

☺ **Be steady. Be calm. Do your best. Luck!** ☺

Exercise 1: *Read the passage taken from a modern novel. Then read the ten questions which follow and choose the best answer to each question. /20 p./*

In winter my Grandfather Connor used to wear an enormous coat made out of the pelt of a bear. So shaggy and coarse-furred was this coat, so unevenly coloured in patches ranging from amber to near-black, and so vile-smelling when it became wet with snow, that it seemed to have belonged when it was alive to some lonely and giant Kodiak crankily roaming a high frozen plateau, or an ancient grizzly scarred with battles in the sinister forests of the north. In actuality, it had been an ordinary bear and it had come, sad to say, from no more fabled a place than Galloping Mountain, only a hundred miles from Manawaka. The skin had once been given to my grandfather as payment, in the days when he was a blacksmith, before he became a hardware merchant and developed the policy of cash only. He had it cobbled into a coat by the local shoemaker, and Grandmother Conner had managed to sew in the lining. How long ago that was, no one could say for sure, but my mother, the eldest of his family, said she could not remember a time when he had not worn it. To me, at the age of ten and a half, this meant it must be a century old. The coat was so heavy that I could not lift it by myself. I never used to wonder how he could carry that phenomenal weight on himself or why he would choose to, because it was obvious that although he was old, he was still an extraordinarily strong man, built to shoulder weights.

Whenever I went into Simlow's Ladies' Wear with my mother, and made grotesque faces at myself in the long mirror while she tried on dresses, Millie Christopherson who worked there would use a phrase which made me break into snickering until my mother, who was death on bad manners, tapped anxiously at my shoulders with her slender, nervous hands. "It's you, Mrs. MacLeod," Millie would say feelingly, "no kidding, it's absolutely you." I appropriated the phrase for my grandfather's winter coat. "It's you," I would laugh nastily at him, although never, of course, aloud. In my head I sometimes called him "The Great Bear". The name had many associations other than his coat and his bad temper. It was the way he would stalk around the Brick House as though it were a cage, on Sundays, impatient for the new week's beginning that would release him into the only freedom he knew, the acts of work. It was the way he would take to the basement whenever a man came to call upon Aunt Edna, which in those days was not often, because, as I had overheard my mother outlining in sighs to my father, most of the single men her age in Manawaka considered that the time she had spent working in Winnipeg had made more difference than it really had, and the situation was not helped by her flyway manner (whatever that might mean). But if ever she was asked to a movie, and the man was waiting and making formal weather-chat with Grandmother Connor, Grandfather would walk through the living room as though seeking a place of rest and not finding it, would stare fixedly without speaking, and would then descend the basement steps to the rocking chair which sat beside the furnace. Above ground, he would not have been found dead sitting in a rocking chair, which he considered a piece of furniture suitable only for the elderly, of whom he was never in his own eyes one. From his cave, however, the angry crunching of the wooden rockers against the cement floor would echo throughout the house, a kind of sub-verbal Esperanto, a disapproval which even the most stupid person could not fail to comprehend.

1.1. The pelt Grandfather's coat was made of belonged to A) a bear roaming Galloping Mountain. B) a giant bear from some high plateau. C) an ancient grizzly from the forests of the north. D) a bear from some outlandish place.	1.6. The ten-and-a-half-year old narrator made grotesque faces in the mirror because A) it is natural of children her age to thus amuse themselves. B) that was her way of mocking at Millie Christopherson. C) she rarely had a chance to look at herself in a mirror. D) she was not allowed to do that at home.
1.2. Which of these statements is NOT true? The coat was A) bad-smelling. B) rough and untidy. C) coloured completely in black patches. D) coloured in brown and black parches.	1.7. Millie Christopherson's phrase "It's you Mrs. MacLeod" A) expressed her annoyance at seeing her customer. B) indicated her surprise at seeing Mrs. MacLeod. C) was a kind of snickering at Mrs. MacLeod D) meant that a dress expressed Mrs. MacLeod's personality.
1.3. At the time the story is told Grandfather Connor was A) a shoemaker. B) a blacksmith. C) a trapper. D) a hardware merchant.	1.8. In her mind the little girl called her grandfather "The Great Bear" because of A) his rough coat. B) his bad temper. C) his manner of walking. D) All of these.
1.4. The coat was made A) more than a hundred years ago. B) when his eldest child was in her teens. C) at a time no one knew with certainty. D) when Grandfather Connor began to use cash only.	1.9. Which of these statements is NOT true? Aunt Edna had few gentlemen callers because A) she always showed her superiority to them. B) she had changed since her return from Winnipeg. C) her father disapproved of all of them. D) she behaved in a flyway manner.
1.5. Grandfather Connor wore the heavy coat most probably because he A) generally liked to wear heavy clothes. B) was simply fond of and used to it. C) was an extraordinarily strong man. D) he had cobbled it.	1.10. Grandfather Connor showed his disapproval of a gentleman caller of Aunt Edna's by A) walking around the house as if it were a cage. B) sitting in the rocking chair in the living-room C) rocking angrily in the chair by the furnace. D) staring fixedly at him without speaking.

Exercise 2: *Some of the sentences below contain an error. For each sentence, select the one underlined part that contains the mistake. If there is no error in the sentence, mark answer D. /20 p./*

2.1. There aren't hardly any valid reasons you can advance for delaying the project for such a long time. No error
A B C D

2.2. Professor Robins has given the keynote address at the June conference last year. No error
A B C D

2.3. I want to show my friends the photographs I took during my recent trip to England. No error
A B C D

2.4. The coming exam session could hardly be the worst for him than the last when he failed in all his exams. No error
A B C D

2.5. Each of us are obliged to do his or her own work. No error
 A B C D

2.6. Mark's report states the problem better than Jane. No error
 A B C D

2.7. My parents never went out for the evening without to leave a math problem for me to solve. No error
 A B C D

2.8. It couldn't have been Peter you have met at the party. He was ill in bed. No error
 A B C D

2.9. The number of people without jobs rises at the moment. No error
 A B C D

2.10. While Jane was a child her mother published a collection of bedtime stories which were her own versions
 A B C
 of well-known fairytales. No error
 D

Exercise 3: *Fill in the missing word. /20 p./*

- 3.1. I'm afraid I can't accept this report. It's not good
- 3.2. I haven't heard John for a long time.
- 3.3. The only thing I don't like about living abroad is that I my friends.
 I haven't seen them for months.
- 3.4. He promised not to let me, but I still don't trust him.
- 3.5. I don't know what to write at the end of my CV! I've run of ideas.
- 3.6. He had to pay in as they didn't accept his credit card.
- 3.7. I have using the same washing powder for years.
- 3.8. They have lived in the same house 1997.
- 3.9. The film was terrible. It's the film I've ever seen.
- 3.10. Alexander Graham Bell the telephone.

Exercise 4: *Read the text below, then circle the answer A, B, C or D which best fits each space. /20 p./*

House prices, (4.0.) like taxes, very rarely go down, so if you find (4.1.) in a position where you need more living space, (4.2.) renovating. A lot of families nowadays are finding that their homes are too (4.3.) Whether they (4.4.) a second bathroom, more storage space or an extra bedroom, a lot of people are (4.5.) to renovate their homes instead of buying something bigger.

The (4.6) for this trend are, for the most part, financial. The cost of buying a new home and the problems of moving house are enough to make anybody think twice before deciding to relocate. Renovating allows you to stay in your own neighbourhood and in your (4.7.) home while making it more practical and comfortable to live in.

Although it is tempting to (4.8.) and do the renovations yourself, it is always a good idea to (4.9.) a professional. There will be things you haven't thought about or just might not be aware of. A professional will be able to help you work within your budget and advise you (4.10.) insurance requirements.

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| (4.0.) | A. such | B. like | C. as | D. so |
| (4.1.) | A. oneself | B. themselves | C. yourself | D. your |
| (4.2.) | A. consider | B. think | C. remember | D. do |
| (4.3.) | A. cosy | B. spacious | C. expensive | D. cramped |
| (4.4.) | A. have | B. buy | C. use | D. need |
| (4.5.) | A. thinking | B. choosing | C. wanting | D. needing |
| (4.6.) | A. reasons | B. meanings | C. purposes | D. findings |
| (4.7.) | A. real | B. new | C. own | D. only |
| (4.8.) | A. make | B. try | C. find | D. attempt |
| (4.9.) | A. hire | B. rent | C. buy | D. borrow |
| (4.10.) | A. on | B. to | C. over | D. for |

Exercise 5: *Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form. /20 p./*

George (5.1.) (invite) his English friends to a restaurant. He (5.2.) (wait) for them in the hotel restaurant. He (5.3.) (arrive) a little early. He (5.4.) (come) here a few minutes ago. He (5.5.) (order) a drink. He (5.6.) (not order) a meal yet.

The Whites (5.7.) (just come). George (5.8.) (order) some drinks for his friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. White (5.9.) (not try) shopska salad before. So they (5.10.) (not know) what it is like.

The Whites (5.11.) (be) to Bulgaria before. They (5.12.) (visit) the country a few years ago but they only (5.13.) (stay) in Bulgaria for a day. They (5.14.) (be) on their way to Turkey then.

George (5.15.) (order) the main course now. He (5.16.) (choose) something special for his friends. Mr. and Mrs. White (5.17.) (like to have) a typical Bulgarian dish. They (5.18.) (already taste) Bulgarian food but it (5.19.) (be) at Nelly's party a week ago. They both like Bulgarian food and, in fact, they (5.20.) (not miss) English food at all.

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