

MID-TERM TEST

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Reading

Read the text. Then do Exercise 1.

The world's tallest building officially opened on 4 January 2010 with a dramatic fireworks ceremony in Dubai. The Burj Khalifa, standing at an amazing 828 metres, high is by far taller than any skyscraper or structure built before it. Although it is not completed on the inside, it is officially open for the public by Dubai's ruler, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Construction of the 'Burj Khalifa' began in 2004 and, five years later, all 160 floors of the structure were completed. The building has a mind-boggling 28,000 glass panels and more than 500,000 square metres of office space spread across 47 floors. The tower also has the world's highest observation deck, the highest mosque (on the 158th floor) and the highest swimming pool (on the 76th floor). Because the size of the building is so tremendous, it has 57 different lifts to accommodate people. At the foot of the tower, there is a 300 metre fountain which is also the world's tallest performing fountain. Before the Burj Khalifa was completed, the tallest building was the Taipei 101 in Taiwan, standing at 508 metres tall. The difference between the two is more than 300 metres. The tallest building in America is Willis Tower in Chicago standing at 442 metres tall. The Burj Khalifa is almost twice as tall! The top of the tower can be seen

from 95 kilometres away! Just imagine, if the tower were built in Athens, you would be able to see it from Corinth!

The design of the Burj Khalifa uses a lot of ideas from traditional Islamic architecture and the open petals of a desert flower were the inspiration for the base of the tower. There are 1,044 luxury apartments, 49 floors of offices and, in the future, a 160-room Armani hotel. About 12,000 people are expected to live and work in the tower.

Building such a tall skyscraper was not an easy task by any means. There were a lot of technical challenges that the architects and engineers had to overcome. Bill Baker, the tower's structural engineer, said they hadn't been sure how high they could go and that they learned a lot as they went along. His job was very important, as he was responsible for the stability of the building. There were a lot of things the architects and engineers had to consider when building the tower. Obviously, building something so tall is very challenging, but the height of the tower was not the only thing they had to worry about. Dubai is also known for being very windy and the surface under the tower moves a bit. Mohamed Ali Alabbar said that the tower had been hit by lightning twice, an earthquake in Iran shook the land in Dubai and they have experienced all types of strong winds. None of these phenomena have affected the building.

Besides engineering difficulties, the tower also faced economic ones. In 2004, the economy of Dubai was doing very well. However, a few years later, the crisis that hit countries worldwide also hit Dubai. There was a problem of finding enough money to complete the project. Abu Dhabi, a

neighbouring and rich country, gave Dubai 8 billion euro to help their economy. The name of the tower was supposed to be Burj Dubai, but as a sign of appreciation it was changed and named after the leader of Dubai, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed.

1 Write true (T), false (F), or not stated (NS) if the answer isn't in the text. [12 points]

1 The Burj Khalifa was completed on 4 January 2010. ____

2 Over half a million square metres will be used for offices. ____

3 The Willis Tower is the third tallest building in the world. ____

4 The tower holds several world records. ____

5 The engineers working on the tower had a very clear picture of what it would look like before they would finish building it. ____

6 Besides the environment, the tower also faced financial problems before its completion. ____

Vocabulary

2 Circle the correct option. [6 points]

1 Jim forgot to bring my book again. I'm starting to get **tired** / **annoyed**.

2 Christina takes tennis too seriously and is a very **selfish** / **aggressive** player.

3 Your hair has grown far too **long** / **curly**. You really should have it cut.

4 I get sad when I see so many people who are **houseless** / **homeless** in the city.

5 I am tired of moving from one place to another. I really just want to stay in one place and call it **house** / **home**.

6 Heather never thinks she is wrong. She is really **bigheaded** / **well-organized**.

3 Choose the correct answer. [5 points]

1 I used to have curly hair when I was younger, now it's ____.

a thin **b** thick **c** straight **d** fair

2 I like watching TV ____ I eat my dinner.

a during **b** while **c** for **d** as

3 My girlfriend fell asleep ____ the football match.

a during **b** while **c** for **d** as

4 I don't mind getting dressed for work. I ____ wearing a suit and tie.

a would **b** am used to **c** use to **d** used to

5 Michael's paintings are beautiful. He was always very ____.

a energetic **b** efficient **c** cheerful **d** creative

4 Choose the best answer. [5 points]

1 ____ is the study of the stars, planets and universe.

a Chemistry **b** Geology **c** Astronomy

2 I did well in vocabulary, but ____ for grammar.

a broke up **b** got marked down **c** gave back

3 You should drink lots of ____ in summer.

a liquids **b** gases **c** solids

4 What is the ____ of that skyscraper?

a height **b** length **c** volume

5 Who was the first person to ____ the automobile?

a discover **b** invent **c** conduct

5 Complete with these words. [6 points]

already, just, still, most, than, yet

1 By the time I got to the party, everyone had _____ left.

2 I think that Maradona is _____ the best player ever to have played football.

3 My parents had _____ come in when I broke the vase.

4 Even though it isn't a science, _____ of my classmates enjoy talking about astrology.

5 I haven't seen the movie _____, but I am going to this weekend.

6 I would rather listen to my favourite band in concert _____ on the stereo.

6 Choose the best answer. [9 points]

1 I like to travel ___ when I get a chance.

a abroad **b** a foreign country **c** a country **d** a holiday

2 I couldn't wait to ___ the train after 12 hours of travelling.

a set off **b** start off **c** get off **d** go off

3 I don't want you in my room. ___

a Look out! **b** Speak out! **c** Go out! **d** Get out!

4 I was so upset when I ___ that my computer had a virus.

a found out **b** went out **c** turned out **d** carried out

5 Although I had my doubts, the movie ___ to be really good!

a sold out **b** carried out **c** found out **d** turned out

6 Tim is in a really bad mood, ___ ?

- a** aren't he **b** is he **c** isn't he **d** he is
- 7** You wouldn't tell on me, ___ ?
- a** would you **b** wouldn't you **c** do you **d** don't you
- 8** I wish Samantha would ___ me the truth.
- a** tell **b** told **c** say to **d** said to
- 9** If ___ where you are, we'll come meet you.
- a** tell us if **b** you told us if **c** you tell us if **d** you tell us

Grammar

7 Complete with the correct form of the verb in brackets. [6 points]

- 1** _____ this school _____ (**offer**) computer courses?
- 2** She _____ (**watch**) too much television after school.
- 3** Can you please get the door? I _____ (**talk**) on the phone.
- 4** Hurry up! Our plane _____ (**take-off**) at 5 o'clock.
- 5** Don't get up. I _____ (**answer**) the phone.
- 6** When I _____ (**be**) younger, I _____ (**jog**) everyday.

8 Complete with a/an, the or -. [6 points]

- 1** Galileo made _____ very interesting observation.
- 2** Once you heat _____ oven, put the pie in for 20 minutes.
- 3** His house was completely burned down in the fire because it was made of _____ wood.
- 4** It's not a good idea to drink _____ every day.
- 5** We always have _____ interesting conversation with our cousins.
- 6** _____ painting I like best, is hanging in the Louvre gallery.

9 Complete each sentence with a preposition. [7 points]

1 I wish Samantha would give me _____ my CDs. She's had them forever.

2 Put the bags _____ the car.

3 I am going to take _____ karate for self-defence.

4 Things are too quiet. Should I put some music _____?

5 Henry has set _____ a Facebook account to keep in touch with his friends.

6 Our ski instructor handed _____ safety procedure pamphlets.

7 Watch _____! That car is coming right at us!

10 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence. Use the word given. [5 points]

1 Computer programming is harder than I'd thought.

AS

Computer programming _____.

2

I have never played such an exciting computer game before.

EVER

This is the most _____.

3 He hasn't handed in his assignment yet.

STILL

He _____.

4 Juliet started studying the stars when she graduated.

SINCE

Juliet _____.

5 Kim will be able to use the car when her husband gets back.

UNTIL

Kim won't _____.

11 Rewrite the sentences in reported speech. [6 points]

1 "Judy is visiting the doctor tomorrow."

John told me _____.

2 "They were recording their new album."

Paul said they _____.

3 "Have you ever been deep-sea diving?"

Janice _____.

4 "I will drive you to the airport tomorrow."

Mum _____.

5 "Do you surf the Internet at home?"

Olga _____.

6 "Wash the dishes!"

Mum told me _____.

12 Choose the correct answer. [7 points]

1 After I graduate from secondary school, I **will** / **am going to** go to university.

2 Don't get up. I **'ll** / **am going to** answer the door.

3 Hurry up everybody! The ferry **leaves** / **is going to leave** at five.

4 **Will** / **Shall** I pick up a DVD on the way home?

5 I can't make it this Saturday. I **will have** / **am having** relatives over for dinner.

6 I **am going to** / **will** get fit in time for summer.

7 Hi. I **am going to** / **'ll** have the Cobb salad and a cheeseburger.

13 Writing [20 points]

Do you have a favourite place to visit in your country or anywhere else in the world? We want to hear about it! Write an article. Use 120–180 words.

Remember to include:

Paragraph 1: Where is it?

Paragraph 2: What does it look like?

Paragraph 3: Why is it your favourite building?

Paragraph 4: Closing statement