



Admission Test for Grade 8

1. Read the text and answer the questions choosing the right answer. (4/0.4)

Line number

1. What is “American” food? The answer is that it is part Italian, part British, part
2. German, part Mexican, part Chinese ... When people from other countries came to
3. live in the US, they brought different cooking traditions. Over the years, some
4. foreign dishes changed a bit. Doughnuts were **originally** from Holland. In 1847, a
5. young American boy told his mother that her doughnuts were never cooked in the
6. middle. He cut out the centres, his mother cooked them, and they were very **delicious!**
7. Maybe the US is most famous for “fast foods”. The first fast food restaurants
8. served hamburgers, but now they serve other kinds of food, too. Inside there is
9. often a “salad bar”, where you can help yourself to as much salad as you want.
10. Americans eat a lot, and when they go to a restaurant, they don’t expect to be
11. hungry afterwards. Most restaurants will put a lot of food on your plate. But if you
12. can’t finish it all, don’t worry: they will give you a “doggy bag” and you can put
13. the remains of your food in it and take it home.
14. Most Americans now have a light breakfast instead of the traditional eggs,
15. bacon, toast, orange juice and coffee. But on weekends, there is more time, and a
16. large late breakfast or early lunch (brunch) is often eaten with family or friends.

1. According to Paragraph 1, lines 1–6,

- a) Some foreign dishes changed greatly over the years.
- b) “American” food is the mixture of five cuisines.
- c) “American” food is the mixture of various cuisines.
- d) Americans changed the cooking traditions of other peoples.

2. According to the text, doughnuts

- a) are cooked only in Holland.
- b) were first cooked by an American boy, in 1847.
- c) are small cakes never cooked in the middle.
- d) are small cakes with cut-out centres.

3. According to Paragraph 2, lines 7–9,

- a) the first fast food restaurants served hamburgers, but now they don't serve them any more.
- b) fast food restaurants serve only hamburgers.
- c) the first fast food restaurants served hamburgers, later they included something else in their menu.
- d) the first fast food restaurants served hamburgers, as well as other kinds of food.

4. The word *originally* in line 4 is **NOT** synonymous to

- a) firstly
- b) finally
- c) primarily
- d) at the beginning

5. Which of the statements is **NOT** true, according to the text?

- a) Americans are fond of eating.
- b) Most American restaurants serve a lot of food.
- c) Now most Americans have traditional bacon and eggs for breakfast.
- d) Nowadays most Americans have a light breakfast.

6. It can be inferred from Paragraph 3, lines 10–13, that Americans

- a) don't like the food served in the restaurants.
- b) eat very little in the restaurants.
- c) don't like to waste money.
- d) order few dishes in the restaurants.

7. In a “doggy bag”

- a) Americans take the remains of the food home.
- b) Americans keep the remains of the food at home.
- c) the restaurants keep the remains of the food.
- d) the leftovers of the food are always kept for the dogs.

8. The word *delicious* in line 6 is synonymous to

- a) overcooked
- b) undercooked
- c) tasteless
- d) tasty

9. In American restaurants people

- a) are never upset if they can't eat up what they've ordered.
- b) often remain hungry and dissatisfied.
- c) worry when they are given a “doggy bag.”
- d) have to eat all the food on their plates.

10. According to the text, on weekends most Americans

- a) don't have enough time to go to the restaurants.
- b) enjoy having a meal with family or friends.
- c) have a light breakfast with family or friends.
- d) have little time to spend with their relatives.

2. Use the verbs in brackets in the correct form. (4/0.4)

A) - Have you heard about Ben? He (1) _____ (to break) his arm.

- Really? How did it happen?

- He (2) _____ (to fall) off a ladder.

B) Dear Jane, I am sorry I (3) _____ (not to send) you the book yet. I (4)

_____ (to be) very busy lately. My sister Jane is also busy. She (5) _____

(to prepare) for her final tests now. She (6) _____ (to work) hard every day.

C) Late at night a young man who was going home from the railway station felt that somebody (7)

_____ (to follow) him. He got very nervous, turned round and asked:

“What (8) _____ (you/ to want)? Why are you following me?”

“I want to find Mr. Smith. I know if I follow you I (9) _____ (to find) his place. He (10)

_____ (to live) next to you,” answered the other man with a smile.

3. Match the first halves of the sentences on the left with the second halves on the right. (4/0.4)

1. I rewrote the letter _____	a) to get a seat.
2. If we had a fire extinguisher, _____	b) about his own achievements.
3. I wouldn't give you a present _____	c) drinking tea without sugar.
4. We arrived early enough _____	d) after eating Japanese food.
5. I don't like _____	e) we could put out the fire.
6. The work was easier to do _____	f) because the first one was full of mistakes.
7. Though I spent the whole night reading, _____	g) for not sending us a thank-you letter.
8. I had a stomachache _____	h) if it wasn't your birthday.
9. Dick apologized _____	i) than I had expected.
10. Peter is always talking _____	j) I wasn't able to finish the book.

4. Insert the correct word. (5/0.2)

a) so, such, such a

1. They had been invited to a Hindu wedding and were not sure what happened on _____ occasions.

2. They advised him not to worry about it any longer. _____ advice was really useful for him.

3. Would you be _____ kind as to lock the door when you leave?

4. There are _____ many books in his library.

5. It's _____ beautiful day! The weather is _____ nice.

b) a, an, the, ---

1. He always finds time for playing _____ tennis but never for playing _____ piano.

2. - Why don't you listen to _____ radio? - I prefer watching _____ good film on TV.

3. Mum has gone to _____ bank but she will be back soon.

4. He had _____ really bad day yesterday. _____ party he attended was boring.

5. She could see many stars and _____ moon in _____ sky.
6. Washington is _____ capital of _____ United States of America.
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c) on, in, at, to

1. My new job starts _____ the first day of August.
2. There is someone standing _____ our door. I wonder who it is.
3. I don't feel like playing chess _____ the moment.
4. She left home _____ midday and returned only _____ the evening.
5. They arrived _____ the airport and then went _____ the passport control.
6. Where do you usually go _____ Christmas?

5. Complete the text. Choose the words from the box. There are 2 extra words. (1.4/0.2)

Placido Domingo is one of the world's (1) _____ opera singers. He was born in Madrid in 1941. Both his parents were professional (2) _____. His family (3) _____ to Mexico, and Placido Domingo (4) _____ at the National Conservatory of Music. He made his first (5) _____ as a tenor in 1961 in Monterrey. He sang the part of Alfredo in Verdi's "La Traviata." For the next four years he sang in smaller opera houses, but in 1965 he joined the New York City Opera. He soon (6) _____ famous. In 1968 he (7) _____ in the New York Metropolitan Opera and then in 1969 he performed at the famous opera house, La Scala, in Milan.

Placido Domingo's wife is also a singer, Marta Ornelas. They have three sons.

studied, became, performance, lived, moved, sang, singers, worst, greatest

6. Rewrite these sentences using the passive forms. (1.6/0.4)

1. They rang the church bells as a flood warning.
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2. Microsoft produces the most popular computer systems.
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3. They built the Louvre Pyramid in 1989.
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4. Apple will introduce iPhone 8 in September, 2017.
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