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Winter/Spring Term Writing Test in English Class ..... Level .....  
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**Exercise 1: Read the text below and choose the best answer (A, B, or C) for items 1-5 ( \_\_\_/5p)**



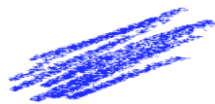
Spain is changing fast: as the rest of the world discovers Spain, its economy is growing rapidly. Culture in Seville, beaches in Menorca, partying in Madrid, romance in Barcelona. Spain seems to have it all and the world knows it.

But up until the mid70s it was a different story. The country was only just beginning to recover from the Franco dictatorship, and was on the road to democracy. It's a country that has come a long way in a short time. Spaniards are now 75% richer than they were 30 years ago and their economy has grown faster than the European average for more than ten years.

Since the 1970s northern Europeans have been rushing to Spain's beaches, turning small Spanish fishing villages into huge holiday resorts, complete with 15-storey hotels and endless leisure and entertainment centres. Families have sold their small farms for tourist development, making families rich overnight.

Tourism has developed mostly in coastal areas, allowing much of the interior to remain untouched. Today, more and more visitors leave the well-worn tourist paths and discover an older and more authentic Spain. Take a drive outside a coastal resort like Benidorm and you'll soon find yourself on tiny mountain roads, surrounded by beautiful pine forests.

1. This text tells readers about Spain's
  - A. problems.
  - B. progress.
  - C. customs.
  
2. Why does Spain attract so many visitors? Because
  - A. you can see and do a lot there.
  - B. people feel free there.
  - C. it's a rich country.



3. When did Spain's political system change?

- A. Only ten years ago.
- B. About forty years ago.
- C. Two centuries ago.

4. What has become more popular in Spain recently?

- A. Its high buildings.
- B. Its pretty villages.
- C. Its water sports facilities.

5. What has happened to Spanish farmers?

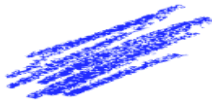
- A. They have opened hotels.
- B. They have made lots of money.
- C. They have bigger farms.

**Exercise 2: Fill in the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. ( \_\_\_\_\_ / 5p)**

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (already/feed) the dog but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/take) him for a walk yet.
2. Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at my friend's house and we \_\_\_\_\_ (order) pizza.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ (always like) flowers so I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) her a nice bouquet last week
4. When \_\_\_\_\_ (you first meet) him?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (you know) Tim for long or \_\_\_\_\_ (you meet) him at the party?
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) born in Agrinion.

**Exercise 3: Choose and complete with the correct derivatives. ( \_\_\_\_\_ /4p)**

1. The tourists packed up their \_\_\_\_\_ and left their rooms. (possessions - possess - possessive)
2. There were \_\_\_\_\_ souvenir shops on the island. (various - variety - vary)
3. I have been a member to this \_\_\_\_\_ magazine for a year. (month - months - monthly)
4. Most \_\_\_\_\_ areas in our city have green spaces. (residence - resident - residential)
5. If you don't have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ excuse, don't say anything. (reason - unreasonable - reasonable)



6. Pay attention to all the \_\_\_\_\_ while filling in the form. (require - requirements - required)
7. Local \_\_\_\_\_ are very important in this village. (traditions - traditional - tradition)
8. Children need \_\_\_\_\_ to start a new hobby. (encouraged - encourage - encouragement)

**Exercise 4: Complete the sentences below with the correct word to make a bi-nominal pair. ( \_\_\_\_\_/2p)**

1. That kind of phone is really \_\_\_\_\_ the times. Everybody uses a newer model nowadays.
2. We set off \_\_\_\_\_ and early as we had to catch the train.
3. The little child appeared from the cave \_\_\_\_\_ and sound.
4. John says he is \_\_\_\_\_ and tired of going to the same place every year on holiday.

**Exercise 5: Fill in each sentence with the opposite of the each word in bold. The first letter is given for you. ( \_\_\_\_\_/4p)**

1. Who **opened** this box? I specifically requested it be kept **c**\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Why are you so **sad**? This is supposed to be a **h**\_\_\_\_\_ occasion.
3. Isn't this box too **heavy** to carry on your own? No, in fact it's quite **l**\_\_\_\_\_.
4. I didn't tell you to make these columns **narrower**, I told you to make them **w**\_\_\_\_\_.

**Relax and... enjoy your test**