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Material No: 3

SIMPLE PRESENT, PRESENT CONTINUOUS, SIMPLE PAST, PAST CONTINUOUS,
PAST PERFECT

A. Put the verbs into the correct form: present continuous or present simple.

1. Are you hungry? _____ (you/want) something to eat?
2. Don't put the dictionary away. I _____ (use) it.
3. Don't put the dictionary away. I _____ (need) it.
4. Who is that man? What _____ (he/want)?
5. Who is that man? Why _____ (he/look) at us?
6. Alan says he is 80 years old, but nobody _____ (believe) him.
7. She told me her name, but I _____ (not/remember) it now.
8. I _____ (think) of selling my car. Would you be interested in buying it?
9. I _____ (think) you should sell your car. You _____ (not/use) it very often.
10. Air _____ (consist) mainly of nitrogen and oxygen.
11. I can't afford that ring. It _____ (cost) too much.
12. I _____ (own/not) an umbrella. I _____ (wear) a waterproof hat on rainy days.
13. Shhh! Grandpa _____ (take) a nap in the living room. We _____ (want/not) to wake him up. He _____ (need) his rest.
14. Right now I _____ (look) at Janet. She _____ (look) angry. I wonder what the matter is. She _____ (have) a *frown on her face.
15. As a rule, I _____ (sleep) until 6 o'clock in the morning, and then I _____ (get) up and _____ (study) for my classes.
16. I _____ (want) to figure out the meaning of this saying: "The pen is mightier than the sword."

***frown(n):** the expression on your face when you move your eyebrows together because you are angry, unhappy, or confused

ANSWER KEY: A. 1. do you want 2. I am using 3. need 4. does he want 5. is he looking 6. believes
7. don't remember 8. am thinking 9. think / don't use 10. consists 11. costs 12. don't own / wear
13. is taking / don't want / needs 14. am looking / looks / has 15. sleep / get / study 16. want



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B. Put the verb into the correct form, past continuous or past simple.

- Jenny _____ (wait) for me when I _____ (arrive).
- 'What _____ (you/do) at this time yesterday?' 'I was asleep.'
- '_____ (you/go) out last night?' 'No, I was too tired.'
- How fast _____ (you/drive) when the accident _____ (happen)?
- Sam _____ (take) a photograph of me while I _____ (not/look).
- We were in a very difficult position. We _____ (not/know) what to do.
- Last night I _____ (drop) a plate when I _____ (do) the washing up. Fortunately, it _____ (not/break).
- When I was young, I _____ (want) to be pilot.
- I _____ (walk) along the street when suddenly I _____ (hear) footsteps behind me. Somebody _____ (follow) me. I was scared and I _____ (start) to run.

C. Put the verb into the correct form: present simple, present continuous, past simple, or past continuous.

- We can go out now. It _____ (not/rain) anymore.
- Catherine _____ (wait) for me when I _____ (arrive).
- I _____ (get) hungry. Let's go and have something to eat.
- What _____ (you/do) in your spare time? Do you have any hobbies?
- The weather was horrible when we _____ (arrive). I was cold and it _____ (rain) hard.
- Louise usually _____ (phone) me on Fridays, but she _____ (not/phone) last Friday.
- A: When I last saw you, you _____ (think) of moving to a new flat.
B: That is right, but in the end I _____ (decide) to stay where I was.
- Why _____ (you/look) at me like that? What is the matter?
- It is usually dry here at this time of the year. It _____ (not/rain) much.
- The phone _____ (ring) three times while we _____ (have) dinner last night.
- Linda was busy when we _____ (go) to see her yesterday. She had an exam today and she _____ (prepare) for it. We _____ (not/want) to **disturb her, so we _____ (not/stay) long.
- When I first _____ (tell) Tom the news, he _____ (not/believe) me. He _____ (think) that I _____ (joke).

ANSWER KEY: B. 1. was waiting / arrived 2. were you doing 3. did you go 4. were you driving / happened 5. took / was not looking 6. didn't know 7. dropped / was doing / didn't break 8. wanted 9. was walking / heard / was following / started

C. 1. It isn't raining 2. was waiting / arrived 3. am getting 4. do you do 5. arrived / was raining 6. phones / didn't phone 7. were thinking / decided 8. are you looking 9. doesn't rain 10. rang / were having 11. went / was preparing / didn't want / didn't say 12. told / didn't believe / thought / was joking



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E. Read the situations and write sentences from the words in brackets using past perfect.

1. You went to Sue's house, but she wasn't there.
(she/go/out) _____.
2. You went back to your home town after many years. It wasn't the same as before.
(it/change/a lot) _____.
3. I invited Rachel to the party, but she couldn't come.
(she/arrange/to do something else) _____.
4. You went to the cinema last night. You got to the cinema late.
(the film/already/begin) _____.
5. It was nice to see Dan again after such a long time.
(I/not/see/him for five years) _____.
6. I offered Sue something to eat, but she wasn't hungry.
(she/just/have/breakfast) _____.

F. Answer the questions about the pairs of sentences.

1. a. Dan was leaving the room when I walked in.
b. Sam had left the room when I walked in.

Question: Who did I run into when I walked into the room?

2. a. When the rain stopped, Gloria was riding her bicycle to work.
b. When the rain stopped, Paul rode his bicycle to work.

Question: Who got wet on the way to work?

3. a. Alice was walking to the door when the doorbell rang.
b. George walked to the door when the doorbell rang.

Question: Who had been expecting the doorbell to ring?

4. a. When I got there, Marie had eaten.
b. When I got there, Joe ate.

Question: Who was still hungry when I got there?

5. a. I looked across the street. Mr. Fox waved at me.
b. I looked across the street. Mrs. Cook was waving at me.

Question: Who began to wave at me before I looked across the street?

- ANSWER KEY: E.** 1. She had gone out. 4. The film had already begun.
2. It had changed a lot. 5. I hadn't seen him for years.
3. She had arranged to do something else. 6. She'd just had breakfast.

F. 1.A 2.A 3.A 4.B 5.B

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