tour with the Big Bus Company. Tours run (1) _____ day (except Christmas) and all buses have knowledgeable (2) _____ onboard to give you a full commentary of the great (3) _____ you can see. The buses that are (4) _____ on these routes are called (5) _____ buses because of the two-level seating area.

III Complete the text using the appropriate form of the words in brackets.

Last Saturday, some guests were supposed to come to our place for lunch. Since we had no food or drinks left at home, somebody (1) _____ (must) go out and do the big (2) _____ (shop). By my (3) _____ (parent) decision, my brother Sam and I (4) _____ (send) to the supermarket with a long list of things to buy, with two (5) _____ (hundred) pounds and their promise that we could keep the change for (6) _____ (we). Of course, the change was the only thing we were (7) _____ (interest) in. And then something quite (8) _____ (usual) happened. "Congratulations!", shouted the cashier to us: "You are the winners of this week's prize. All the goods in your basket are for free." When we got back home, Sam and I were (9) _____ (happy) sons in the world. The change of £200 was fairly split into two (10) _____ (half) and shared between us.

IV Combine each pair of sentences into one sentence using the given beginnings.

1. I would like to meet that famous writer. That famous writer's book was published last year.

I would _____ .

2. I'm warning you again. Don't touch my makeup!

I'm _____ .

3. Son, we would like to know something. Where did you go last night?

Son, we _____ .

4. We must prepare this school performance. We must prepare it before Easter.

This school _____ .

5. Is this the right address? I don't know that.

I don't know _____ .

READING COMPREHENSION TEST

Super – Stan!

Stan Lieberman was born in New York in 1922. He joined the family publishing business, Timely Publications, in 1939. Stan had a fantastic imagination and for the next twenty years, Stan wrote thousands of entertaining crime, science fiction and western stories for Timely. Characters were either good or bad – and stories rarely used words with more than two syllables. In fact, Stan was so embarrassed by what he was writing that he used the name ‘Stan Lee’ in the comics.

By 40, Stan had decided he was too old to write comics. His wife suggested writing stories about the things he preferred. And then a rival comic came up with a group of superheroes which included Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman. Stan took his wife’s advice and in 1961 he created The Fantastic Four with the cartoonist Jack Kirby.

Until that time, superheroes had been ‘perfect’ people. And for Stan, their adventures were predictable because nobody could hurt them. The Fantastic Four were different. The group had the same problems we all have. Two characters were engaged and they often fell out, for example. Another character was always depressed. The Fantastic Four were a huge success and Stan’s creativity was back.

A year later Stan and cartoonist Steve Ditko published their first story about a young boy who was bitten by a spider. Peter Parker (or Spider-Man) is a typical, confused teenager with girlfriend, school and money problems. The character was immediately successful. A copy of the first Spider-Man comic in good condition now costs about \$30,000.

Circle the most appropriate option.

1. Stan Lieberman is the man who
 - a) started a family business
 - b) created a lot of imaginary characters
 - c) started writing when he was twenty
 - d) had speech problems

2. Stan changed his name into Stan Lee because
 - a) he was not very proud of his work
 - b) people found him funny
 - c) readers found his stories too short
 - d) his characters were both good and bad

3. By the age of forty,
 - a) Stan had already retired
 - b) Stan had started writing novels
 - c) He preferred his rival's comics
 - d) Stan thought he should stop writing comics

4. In the new stage of his career, Stan
 - a) met a group of interesting superheroes
 - b) advised his wife to start writing stories, too
 - c) designed a new comic book in cooperation with another man
 - d) found another woman and left his wife

5. Stan liked his heroes to be
 - a) perfect
 - b) predictable
 - c) different
 - d) rarely hurt

6. Stan's main characters had problems
 - a) just like ordinary people
 - b) because they were clumsy and kept falling down
 - c) because they were always depressed
 - d) because they were much too successful

7. Another famous character of Stan's is
 - a) Steve Ditko
 - b) a small spider
 - c) Peter Parker
 - d) a teenage girl with school and money problems

8. Spider/Man made Stan Lee
 - a) the richest man in the world
 - b) an average and typical writer
 - c) very successful
 - d) earn \$30,000

