**Basic test: Level:1.A**

**Verb Tenses review exercise**

Use the correct tense forms of the verbs in brackets and fill in the gaps:

1. She …………………….. (go) to church regularly.

2. Rani ……………………. (drink) a cup of milk every morning.

3. I usually ………………….. (read) biographies.

4. I …………………….. (read) a novel now.

5. He ……………………… (prepare) for competitive exams for three years.

6. When I reached home, my son ………………… (play) with his toys.

7. I ………………………. (go) to my native place next month.

8. Sita ………………….. (eat) an apple in the morning.

9. He ……………………. (stand) on the bench.

10. He ……………………… (work) on a new novel for two years.

11. He ——– (go) to that place every year.

12.    Water ———- (boil) at 100 degree Celsius.

13.    Mu child usually ——– (go) to school by bus.

14.    I ——- (watch) a movie now.

15.    We ——- (go) to Mumbai last year.

16.    This bag ——– (contain) flour.

17.    Now I ———- (think) of quitting the job.

18. Birds ………………….. (live) in nests.

19. My sister …………………… (work) abroad.

20. I …………………. (type) at the moment.

21. I ……………………… never (hear) such nonsense.

# Irregular verbs exercise

**Complete the following sentences.**

1.  The prize was …………………. away by Manchester United.

a) born  
b) borne  
c) bore

2. The arches have ……………………… the weight quite satisfactorily.

a) born  
b) borne  
c) bored

3. He was ………………………. to poor parents.

a) born  
b) borne

4. She has ……………………… four children in five years.

a) born  
b) borne

5. He ……………………. $2000 for the picture.

a) bid  
b) bade  
c) bode

6. He …………………… them farewell.

a) bid  
b) bade

7. After I had ………………….. him farewell, I hurried away.

a) bid  
b) bade  
c) bidden

8. I …………………… him go away at once.

a) bid  
b) bade  
c) bidden

9. The Minister ………………….. the foundation stone of the new hospital.

a) lied  
b) laid  
c) lay

10. The farmer killed the goose that had ……………………. a golden egg.

a) laid  
b) lain  
c) lied

# Active and passive voice exercise

Sentences are given in the active voice. Change them into the passive voice.

1. The child is eating bananas. Eg. Bananas are being eaten by the child.

2. She is writing a letter.

3. The master punished the servant.

4. He was writing a book.

5. Who wrote this letter?

6. Somebody cooks meal every day.

7. He wore a blue shirt.

8. May God bless you with happiness!

9. They are building a house.

10. I have finished the job.

11. I sent the report yesterday.

12. She bought a diamond necklace.

13. Somebody had stolen my purse.

# Direct and indirect speech exercise (Discours indirect)

Sentences are given in the direct speech. Change them into the indirect speech by using “that” and by changing the verb tenses.

1. He said, “I have got a toothache”. Eg: He said that he had got a toothache.

2. Manu said, “I am very busy now”.

3. “Hurry up,” she said to us.

4. “Give me a cup of water,” he told her.

5. She said, “I am going to college.”

6. She said to me, “Thank you”

7. Raju said, “Gautam must go tomorrow”.

8. Geetha says, “My father is an Engineer.”

9. He said, “I have passed the physical test.”

10. She said to me, “You are my only friend.”

11. ‘I love you,’ he told me.

12. ‘Where are you going?’ James asked Mary.

**Articles exercise (a,an, the)**

Complete the following sentences using appropriate articles. In some cases, no articles are needed.

1.    ………………….. man is mortal.

2.    I am …………………. university student.

3.    She goes to the temple in ……………….. mornings.

4.    Kiran is …………………. best student in the class.

5.    ………………….. camel is the ship of the desert.

6.    This book has won ………………….. Booker prize.

7.    Harishchandra was …………………. honest king.

8.    I am fond of ………………. classical music.

9.    I met …………………… boy in ……………….. store.

10.    Gold is …………………….. precious metal.

11.    She returned after ………………….. hour.

12.    There is ………………………. institution for …………………….. blind in this city.

13.     ………………….. sun rises in the east.

14.    He works at ……………….. factory.

15.    He is …………………. oldest member of the club.

16.    I like to watch ………………….. football.

# Confusing words exercise

**Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase:**

1. She is …………………….. of her success.

(a) confident  
(b) confidant  
(c) confessor

2. I don’t want any ……………………… explanation.

(a) farther  
(b) further  
(c) farthest

3. Is there ………………………. in the class?

(a) anyone  
(b) no one  
(c) some one

4. The doctor …………………. the patients to quit smoking.

(a) advised  
(b) advices  
(c) told

5. He says he is enjoying his ……………………………… job.

(a) later  
(b) latest  
(c) latter

6. All students should have ………………………….. to a good library.

(a) access  
(b) axis  
(c) excess

7. ………………………… football, he plays cricket.

(a) Beside  
(b) Besides  
(c) Till

8. ………………………… knowledge is a dangerous thing.

(a) A little  
(b) Little  
(c) The little

9. He is my ……………………… brother.

(a) elder  
(b) older  
(c) senior

10. The sun ………………………….. in the east.

(a) races  
(b) raises  
(c) rises