

3. Tenses

EXERCISES

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets.

Johnsy (a) _____ (sleep) when they (b) _____
(go) upstairs. She (c) _____ (pull) the shade down to
the window-sill and (d) _____ (motion) Behrman into
the other room. In these the (e) _____ (peer) out of the
window fearfully at the ivy vine. Then they (f)
_____ (look) at each other for a moment without
speaking. A persistent, cold rain (g) _____ (fall),
mingled with snow. Behrman in his old blue shirt (h)
(take) his seat as the hermit-miner.

B. Geetika is learning about China in her Geography classes. She has to give a short talk to her class about Shanghai. Read the notes she has made and then complete the speech she prepares for her class. Do not add any new information. Write only the correct answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheets.

Shanghai: Largest Chinese port city; Handles 50% Chinese exports and imports; Most heavy population in the world; Industrial-number of industries present; 842- important after Treaty of Nanking

Shanghai (a) _____ and 50% of all Chinese exports and imports (b) _____. It has also become famous (c) _____ in the world. It can be called (d) _____ number of industries present here. (e) _____ after the Treaty of Nanking was signed here.

C. Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verb.
Fertility falls as incomes (a) _____ education spreads,
and health (b) _____. Thus development is the best
contraceptive. But development itself (c) _____ not be
possible if the present increase in numbers (d) _____.

D. Supply the correct tense form of the verbs given in the brackets:

1. They (build) the bridge when I (be) here last year. They (not finish) it yet.
2. Lend me your rubber. I (make) a mistake and (wish) to rub it out.
3. I wish I (know) his name.
4. When the aeroplane landed, the pilot (find) that one of the wings (be damaged) by a shell.

5. Look, a man (run) after the bus. He (sent) to catch it.
6. If (be) a ghost. I (try) to frighten all the people I dislike.
7. He (know) her a long time before he finally (get) married to her.
8. What you (do) just now while I (wash) the dishes?
9. I always (tell) you to comb your hair, but you never (do) what I say.
10. I hope it (not rain) when the bride (leave) the church.
11. When we (take) our exams, we'll have a holiday.
12. I (leave) these flowers at the hospital for you. I (go) there anyway to visit my cousin.
13. When I reached the school, the first bell (already go).
14. Only the wearer (know) where the shoe (pinch).
15. He (play) the guitar outside her house when someone opened the window and (throw) out a bucket of water.
16. I wish you (tell) me you already (buy) the book.
17. I (not like) the dance last night.
18. Please sit here until my husband (come).
19. She (play) tennis since 4 O'clock.
20. My friend (not see) me for many years when I met him last week.

E. The following passage has not been edited. There is ONE error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number in the space provided. Also underline the correct word you have supplied as shown.

Malaria, caused by the bite of a female Anopheles mosquito will become dangerous if care was not taken. The bite of the mosquito transfer the parasite into the human system. Malaria is accompanied with high fever and shivering. This mosquitoes breed in stagnant water, in puddles, on coolers, etc. It is important to take care that water do not collect in and around the houses. Garbage can also be regularly removed so that the mosquitoes will not breed in such damp waste.

Error Correction

e.g. a _____ the

- (a) _____
(b) _____
(c) _____
(d) _____
(e) _____
(f) _____
(g) _____
(h) _____

ANSWERS

A. (a) was sleeping, (b) went, (c) pulled, (d) motioned, (e) peered, (f) looked, (g) was falling, (h) took

B. (a) is the largest port city of China, (b) are handled here, (c) as the most populous city, (d) an industrial city because of the, (e) It gained historic importance

C. (a) rise, (b) improves, (c) may, (d) continues

D. 1. Were building, was have not finished, 2. Had made, wish,

3. Knew, 4. Found, had been damaged, 5. Is running, wants. 6. Were, would try, 7. Had known, got, 8. Were you doing, was washing, 9. Tell, do 10. Won't rain, leaves. 11. Have taken, 12. Left, had gone, 13. Had already gone, 14. Knows, pinches, 15. Was playing, threw, 16. Told, had already bought, 17. Did not like, 18. Comes, 19. Has been playing, 20 had not seen.

E. (a) wasis, (b) transfer Transfers, (c) with By, (d) Thisthese, (e) on In, (f) do Does, (g) can Should, (h) will do