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# Reported Speech Test 3

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**1.** "You don't have to pay for the tickets; they are a present from me to you."
**A)** He said that I needed to pay for the tickets because they were a present for you.
**B)** He said that I didn't need to pay for the tickets which were your present.
**C)** He told me not to pay for the tickets as they were a present to me.
**D)** He said that I didn’t have to pay for the tickets because they were his present to me.
**E)** He said that you needn't have to pay for the tickets when they were a present for you.

**2.** "Must you really leave so soon? It's only three o'clock."
**A)** Margo wanted to know if I would leave at only three o'clock.
**B)** Margo knew that I would leave at only three o'clock.
**C)** Margo asked if I really wanted to leave at three o'clock.
**D)** Margo said that I really should leave at three o'clock.
**E)** Margo objected to my leaving because it was only three o’clock.

**3.** - "Can you type?"

- "Yes."
**A)** She would ask if they could type.
**B)** She was asked if she could type and she could.
**C)** They asked her if she could type and she said she could.
**D)** They asked her to type and she did.
**E)** She was asked to type and she typed.

**4.** Olivia told us that she had planned to go with them to the circus but they changed their minds.
**A)** "They were planning to go with me to the circus but they changed their minds."
**B)** "I was going to the circus with them but they changed their minds."
**C)** "We were going to go to the circus but we changed their minds later."
**D)** "I planned to go with them to the circus but I have changed my plans."
**E)** "I was going to go with them to the circus but I changed my mind."

**5.** Andrew said that he had been living in New York for 10 years.
**A)** "I will be living in New York for 10 years, starting now."
**B)** "I have been living in New York for 10 years now."
**C)** "He has been in New York for 10 years now."
**D)** "I will be in New York for 10 years."
**E)** "He has been living here for about 10 years now."

**6.** Clara said that she would be coming with us if we had enough room for her in our car.
**A)** "She will come with you in the car if there is enough room for her."
**B)** "I will be coming to you if there is room in the car, enough for me."
**C)** "I wanted to come with you, but there was probably not enough room for me in the car."
**D)** "She would be coming if there was room enough for her in the car."
**E)** "I will be going with you if you have enough room for me in the car."

**7.** Hazel said that the last time she had gone to the zoo was three years ago.
**A)** "I went to the zoo for three years the last time."
**B)** "The last time I went to the zoo was three."
**C)** "I was going to go to the zoo three years ago for the last time."
**D)** "It has been three years since I went to the zoo."
**E)** "I go to the zoo once every three years."

**8.** "Tom will be free to sleep as late as he wants the day after tomorrow."
**A)** George said that Tom could sleep as late as he wanted to tomorrow.
**B)** George told us that Tom would sleep late after tomorrow because he wanted to.
**C)** George said that Tom wanted to sleep late until tomorrow.
**D)** George said that Tom would be able to sleep as late as he wanted in two days.
**E)** George told us that Tom slept as late as he wanted till tomorrow.

**9.** Oscar felt that he should help his mother, who was working in the kitchen.
**A)** "I feel that he should help mother with work in the kitchen."
**B)** "My mother should be helping me with my work in the kitchen."
**C)** "I ought to give Mom a hand in the kitchen."
**D)** "Would you like a hand?"
**E)** "Mom is in the kitchen working by hand."

**10.** "Doctor Jones and his wife used to live next door to us."
**A)** Barbara told me that Dr and Mrs Jones would live next door to them.
**B)** Barbara told me that Dr and Mrs Jones used to live next door to them.
**C)** Barbara told me that Dr and Mrs Jones were living next to them.
**D)** Barbara said that they would be living with them.
**E)** Barbara said that she would be living in the house next to Dr and Mrs Jones.

**11.** Gary said that when they were younger they were allowed to play in the yard but not in the street.
**A)** "When we were young, they allowed us to play in the yard and we could also play in the street."
**B)** "When they were young, their mother said it was alright to play in the street and in the yard."
**C)** "When we were younger, we could be allowed to play in the yard but also in the street."
**D)** "When we were younger, we could play in the yard, but we weren't allowed to play in the street."
**E)** "When we wanted to play in the street, my mother would tell us that we should play in the yard."

**12.** "Could you hand me a towel?"
**A)** She asked me for a towel.
**B)** She wanted me to use the hand towel.
**C)** She questioned me about the towel.
**D)** She said she wanted the towel.
**E)** She asked me to use the towel.

**13.** "Is Mia your sister?"

Susan asked _____.
**A)** if Mia was my sister
**B)** whether she would be my sister
**C)** who Mia was
**D)** if Mia wasn't my sister
**E)** whether Mia was going to be

**14.** "Is this book yours?"

Jerry asked _____.
**A)** whose book this was **B)** if it was yours book
**C)** if it wasn't my book **D)** whose book it is
**E)** if it was my book

**15.** - "Will you come with me to the supermarket?"

- "No, I haven't finished my work yet."
**A)** Sophia wanted me to come with her to the supermarket to finish her homework.
**B)** Sophia asked me to come with her to the supermarket, but I could not go.
**C)** Sophia asked me to go with her to the supermarket but I could not finish my work yet.
**D)** Sophia asked if I would go with her to the supermarket, but I refused as I had not yet finished my work.
**E)** Sophia wanted me to go to the supermarket but I could

**16.** Helen indicated that it would be appropriate for me to go in and apologise at that time.
**A)** "It would be appropriate for you to go in and apologise to him now."
**B)** "Why would you go in and apologise now?"
**C)** "It will be appropriate to go in now with him."
**D)** "It is a good time to apologise now."
**E)** "Why not talk to him about apologising now?"

**17.** "Shall I look after the children while you are cleaning house?"
**A)** Diana said that she would look after me as they cleaned the house.
**B)** Diana offered to clean the house while I looked after the children.
**C)** Diana said that she would clean the house while I looked after the children.
**D)** Diana offered to look after the children while I was cleaning the house.
**E)** Diana wanted to look after me while I cleaned up the house after the children.

**18.** "You ate the pie, didn't you!"
**A)** John was accused of eating the pie.
**B)** John was asked if he had eaten the pie.
**C)** John asked to have eaten the pie.
**D)** John was asked to eat the pie.
**E)** John was asked if he wanted to eat pie.

**19.** He said that he had seen this movie at least 15 times on television.
**A)** "I have seen at least 15 movies on television."
**B)** "I have seen this same movie at least 15 times on television."
**C)** "He has seen that movie 15 times on television."
**D)** "He saw the 15 movies on television several times."
**E)** "I had seen the 15 movies on television."

**20.** "Let him do whatever he wants. He'll learn from his mistakes."
**A)** The teacher said that we should allow him to do what he wanted because he would learn from his mistakes.
**B)** The teacher said that to let him do what he wanted so that he could learn from his mistakes.
**C)** The teacher wanted us to allow him to do whatever he wanted as he could learn a lot.
**D)** The teacher wanted us to do whatever he wants as he could learn from our mistakes.
**E)** As one could learn from his mistakes, we ought to do whatever he wanted, said the teacher.

**21.** "Yes, I will be happy to come to dinner at your house next week."
**A)** Janice said she would be happy if she had dinner at your house next week.
**B)** Janice accepted the invitation to have dinner at my house the week after.
**C)** Janice objected to having dinner at his house next week.
**D)** Janice wanted to have dinner at my house that week.
**E)** Janice opposed the idea of having dinner at my house the week after.

**22.** "Would you be able to give the teenagers some advice on selecting a university?"

**A)** I would have been asked to give the teenagers some advice on choosing a university.

**B)** I was asked to be able to give advice on selecting a university.

**C)** You were asked to give advice to teenagers about a university.

**D)** I was asked if I would be able to give the teenagers advice on selecting a university.

**E)** You were asked to have given advice on a university to teenagers.

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