ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Inappropriate Sentences MCQ Exercise 2

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1. (I) After Mr Collins retired, he couldn't decide what to do. (II) He had always dreamed of becoming a doctor. (III) At last, he decided to buy a small cottage in the country. (IV) He found one situated among pine trees and near a lake. (V) It was just what he wanted after having lived in a city.
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2. (I) Then, Mrs Benson went to the grocer's shop. (II) As she was leaving, she looked at her shopping list again. (III) There was only the bread still to buy. (IV) She bought it and then went home. (V) Sometimes she goes by bus.
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3. (I) We sat there, close to the sea, and drank our coffee. (II) They had been here before. (III) Above us, the birds flew joyfully here and there. (IV) Fifty metres further along, there were some fishing boats. (V) The fishermen were talking to each other and mending their nets.
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4. (I) It was 2 o'clock in the morning and I had been driving for 8 hours. (II) As I was very tired, I decided to stop and spend the rest of the night in a hotel. (III) I took a room with a private bathroom. (IV) My brother worked as a hotel receptionist for two years in London. (V) After having a bath, I went straight to bed.
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5. (I) The Martins lived in Pembroke Street. (II) The room was a very pleasant one. (III) It had a good view of the park. (IV) The furniture was all in good condition. (V) There was a thick carpet on the floor.
A) I **B)** II **C)** III **D)** IV **E)** V

6. (I) The meeting was supposed to start at 9:30. (II) The chairman had already taken his seat at the table. (III) There would be a lunch for everybody afterwards. (IV) The other members of the committee had also arrived. (V) In fact, it was only the speaker who was absent.
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7. (I) H.G. Wells wrote a lot of science fiction novels. (II) One of his best is called "The War of the Worlds." (III) This tells the story of an attack on the world from Mars. (IV) Another spaceship will be sent out next week. (V) Surprisingly enough, the book was written before man had ever learned to fly.
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8. (I) Mr Mason left at 7:40, his usual time. (II) Even so, he got to the office late. (III) This was partly because he had to stop and talk to his neighbour, Mr James. (IV) One of his daughters works as a secretary. (V) But it was the traffic jam that really made him late.
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9. (I) A lot of people think Clare and Jane are very alike. (II) Their mother is a very charming person. (III) In appearance they are. (IV) They are both tall and fair-haired. (V) But Clare is shy and quiet while Jane likes to meet new people.
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10. (I) It was only 3 o'clock in the afternoon. (II) But already it was very dark. (III) Suddenly there was a flash of lightning. (IV) The weather has been very cold recently. (V) Then almost at once, it began to rain.
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11. (I) Geography is the subject my sister is most interested in. (II) She always talks about mountains, rivers, deserts, and lakes. (III) She has a rich collection of books and magazines dealing with the subject. (IV) I am sure in the future she will make an excellent geographer. (V) Already, she has been to London twice.
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12. (I) The room was just as he wanted it. (II) Jim felt so pleased. (III) He had painted the walls and shelves himself. (IV) They were taking him to the match too. (V) His mother had helped by making the cushions and curtains.
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13. (I) Since I've been sitting here, only three people have come into the hotel. (II) The hotel was built more than a hundred years ago. (III) The first was an old man with white hair. (IV) He left again after a couple of minutes. (V) Then a pretty, young girl came in followed by her mother.
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14. (I) The Bradleys now live in the centre of the town. (II) Their new house is very close to Mr Bradley's office. (III) But that seems to be the only advantage it has. (IV) Mr Bradley is the director of a bank. (V) In fact, Mrs Bradley wishes they had not left the old house.
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15. (I) 1981 is the centenary of Ataturk's birth. (II) In other words, Ataturk was born just one hundred years ago. (III) When he died, he was only fifty-seven years old. (IV) However, his memory lives eternally in the Turkish people. (V) He lost his father when he was a little boy.
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16. (I) Michael had spent the whole holiday inside. (II) The weather had been beautiful. (III) However, his need to rest outweighed his desire to go out into the open air. (IV) His family went on a picnic during the holiday. (V) At the end of the three-day break, he felt much better than he had before.
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17. (I) Although the law forbids driving a car if you are under the age of 18, many young people ignore this regulation. (II) The need to show off puts many young people behind the wheel of a car at a very early age. (III) Unfortunately, these youths tend to be careless and often cause many accidents. (IV) They tend to drive recklessly in the streets to show their courage to their friends. (V) Parents often cannot object to their friendships.
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18. (I) My mother had told me to become a doctor. (II) Today many women are entering the workforce. (III) They have the desire to work outside their homes and the income is also appealing. (IV) This has led to their interest in obtaining a higher education which in turn gives them a better chance of finding a good job. (V) Interestingly enough, the role of the working mothers in their homes has not changed; although they are better educated and adding to the household income, they maintain the role of mother and wife along with their outside jobs.
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E) V

19. (I) Pets are a good hobby for young children. (II) Care of animals teaches children responsibility and at the same time gives them joy. (III) There are many types of animals that I like to care for in my home. (IV) Children often spend their days playing with animals but caring for the needs of these dependent friends also becomes a part of their routine. (V) The relationship with pets also provides children with a playmate that they can get along with easily as they seldom object to which games the child will play.
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20. (I) The James Bond reruns on the television these days really bring back my youth. (II) I remember the days when we stood in line at the cinema to see these exciting movies. (III) When watching them, we would eat popcorn and drink cola. (IV) The modern cars and technology that were used by the famous agent 007 impressed us in those days, but today they seem almost silly. (V) My brother prefers watching football to going to the cinema.
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