

## ADMISSION TEST IN ENGLISH

### I. COMPREHENSION READING

Read the text and choose the correct answer

#### A Very Dear Cat

Kidnappers are rarely interested in animals, but they recently took considerable interest in Mrs. Eleanor Ramsay's cat. Mrs. Eleanor Ramsay, a very wealthy old lady, has shared a flat with her cat, Rastus, for a great many years. Rastus leads an orderly life. He usually takes a short walk in the evenings and is always home by seven o'clock. One evening, however, he failed to arrive. Mrs. Ramsay got very worried. She looked everywhere for him but could not find him.

Three days after Rastus disappearance, Mrs. Ramsay received an anonymous letter. The writer stated that Rastus was in safe hands and would be returned immediately if Mrs. Ramsay paid a ransom of 1000 pounds. Mrs. Ramsay was instructed to place the money in a cardboard box and leave it outside her door. At first, she decided to go to the police, but fearing that she would never see Rastus again – the letter had made that quite clear – she changed her mind. She drew 1000 pounds from her bank and followed the kidnapper's instructions. The next morning, the box had disappeared but Mrs. Ramsay was sure that the kidnapper would keep his word. Sure enough, Rastus arrived punctually at seven o'clock that evening. He looked very well, though he was rather thirsty, for he drank half a bottle of milk. The police were astounded when Mrs. Ramsay told them what she had done. She explained that Rastus was very dear to her. Considering the amount she paid, he was dear in more ways than one!

1. Mrs. Ramsay

- A. had a pet cat many years ago.
- B. moved to a new flat with her cat Rastus.
- C. lives with her pet cat.

2. Rastus

- A. takes regular walks in the evening.
- B. goes out for a walk at seven o'clock.
- C. is taken out for a walk by Mrs. Ramsay every evening.

3. One evening,

- A. Mrs. Ramsay didn't get back home.
- B. Rastus didn't come back home.
- C. Rastus arrived home late.

4. Mrs. Ramsay

- A. was not worried.
- B. managed to find him.
- C. failed to find him.

5. Three days after Rastus disappeared, Mrs. Ramsay

- A. received an anonymous phone call.
- B. received a signed letter.
- C. got an anonymous letter.

6. The letter said that Rastus  
A. was kept in a safe.  
B. would be returned for a ransom of \$1000.  
C. would never be returned to Mrs. Ramsay if she told the police about the kidnapping.

7. The old lady  
A. did exactly what the kidnapper wanted.  
B. went to the bank to change some money.  
C. went to the bank, followed by the kidnapper.

8. According to the text  
A. the kidnapper returned the cat in a cardboard box.  
B. the kidnapper returned the cat after receiving the ransom.  
C. the old lady got her cat at seven o'clock the next morning.

9. The police  
A. were told about the kidnapping after Rastus had got back home.  
B. helped Mrs. Ramsay to find her cat.  
C. never learned about the kidnapping

10. The rich lady  
A. paid the big ransom because she loved her cat very much.  
B. complained that she had paid too much to get her cat back.  
C. explained that she had paid ransom for Rastus more than once.

## II. GRAMMAR

**Choose the correct option (A, B or C):**

1. He turned off the small television he \_\_\_\_\_ and greeted them with a pleasant smile.  
A. is watching                      B. watched                      C. was watching
2. She promised \_\_\_\_\_ anyone but I don't think she can keep a secret.  
A. not telling                      B. not to tell                      C. to not tell
3. The great detective \_\_\_\_\_ from business. He is growing roses in a little cottage in Dorset.  
A. has retired                      B. retired                      C. was retired
4. My job would be much easier if I \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish.  
A. speak                      B. will speak                      C. spoke
5. Tears flowed slowly down her cheeks. "Why \_\_\_\_\_ for?" he asked.  
A. are you crying                      B. do you cry                      C. you are crying
6. I never \_\_\_\_\_ of this woman existence till half an hour ago.  
A. knew                      B. knowed                      C. didn't know
7. Helen's brother is \_\_\_\_\_ person I've ever met. He loves to meet new people.  
A. the most friendly                      B. the friendliest                      C. the friendlier
8. As we got closer I saw that the man \_\_\_\_\_ in a couple of days and his beard was growing out red- blond.  
A. did not shave                      B. was not shaved                      C. had not shaved
9. I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ about his business affairs. He never tells me \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. something                      B. anything                      C. nothing
10. The house \_\_\_\_\_ more than 20 years ago but it is still in good condition.  
A. was built                      B. is built                      C. built

