

## GRAMMAR

*Part 1 – Read the text and put only one word in each space. Write your answers on the lines provided below the text.*

It's a 15 minute drive from Quartzsite, Arizona, to the area where the so-called "van-dwellers" live.

These are people **1**\_\_\_ live in converted vans full time; Anar Virji, a journalist, has gone to the desert to find out what drove **2**\_\_\_ to live in these small, mobile spaces. Debra Dickinson has **3**\_\_\_ living in a van in Arizona for just over two months. She previously lived in Texas. About five years **4**\_\_\_, she set the goal of living in a van when she retired. She wanted to live in a van with a kitchen, restroom, and shower. But a brain injury **5**\_\_\_ keeps her from working fast-tracked her dream in a different way.

The van Dickinson lives **6**\_\_\_ is much simpler than what she **7**\_\_\_ dreamed; everything is organised neatly in drawers and storage units. She says, "If I wake up disoriented, I have my two dogs with me. Seeing everything I own and knowing everything is very comforting for me... Before doing this I tried living **8**\_\_\_ different family members and different friends even and I would end **9**\_\_\_ having seizures **10**\_\_\_ of the noise or activity."

Alan Christensen worked in advertising **11**\_\_\_ a freelance art director and copywriter. During the 2008 financial crisis, he started thinking about retiring early as **12**\_\_\_ client base shrank. He opted for a van because he was **13**\_\_\_ up with owning a house; recreational vehicles, while mobile like vans, were big and cost too **14**\_\_\_ to maintain. Christensen's tidy van has a bed and a refrigerator, a luxury for van-living.

**15**\_\_\_ he sold his house he's been paring down his possessions. The morning Anar visits he's pulled together a bag of items **16**\_\_\_ donate to charity. Christensen says he "wasn't very good about paying **17**\_\_\_ a retirement fund. And then of course a lot of that disappeared in 2008. Right now I'm living on the proceeds of the house and social security." For the time **18**\_\_\_ he lives without medical insurance. His monthly costs for fuel, food, and mobile phone and internet access are about \$800.

Like Debra, van-dwelling has been comforting for him. "I don't worry about a lot of the things I **19**\_\_\_ to worry about," he said. His only concern is that one day he'll be too old to live in a van. **20**\_\_\_ that day comes, he says he might move in with family.

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\_\_\_\_\_/10 pts

## GRAMMAR (cont.)

**Part 2 – Decide whether the sentences in each pair have the same (S) or different (D) meaning. Write S or D on the line provided.**

- 21 Lend me €150 so that I can buy a DVD player.  
If you lend me €150, I can buy a DVD player. \_\_\_\_\_
- 22 Why don't you help Jane?  
Help Jane, will you? \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 It's going to rain tonight.  
There's a likelihood of rain tonight. \_\_\_\_\_
- 24 She may come to see us this Sunday.  
She should come to see us this Sunday. \_\_\_\_\_
- 25 I suppose she would be much older than your mother.  
She's likely to be much older than your mother. \_\_\_\_\_
- 26 My plan is to visit the British Museum today.  
I mean to visit the British Museum today. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/3 pts

**Part 3 – Match sentences 27-30 with descriptions A-D.**

- 27 I think Anna will become a great artist one day.  
28 I'll be flying to Madrid this time tomorrow.  
29 By 11 o'clock tomorrow she will have been waiting for five hours.  
30 She'll have finished by tomorrow afternoon.

- A - an action which will be finished before a stated future time  
B - a prediction  
C - emphasis on the duration of an action up to a certain time in the future  
D - an action in progress at a stated future time

27 \_\_\_\_\_ 28 \_\_\_\_\_ 29 \_\_\_\_\_ 30 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/2 pts

**Total: \_\_\_\_\_/15 pts**

**VOCABULARY**

**Part 1 – Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space.**

## Graduation Gifts

Graduation is one of the most momentous milestones in our lives. It is the **1**\_\_\_\_\_ (**CULMINATE**) of years of hard work and **2**\_\_\_\_\_ (**PERSEVERE**). It is a mark of success after having survived years of rigorous education and training, emerging **3**\_\_\_\_\_ (**VICTORY**) despite the trials. Most of us have experienced graduating from school at least twice or thrice. Every graduation is marked by a sense of **4**\_\_\_\_\_ (**ACHIEVE**) and relief. And yet it is also a time for farewells. In such an important occasion in our lives or the lives of our loved ones, what could be more fitting than a perfect graduation gift?

Graduation is one of those occasions where both the gift giver and the receiver celebrate a very significant event as well as anticipate an exciting future. A graduate should certainly be rewarded for all the hard work through the years with appreciation and **5**\_\_\_\_\_ (**COURAGE**). The perfect gift will vary according to the **6**\_\_\_\_\_ (**PERCEIVE**) of every graduate. It would be great if you can finally fulfil or give something the graduate has been yearning for and dreaming about. Picking the best graduation gift will surely be a breeze if you know what the graduate wants.

The perfect graduation gift need not be expensive or grand. Even the simple, practical, and **7**\_\_\_\_\_ (**THOUGHT**) gift will be highly appreciated and remembered. You can pick a gift that is based on where the graduate is heading for such as college, graduate school, business, trade school, **8**\_\_\_\_\_ (**MARRY**), or whatever the future holds.

\_\_\_\_\_/4 pts

## VOCABULARY (cont.)

Part 2 – Complete the collocations 9-16 with the words below.

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9 \_\_\_\_\_ remark

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11 \_\_\_\_\_ reminder

12 \_\_\_\_\_ reminder

13 \_\_\_\_\_ satisfaction

14 \_\_\_\_\_ satisfaction

15 \_\_\_\_\_ siren

16 \_\_\_\_\_ siren

\_\_\_\_\_/4 pts

Part 3 – Complete each sentence with a correct particle (=part of a phrasal verb).

17 Before we do anything else, we ought to draw \_\_\_\_\_ a plan of action.

18 If you haven't got a genuine excuse for being late, you'll simply have to make one \_\_\_\_\_.

19 As nobody seems to know what to do next, may I put \_\_\_\_\_ a proposal?

20 Ann is very upset: the Coal Board intends to turn \_\_\_\_\_ her application to become a miner on the grounds that she is too tall.

\_\_\_\_\_/2 pts

Total: \_\_\_\_/10 pts

Participant Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**VOCABULARY – PROGRESSIVE TEST**

**Make a list of European nationalities. You will score 1 point for every 4 correctly spelled answers.**

*the Albanians, the Andorrans, the Austrians, ...*

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**READING COMPREHENSION**

**Read the text below. There are two exercises to do after you read.**

**The World as Your Workplace - From Tour Leader to Digital Nomad (by Richard Vader)**

Working as a tour leader is incredibly exciting, challenging, and simply a lot of fun to do. For the past eight years, I've worked for several different travel organizations. However, salaries and benefits at most travel organizations aren't exactly motivating. Salaries are low and do not measure up to the work load.

Most tour leaders are on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and worst case scenario may be working nights and weekends in addition to regular work days. In order to somewhat compensate for the mediocre remuneration, there are plenty of ways to derive extra income as a tour leader. You could even earn money while traveling, during your day off and/or during the low travel season.

Step into the Shoes of a Digital Nomad. A Digital Nomad earns money on the Internet and can work anywhere in the world as long as he or she has a computer and Internet access. It only takes a minimum of effort and resources to earn money during travel as a Digital Nomad. No more going home early when money runs out and having to miss out on unforgettable travel experiences.

It may not be possible to make money this way in all the countries you visit. However, in most countries I have travelled and worked in as a tour leader, there were Internet cafes and coffee shops with Internet access. All of the activities I completed as a Digital Nomad could easily be combined with my work as a tour leader and with travel.

Of course, being a tour leader is a lot of fun; however, it's even more fun to earn cash while traveling. Imagine how comforting it is to know that in times of financial insecurity, you'll have a back-up income. No longer will you have to worry about your income during periods when you aren't able to work as tour leader or during slow travel periods.

For years I've worked on several techniques to generate income online during travel. For instance, earning money while traveling can be as easy as writing freelance articles during a long bus ride or spending a few hours on the Internet in your hotel room. These simple activities can be the start of your Internet career.

Recently, my income as a Digital Nomad has grown so significantly that I am no longer a full time tour leader. I am now a full time Digital Nomad and still travel from time to time for fun.

It's hard to believe that so few tour leaders explore additional sources of income while traveling. As a Digital Nomad, you'll have absolute freedom to work when and where you please. You decide how much time you want to spend on your activities and you'll never have to worry about a trip falling through or if you aren't assigned a destination.

**READING COMPREHENSION (cont.)****Part 1 – Choose the correct answer A, B, C, or D. Circle your choice.**

**1** Tour leaders can help themselves moneywise by

A being on-call 24/7

B working nights and weekends.

C earning money while travelling.

D asking their employer for a higher salary.

**2** As a Digital Nomad, you

A never fail to experience the beauties of nature while travelling.

B need to have quite a lot of money to start with.

C don't have to work at weekends.

D have to limit your work as a tour leader.

**3** Being a Digital Nomad is

A possible during the low travel season only.

B not possible in every country in the world.

C not possible to combine with travel.

D possible to perform in coffee shops with Internet access only.

**4** It is advantageous to be a Digital Nomad because you

A don't have to work during slow travel periods.

B can have reserve money.

C can spend more time at home.

D don't have to work for one employer only.

**5** According to the passage, it is obvious that the author

A doesn't travel any longer.

B is still a full time tour leader.

C prefers working as a freelance writer.

D earns much more money than before.

**6** The author

A can see that quite a few tour leaders find additional sources of income.

B has decided to devote more time to writing articles.

C believes that a Digital Nomad enjoys absolute freedom when working.

D thinks that he has always been assigned an interesting destination.

\_\_\_\_\_/6 pts

**Part 2 – Decide whether the following statements are true (T), false (F) or not stated (NS). Write your answers in the space provided at the end of each line.**

**7** \_\_\_\_\_ In the writer's opinion, a tour leader's salary more or less reflects the amount of work done.

**8** \_\_\_\_\_ The writer thinks that being a tour leader is challenging.

**9** \_\_\_\_\_ The writer stopped being a full time tour leader because he was paid very little by his employer.

**10** \_\_\_\_\_ The writer has worked for one employer for eight years.

\_\_\_\_\_/4 pts

**Total:** \_\_\_\_/10 pts

## LISTENING COMPREHENSION

**Tea in the Sahara – Camel Trekking with a Nomad Guide in the Moroccan Sahara Desert.**

**Part 1 – Decide whether the following statements are true (T), false (F), or not stated (NS). Write your answers on the lines provided.**

- 1 It feels like a festival when you're listening to Berber songs. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 In the past there were salt mines in Marrakech. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Once the author spent a night in a woollen tent. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 During that night strange sounds made by unknown animals woke the author up. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The author owns more than one travel agency in Morocco. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 The author and her partner organize customized tours in Morocco. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_/3 pts

**Part 2 – Complete the following sentences with the exact words you heard.**

- 7 It is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ experience to climb the highest dunes in Morocco. (1 word)
- 8 When touring Morocco, a tourist can enjoy the warm \_\_\_\_\_ of the Berber people. (1 word)
- 9 For many tourists, \_\_\_\_\_ is the peak of a Moroccan holiday. (2 words)
- 10 Morocco is a country with rich cultural \_\_\_\_\_. (1 word)
- \_\_\_\_\_/2 pts

**Total: \_\_\_\_\_/5 pts**

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