

English Series 14
Section Grammar

Contextual Passages

**1. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below:
(0.5x10=5)**

Mother lark had built (a, an, the) nest amidst the corn crops of the field. She lived there with her two newborn babies. The little larks were happy in their nest.

Slowly they grew..... (up, in, on) and learnt flying. Time passed and then came the harvest season. The baby larks(are observing keenly, were keenly observing, keenly were observing) the harvest taking place in the other fields. They said to their mother, "Mom, now we should fly away from here (so, because, therefore) the farmer of this field will also be coming for reaping his crops."

The mother replied, "The farmer is not ready. We needn't fly so early."

After a few days, the farmer, with his neighbour ...(come, comes, came) in the field. He discussed about the harvest and requested him to come the next day to help him in the harvest.

The baby larks again asked, "Mom, we should fly now, (should we, didn't we, shouldn't we)?"The mother replied," No my dear, the farmer will not get his neighbour (help, helped, to help) him tomorrow in this busy harvest season. There is no need to fly."

Next day, the farmer came to his field and said to himself, "Nothing to worry, if my neighbor has not come, I(will call, would call, would have called) my relatives for help."The babies were anxious. They again asked their mother(that, whether, to) it was the right time to fly. But they.....(are told, told, were told) to be patient.

A few days later, the farmer came to the farm alone with a sickle in his hand. The mother lark said to her children, "Come on my children! Let's fly from this field. Today, the farmer has decided to harvest the crop himself."

**2. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below:
(0.5x10=5)**

A cat could not get enough food to eat for many days. He (grows, was growing, is growing) thin day by day and was very much worried for his condition.

One day, he came to know that one of the birds of the neighboring tree..... (was, were, are) sick and the birds were looking..... (for, in, on) a doctor.

..... (a, an, the) hungry cat devised a way to manage his hunger. He made some one (borrow, to borrow, borrowed) a doctor's gown and wore it. He put on a pair of spectacles above his nose and with a doctor's bag, he went to the

sick bird's house. The doctor cat gently (knocked, was knocked, had been knocked) at the door. The birds peeped out of the hole and enquired about the reason for his visit. Mr. cat said in a very kind and humble tone, "I'm your neighboring doctor. I heard that you(are, were, will be) not keeping well and (so, since, because) I have come to treat you. As you know a doctor's duty towards his patients is above everything ... (isn't that, isn't it, don't you)? The birds were far smarter than the cat. They smiled cleverly and replied, "thank you for your kind gesture! Had you not been a cat, all your utterances..... (would be, would have been, will be) absolutely right. And for now, we can expect our well being only when you are out of our sight."

**3. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below:
(0.5x10=5)**

Wandering in search of a safe home ... (a, an, the) porcupine reached a cave. When he entered the cave, he..... (found, was finding, had found) a snake family residing there.

Very humbly, the porcupine requested the snakes to accommodate him in the cave. The snakes.....(is, was, were) kind and gentle. They allowed the porcupine to share the cave.....(to, by, with) them. Soon the snakes found inconvenient and uncomfortable to stay with the porcupine..... (however, because, although) the sharp prickly quills of the porcupine were hurting their soft skin. The snakes requested him..... (to leave, please leave, leaving) the place. However he said slyly, "I'm very much comfortable here..... (amn't I, are I, aren't I)? If you have inconvenience staying here, you(can leave, could leave, could have left) the place and stay elsewhere." Seeing no other way out, poor snakes left the cave to save them from the prickly quills. Finally the porcupine made the snakes (leave, to leave, left) the cave. In this way, the cave (was captured, were captured, was been captured) by the porcupine.

**4. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below:
(0.5x10=5)**

It was very late when an old beggar man came to a rich farmyard. He(had traveled, traveled, will have traveled) far that day, he was tired and hungry. He said to himself, 'I must get someone(to help, help, helped) me because it was snowing. I will go up here, maybe the farmer will help me. He could probably give me somewhere to lie down.'

.....(So, When, Since) the old beggar man walked up to the farmhouse and he knocked on the door. The farmer was just finishing his tea, and his wife said, 'There's someone(for, on, at) the door. You heard the knock,(did, didn't, wouldn't) you?'

The farmer said, 'Well, I'll go and see who's there.' He walked out and there at his door stood an old beggar man with his old gray hair and his old ragged coat. And the farmer said, '.....(What do you want, what he wanted, what did you want), old man?'

He said, 'Please, sir. I'm just (a, an, the) old beggar. It's a cold night and it's snowing. I'm hungry and tired. I (would get, will get, get) some rest if you provide me a place to lie down for the night.'

And the farmer said, 'You're a beggar! old man, I need my barns for my cattle. The woods(is, are, was) fit for you. Go and sleep in the woods, old man, we shelter no beggars here.'

The old beggar just turned round. He said, 'I'm sorry, sir' And he walked away.

And the door (was closed, closed, will close) by the farmer.

**5. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the passage below:
(10×0.5=5)**

A certain farmer had four young sons. (A, An, The) farmer had no dearth of materials riches. Yet his life was not happy and peaceful. The reason was his unwise sons..... (who, whose, whom) were always quarrelling with each other. The poor farmer's words of wisdom fell (in, to, on) the deaf ears of his sons. One day a striking idea popped up in the mind of the worried father.

A few later, when his young sons fought over some trivial issue and their fight took a sever turn, the farmer (called, had called, is calling) all of them. He pushed a bundle of four sticks towards his eldest son and asked him to give a try to break it. The eldest son tried to do so with all his might, but failed. Each of his sons (are, was, were) given the opportunity to break the bundle but all of them failed.

The farmer took the bundle in his own hand, untied it and gave one stick to each of his sons. He then asked his sons to break their respective sticks. All the sticks..... (broke, were broken, are broken) with ease.

The farmer asked his sons..... (did they realize, if they realized, if they had realize) how strong these strong thin sticks had proved themselves when they had been tied altogether and how weak they had been when had been left alone. The father further said, "My dear children, if you brothers keep in fighting like this, then even the smallest enemy.....(can harm, could harm, could have harmed) you. And if you are united, nobody will harm you, (won't they, will they, won't it)?" In this way, the father..... (got, had, made) his sons not to quarrel again for ever.

**6. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the text below:
(10×0.5=5)**

One day, when I got home, tired after a morning's shopping, I found that my purse (stole, is stolen, had been stolen). I at once retracted my steps as far as the chemist's in (a, an, the) main road where I(buy, would buy, had bought) some medicine, (Because, But, Therefore) there was no sign of the purse(in, on, at) the pavement. Luckily, there(was, were, had) not much money in it, only some small change, but it also contained photograph of my daughter. Later in the day, I called at the police station to enquire if(they had found, you had found, we found) the purse. A policeman said," somebody had handed it there. If you(did not write, do not write, had not written) your address, you would not have got it back," he added. "The man left the address,(did he, didn't he, wouldn't he)," I wanted to know. The man was a driver who had made a note of his name and address. His manner made me(to thank, thank, thanked) him.

7. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the text below:

One morning(in, on, at)early April, I(woke, wake, awake) up to see my friend Govinda standing by my beside. I blinked at him in surprise. "(I was sorry to wake you up, I am sorry to wake you up, I have been sorry to wake you up), Ramesh", he said, (but, because, and) we have a client waiting in the sitting room. She is a young lady. It seems she (has, have, had) something very urgent to communicate. You would be interested in hearing what she has to say,(won't you, wouldn't you, didn't you)?" "Of course, I would, my dear fellow," I said. I dressed quickly and left for the sitting room.

..... (A, An, The) client was a young lady dressed in black. She looked pale and frightened. "You must not be afraid.", said Govinda soothingly. "Things (will be put, is put, are put) right by us, I assure you. Please tell us everything about your problem, madam." said Govinda. "If you (don't tell, didn't tell, hadn't told) us your problem clearly, it will be difficult for us to solve your case." Mr. Govinda (had, got, gets) her tell everything and she did the same.

8. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the text below:

Once I visited a village far from the town. (A, An, The) village was full of natural beauties. There were not many houses, which were made (in, on, from) mud bricks. The village was very neat and clean. In one place, (a sheep, sheep, sheeps) were grazing under the trees. Shepherds were playing "Dandi Biyo". (In spite of, Though, Because of) their attention to the game, they did not take any notice of me. While they were playing the game, I

.....(played, was playing, had played) with a white lamb. I
(pleased, had pleased, was pleased) with the lamb. But one of the boys came to me and rebuked me (to play, not to play, not to be played) with the lamb. If he had not behaved in such a way, I (will enjoy, would enjoy, would have enjoyed) happily for a long time. It made me (leave, left, to leave) the place. I think he should not have behaved so, (don't I, should I, should he)?

9. Choose the correct word from the brackets to complete the text below:

It was..... (an, a, the) windy evening. I was pretending as if I was reading in my room. Way down,(in, on, at) my heart, I couldn't help feeling that there was something in what grandmother had said. The leaven of my grand parents' philosophy (was, were, has) working. I could clearly see that happiness, contentment and peace dependent more upon orderliness, thoughtfulness and kindness than upon genius, spasmodic effort or keeping up appearances,(couldn't I, could I can't I)? (Although, However, Because) mother had been wonderfully courageous, father could hardly have claimed that virtue. What kind of mother would have had isn order to have filled expectations of grandmother, (was, is, were) difficult to imagine for me now. It makes me (feel, to feel, feeling) all the time. Had I not been alone in the room, I (had learnt, would have learnt, am learnt) much from my family. Then the door (was knocked, knocked, would knock) and I was called by mother.

10. Choose the correct words from the brackets to complete the passage below
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Did you.....(hear, heard, hearing) about Sera? She got a small part in a film recently.....(did, didn't, doesn't) she? She had to ride her bike to(a, an, the) top of a steep hill and then go downhill without stopping. Unfortunately, while she.....(had gone, was going, goes), she fell.....(form, of , off) her bike into /some bushes. The accident got her right arm.....(break, broke, broken) and got cuts and bruises all over. She said with herself, "..... (He was, she was, I am) lucky I didn't break my neck!" Of course the director was sorry.....(and , but, because) he didn't want this scene in the film. It.....(excluded, was being excluded, was excluded) when it was finally edited. Sera cannot go to see herself at the cinema if she.....(knows, knew, had known) it earlier.

11. Choose the correct words from the brackets to complete the text below: 10x0.5=5

Playing game is..... (an/a/the) most important part of our life. It is an activity that involves individual and group. It provides us entertainment,? (doesn't it/ does it / don't it?). It makes us strong.....(both / either/ neither) physically and mentally, When we become mentally fresh, we can do our other works properly. Game helps.....(for/ to / in) keep our body fit and healthy. So the players always.....(looked/ looks/ look) handsome. If we(didn't/ don't / can't) take part in any game or do any exercise, we become mentally tired and can.....(any/ not/ do) work properly. A healthy man.....(are liked/ is liked/ was liked) by all. Many people say.....(if /that / why) health is wealth. So in school, teachers make their students.....(to do/ do / done) different games.

**12. Chose the correct words from the brackets to complete the passage below:
0.5x10=5**

Tom was going to introduce.....(a/ an/the) guest speaker and that evening we went to the library to meet him. Since he had not yet arrived, I.....(had left/ left/ has left). Tom and I went into the reading room..... (which/ where/ what) a large audience had already gathered. I was disappointed to find that I didn't know a single person there . It(make/ made/got) me remember my friend, Tom Just before the talk was due to begin, I saw Tom waving to me.....(at/ on/ from) the doorway. I went to him immediately, as he looked very worried. He explained that he..... (has/ had/ would (just received a telephone message from the writer's secretary. Our guest speaker had missed the train; he would be unable to come. While we were thinking about the problem, Tom suddenly asked me if I(would mind/ will mind/ can mind) acting as the speaker. (However/ Although/ Because).....I hardly had time to think about the matter, I found I(am being/ was being/ were being) taken into the reading-room to address the waiting audience I was impatient for a while,I? (isn't/ weren't. wasn't)

**13. Chose the correct words from the brackets to complete the passage below:
10x0.5=5**

One evening Rita was returning home from school, it was getting dark. So she was in a hurry. At the same time, she heard.....(a/an/the) row in the street. She went closer and saw an old lady lying unconscious. She said that she was dying. She took mercy.....(on/at/to) her. The old woman.....(took/ was taken/ had taken) to the hospital. On the way, the old woman asked Rita.....(what is your name/ what was her name/ what her name was). Rita replied that her name was Rita. It took.....(they/ them/ their) two hours to get to hospital. The doctors tried their best to the old woman's life.....(although/but /therefore) they failed. Before she died, she

had written a letter stating; "All my property goes to Rita.....(which/ whose/ who) helped me to bring to the hospital." The next day Rita went to the hospital. The doctor said to her "You are Rita.....? I aren't you/ are you/ don't you). "Yes, I am", replied Rita. If Rita did not help the old woman, she.....(would not/ would/ would not have) get all her property. This made Rita.....(feel/felt/ feels) happy.

**14. Chose the correct words from the brackets to complete the passage below:
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Group discussion gives.....(a, an, the) opportunity to each individual in the group to put across his point of view. To put forward your point clearly, emphatically or forcefully in a way..... (who, which, whom).....(is, are, were) accepted and appreciated by other..... (require, requires, required) knowledge on the subject and the ability to say the right thing at the right time. It(says, was said, is said) listening is a very important part of group discussion. You need to listen..... (on, at, to) the point of view of others in the group. Trainers say that.....(we must, they had to be, you must) neither be adamant about our point of view nor be upset or angry, if others.....(don't, didn't, hadn't) agree with you, Remember make everyone.....(express, to express, expressed) his point of view. Be patient and smile if you can,? (Shall we, can you, will you)

Answer Key

Contextual Passages

1. a, up, were keenly observing, because, came, shouldn't we, to help, will call, whether, were told
2. was growing, was, for, the, borrow, knocked, were, so, isn't it, would have been
3. a, found, were, with, because, to leave, aren't I, can leave, leave, was captured
4. had traveled, to help, so, at, didn't, what do you want, an, will get, are, was closed
5. The, who, on, called, was, were broken, if they realized, can harm, will they, got
6. has been stolen, the, had bought, But, was, they had found, had not written, didn't he, thank
7. in, woke, I am sorry to wake you up, but, has, wouldn't you, The, will be put, don't tell, had
8. The, from, sheep, because of, played, was pleased, not to play, would have enjoyed, leave, should be
9. a, in, was, couldn't I, although, is, feel, would have learnt, was knocked
10. hear, didn't, the, was going, off, broken, I am, because, was excluded, knows
11. the, doesn't it, both, to, look, don't, not, is liked, that, do
12. a, left, where, made, from, had, would mind, Although, was being, wasn't
13. a, to, was taken, what her name was, them, but, who, aren't you, wouldn't, feel
14. an, which, is, requires, is said, to, you must be, don't, express, will you