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PRE INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

FINAL EXAM

A) GRAMMAR. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS USING THE CORRECT TENSES

Dear Emma,

Sorry! I _____ (just realize) I _____ (reply) to your last e-mail yet. I _____ (find) a new job two days ago!.....I _____ (cook) dinner when they _____ (call) to offer me the job!...I couldn't believe it!!
What about you? _____ you _____ (paint) your house yet? _____ you _____ (buy) new things? When _____ you _____ (move)?
Last month I _____ (be) very complicated because I _____ (have) many interviews every week. Although I _____ (be) unemployed, I _____ (not have) enough time to write to you because I _____ (need) to study all day for my exams at university. Now I _____ (feel) really happy and I think this job _____ (be) a wonderful opportunity for my future.

I hope you are fine!

See you soon,

Annie

CIRCLE THE CORRECT FORM.

- a) There is **nowhere / anywhere** as beautiful as Paris.
- b) What **did you do/were you doing** for your last holiday?
- c) Tai's girlfriend is someone **which/who** loves dancing.
- d) We've finished our homework, **but/so** we're going out for a walk.
- e) Who did you **see/saw** at the post office?
- f) **Does your brother stay/ Is your brother staying** with you this weekend?
- g) **Although / Because** it was raining we went to the beach for a picnic.
- h) I **was sitting/sat** on a bench when the bus arrived.
- i) Mr King **will meet/is meeting** someone at four, but he can see you at three.
- j) I don't think it'll **snow/'s snowing** tomorrow.

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

- a) Is Russia **bigger** / **the biggest** / **the most big** country in the world?
- b) This test isn't **as** / **more** / **too** difficult as last week's test.
- c) The café is **the busiest** / **busier** / **more busy** this week than it was last week.
- d) It was the **baddest** / **worse** / **worst** book I've ever read.
- e) This is the **more exciting** / **most exciting** / **excitingest** game I've ever played.

C) READING

- 1) Read the text and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

CouchSurfing – a different kind of travel experience

by Emma Jackson

I love travelling abroad, but two years ago I didn't have much cash to spend on my holiday. At first, I was planning to go camping again, but then a friend suggested an alternative: CouchSurfing. I had no idea what that was, so she explained. "CouchSurfers" are people who stay as guests in other people's homes for free, and visit the sights in the local area. You can do the things that most tourists do, like sunbathing on the beach or sightseeing in the town centre. Or your host could give you a language lesson, teach you how to cook local delicacies, or take you to places that visitors never find. It sounded much more fun than my other holidays, so I joined the website and sent emails to about twenty hosts in France and Spain right away.

A few days later, I already had ten replies. After a week or two of emails, I made arrangements with four hosts in three different cities. I'm quite talkative and they seemed very friendly, so I wasn't concerned about spending time with strangers. Two weeks later, I was arriving in Paris, and meeting my first host, Claudette.

Over the next ten days, I stayed in four very different homes, improved my foreign languages, and made some great new friends. Sometimes the places where I stayed were basic – a sofa to sleep on, or even just the floor, but sometimes they were luxurious – much nicer than the hostels that I usually go to. I think it was probably the cheapest and most interesting holiday I've ever had!

I've done CouchSurfing again twice since then: in Italy, and here in the UK. I'll definitely do it again. In fact, I'm going on a trip to South America next year. And I've had five visitors at my place, including Claudette. I've discovered that hosting is as much fun as exploring a new place. CouchSurfing is a fantastic experience. Try it some time!

- a) It was her first holiday in another country.
True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐
- b) Emma's friend was a regular "CouchSurfer"
True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐
- c) "CouchSurfers" can spend time with the homeowners.
True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐

- d) Half of the people who Emma emailed didn't reply.
True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐
- e) Two of the people she visited lived in the same city.
True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐
- f) Emma went on holiday about a month after joining the website.
True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐
- g) Emma is quite shy.
True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐
- h) Emma had a nice bed to sleep in all the places where she stayed.
True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐
- i) Claudette was Emma's favourite host.
True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say ☐