



Cambridge B2 First Practice

B2 | Total: 95 marks | Time: 90 minutes

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GRAMMAR

28 marks

Mixed Conditionals: Past → Present

Past unreal cause → present unreal result (or vice versa)

Multiple Choice

Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

1. If she had studied abroad, she _____ fluent in three languages now.
 - a) is
 - b) will be
 - c) would be
 - d) had been

2. He would have finished the project on time if he _____ so many distractions at home.
 - a) didn't have
 - b) doesn't have
 - c) hadn't had
 - d) hasn't had

3. If we _____ the warning signs earlier, we _____ stuck in this financial mess today.

- a) had ignored
- b) ignored
- c) ignore
- d) would ignore

4. I _____ much healthier now if I _____ smoking years ago.

- a) will be / quit
- b) am / quit
- c) would be / had quit
- d) had been / would quit

5. If the team _____ better teamwork last season, they _____ in the playoffs right now.

- a) has
- b) had
- c) had had
- d) would have

Passive: Present Perfect

Present perfect passive

Multiple Choice

Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

1. Much of the Amazon rainforest _____ cleared already for agricultural purposes.

- a) has been
- b) was
- c) is
- d) had been

2. Several groundbreaking inventions _____ patented recently by independent researchers.
- a) have been
 - b) were
 - c) are
 - d) have
3. The terms of the contract _____ reviewed yet by the legal team.
- a) haven't been
 - b) weren't
 - c) aren't
 - d) hadn't been
4. The novel _____ translated into over twenty languages since its publication.
- a) has been
 - b) was
 - c) is being
 - d) had been
5. No decision _____ reached yet regarding the proposed budget cuts.
- a) has
 - b) has been
 - c) was
 - d) is

Wish/If only: Regrets & Hypotheticals

wish/if only for regrets and hypotheticals

Sentence Transformation

/2 each

*Rewrite the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given.
You must use between two and five words, including the word given.*

1. I regret not travelling more when I was younger.

WISH

2. It's a pity she doesn't live closer to us.

WISH

3. My colleague is always interrupting me at meetings.

WOULD

4. I want so much to feel more confident in interviews.

ONLY

5. He regrets lending his friend so much money.

WISH

6. It's annoying that I can't drive a car.

WISH

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Error Correction

Each sentence contains one grammatical error in a mixed conditional. Find and correct it.

1. If I accepted the job offer in London, I would be working abroad now.

2. If she argued with her sister last year, they wouldn't be speaking to each other now.

3. If governments acted earlier on pollution, we wouldn't face such severe air quality issues today.

4. If he exercised more in his twenties, he wouldn't suffer from back pain nowadays.

5. If we saved enough money last summer, we would be travelling around Europe right now.

6. If she doesn't live so far away, she would have attended the family reunion last weekend.

A The rise of digital nomads has transformed the way many people live and work. These are professionals who use technology to earn a living from anywhere in the world, often while traveling to exotic locations. What was once a fringe lifestyle, adopted by a few adventurous freelancers, has exploded in popularity over the past decade. According to a recent report by MBO Partners, the number of Americans identifying as digital nomads reached 17 million in 2023, up from just 7.5 million five years earlier. This shift, which has been fueled by advancements in remote work tools, reflects changing attitudes towards work-life balance.

B Several factors have contributed to this phenomenon. The COVID-19 pandemic played a pivotal role, as companies worldwide were forced to adopt remote working policies. Even after restrictions lifted, many firms, including tech giants like Twitter and Shopify, decided to make these arrangements permanent. High-speed internet, cloud computing, and collaboration platforms such as Zoom and Slack have made it possible for teams to stay connected regardless of location. Moreover, younger generations, particularly millennials and Gen Z, who prioritize experiences over possessions, are drawn to this freedom.

C Digital nomads often flock to destinations that offer a perfect blend of affordability, reliable Wi-Fi, and inspiring environments. Places like Bali in Indonesia, Chiang Mai in Thailand, and Medellín in Colombia have become hotspots. In Bali, for instance, co-working spaces such as Outpost provide high-speed internet and community events tailored for nomads. These hubs not only offer practical facilities but also foster networking opportunities that can lead to new business ventures.

D While the lifestyle promises adventure and flexibility, it is not without challenges. Nomads must deal with unreliable internet in remote areas, time zone differences that disrupt meetings, and visa issues that limit long-term stays. Health

insurance can be tricky too, as standard policies may not cover constant travel. Despite these hurdles, many nomads report higher productivity and job satisfaction, as they escape the monotony of office life.

E Governments are starting to recognize the economic potential of digital nomads. Countries like Estonia, Portugal, and Barbados have introduced 'digital nomad visas' that allow remote workers to live and pay taxes there for up to a year. These programs, which require proof of income and health insurance, aim to boost local economies through spending on housing, food, and services.

F Looking ahead, the digital nomad trend shows no signs of slowing. As artificial intelligence automates routine tasks, more jobs will become location-independent. However, if infrastructure and policies do not keep pace, overcrowding in popular spots could lead to backlash from locals. Ultimately, this movement challenges traditional notions of work, suggesting that the office might soon be just a memory for many.

Multiple Choice

Read the passage and choose the best answer (a, b, c or d) for each question based only on the information given.

1. What is the best title for this passage?
 - a) The Challenges of Office Life
 - b) The Rise of Digital Nomads
 - c) Popular Co-Working Spaces
 - d) Government Visa Policies

2. According to the MBO Partners report, how many Americans identified as digital nomads in 2023?
 - a) 7.5 million
 - b) 10 million
 - c) 17 million
 - d) 20 million

3. What played a pivotal role in the growth of digital nomads?
 - a) Cheaper air travel
 - b) The COVID-19 pandemic
 - c) Improved public transport
 - d) Lower living costs

4. Which destination is given as an example with co-working spaces like Outpost?
 - a) Chiang Mai
 - b) Medellín
 - c) Bali
 - d) Estonia

5. What is one benefit digital nomads report despite the challenges?
 - a) Lower taxes
 - b) Higher productivity
 - c) Stable internet
 - d) Easy visas

6. What does the passage suggest about the future of work due to AI?
 - a) Fewer remote jobs
 - b) More office-based roles
 - c) More location-independent jobs
 - d) Decline in nomadism

Multiple Matching

Read the six short texts (A-F) which are summaries of the paragraphs in the reading passage. Match each statement (1-6) to the text (A-F) that it describes. Write the correct letter (A-F) next to each number. A letter may be used more than once.

A. Digital nomads use technology to work from anywhere while traveling. Their numbers among Americans grew to 17 million in 2023 from 7.5 million five years earlier.

B. The COVID-19 pandemic forced remote work policies. Tech tools like Zoom and Slack enable connection. Millennials and Gen Z prioritize experiences over possessions.

C. Destinations like Bali, Chiang Mai, and Medellín attract nomads with affordability, Wi-Fi, and inspiration. Bali's Outpost offers co-working and networking.

D. Challenges include unreliable internet, time zone issues, visa limits, and health insurance problems. Many nomads feel more productive.

E. Estonia, Portugal, and Barbados offer digital nomad visas for up to a year, requiring income and insurance proof to boost economies.

F. AI will automate tasks, making more jobs remote. Infrastructure and policies must adapt to avoid overcrowding backlash.

- _____ 1. mentions the growth in the number of American digital nomads to 17 million.
- _____ 2. describes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on work policies.
- _____ 3. gives examples of popular destinations and co-working spaces.
- _____ 4. lists challenges such as unreliable internet and visa issues.
- _____ 5. names countries introducing special visas for digital nomads.

_____ 6. refers to younger generations prioritizing experiences over possessions.

WRITING

Writing Task

/20 each

Write an essay of 165 words or fewer.

WRITING TASK

You have seen the following statement in your school magazine: 'In today's digital world, schools should focus more on technology such as computers, tablets and online resources rather than traditional books and classrooms.'
Write an essay for the magazine discussing the advantages and disadvantages of this idea and giving your own opinion.
Write 150-165 words.

Useful Language

Stating opinion:

In my view,
I strongly believe that
From my perspective,

Giving reasons:

One key advantage is that
This is because
The primary reason for this is

Providing examples:

For instance,
A good example is
Take the case of

Counterarguments:

Admittedly,
On the other hand,
However, opponents argue that

Concluding:

In conclusion,
To sum up,
All things considered,

WRITING

Writing Task

/20 each

Write an article of 165 words or fewer.

WRITING TASK

You write articles for 'Youth Vibes', an online magazine for young adults aged 18-30. Your editor wants an article to motivate readers to try new activities. Write an article entitled 'Why Everyone Should Try a New Hobby' (165 words maximum). Explain the benefits, give examples, and encourage readers to start one.

Useful Language

Engaging openings:

Have you ever felt bored with your daily routine?

Imagine the thrill of discovering something you're passionate about.

Giving reasons:

One of the main advantages is that...

Not only does it help with..., but it also...

This can lead to greater... if you persist.

Addressing the reader:

Why not give it a go yourself?

You might be surprised by what you enjoy.

Concluding:

In short, starting a new hobby could change your life.

So, what are you waiting for?

WORD FORMATION

8 marks

For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

In today's fast-paced world, modern lifestyles offer an incredible (1) _____ for personalisation in everything from shopping to entertainment through apps and online services. However, the (2) _____ between seeking convenience and maintaining well-being is often overlooked, as many people struggle to achieve a healthy balance between work and leisure. Constant connectivity to social media and emails is particularly (3) _____, as it disrupts natural sleep patterns and increases levels of anxiety. Fitness influencers on Instagram seem highly (4) _____ with their seemingly perfect bodies and lifestyles, but their advice isn't always (5) _____. Worse still, some promote (6) _____ products that promise quick results without scientific evidence. Consequently, people often (7) _____ the long-term effects of poor dietary and exercise habits, resulting in (8) _____ and chronic exhaustion.

1. **POSSIBLE** _____

2. **DIFFER** _____

3. **DANGER** _____

4. **ATTRACT** _____

5. **RELY** _____

6. **HONEST** _____

7. **UNDERSTAND** _____

8. WORK _____

GAPPED TEXT

12 marks

You are going to read a text from which 6 sentences have been removed. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap (1–6). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Sustainable cities of the future promise a harmonious blend of human ingenuity and environmental stewardship. As urban populations swell, these metropolises will prioritize sustainability to ensure livable spaces for generations to come.

Firstly, energy production will be decentralized and green. Rooftop solar panels and micro-wind turbines will dot every building, generating power on-site. [1]

This renewable focus will slash carbon emissions by up to 80%.

Transportation systems will undergo a radical overhaul. Electric autonomous vehicles, bike-sharing networks, and high-speed maglev trains will replace private cars. [2]

Public transport will be free or heavily subsidized to encourage widespread adoption.

Waste management will embrace a circular economy. Advanced sorting robots and biogas plants will convert trash into energy and compost. [3]

Upcycling initiatives will turn old materials into new products.

Green infrastructure will be ubiquitous. Parks, vertical forests, and urban farms will oxygenate the air and provide local food. [4]

Biodiversity corridors will connect green patches, supporting wildlife.

Smart governance will tie it all together. AI-driven platforms will manage resources dynamically. [5]

Privacy concerns will be mitigated through robust data protection.

Despite these advancements, implementation faces hurdles like funding and retrofitting old cities. [6]

In conclusion, sustainable cities will redefine urban living, offering resilience against climate threats and enhanced well-being.

Sentences:

- A. Advanced desalination plants will turn seawater into drinking water, addressing urban water shortages.
- B. Residents can access real-time data via apps, voting on urban projects and reporting anomalies.
- C. Households will use smart bins that separate recyclables automatically, making zero-waste living effortless.
- D. International cooperation and innovative financing, such as green bonds, will be crucial to overcoming these obstacles.
- E. These living walls will also insulate buildings, cutting energy needs for heating and cooling.
- F. These innovations will not only reduce traffic congestion but also promote healthier lifestyles through integrated pedestrian zones.
- G. Excess energy will be stored in community batteries or fed back into smart grids, optimizing distribution.

Answers:

1. ___ 2. ___ 3. ___ 4. ___ 5. ___ 6. ___