

Test 4

THE SEQUENCE OF TENSES

Variant I

I. Rewrite the sentences in Reported Speech changing the verb tenses and pronouns if necessary.

1. "Why do you blame her for this?" he couldn't understand.

He couldn't understand for this.

2. "Now the Earth's climate is getting warmer", the professor reminded.

The professor reminded us that the Earth's climate warmer.

3. "I'm seeing him tonight," she whispered.

She whispered that him that night.

4. "He rang me up from the airport yesterday, so I'm sure he has left."

She was sure that because from the airport the previous day.

5. "Dick, do not bother calling me. I won't be home tomorrow."

Ann warned Dick calling her because home the next day.

6. "I spent a romantic weekend in Paris in 1998," George smiled.

Smiling, George remembered that a romantic weekend in Paris in 1998.

7. "I have been speaking with Jane since you left," she admitted.

She admitted that with Jane since

8. "You won't feel at ease there as you don't know the language," he replied.

He replied that at ease there as the language.

II. Choose the correct tense form in the following sentences.

1. I heard they for our department for three months.

a) worked; b) have worked; c) had been working; d) are working

2. It was obvious that he lonely here, with no relatives or friends.

a) is feeling; b) was feeling; c) feels; d) had felt

3. They faxed us informing that they to accept our proposal.

a) decided; b) are deciding; c) had decided; d) have decided

4. A week ago Joe thought that he never in love again. But now it happened.

- a) fell; b) would fall; c) falls; d) will fall

5. Ann had to admit that she about that a week before.

- a) was informed; b) informs; c) was informing; d) had been informed

6. Yesterday he mentioned they this project at that moment.

- a) are supporting; b) supported; c) were supporting; d) had supported

7. He announced that the Russian delegation the session to show its protest.

- a) leave; b) would leave; c) will leave; d) was left

8. I felt he what he had told.

- a) regrets; b) will regret; c) regretted; d) had been regretted

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

III. Fill in the spaces with the correct word.

1. He admitted that he had committed the crime

- a) six months ago; b) six months before

2. He answered that he couldn't find him

- a) here; b) there

3. They promised that letters would be delivered next morning.

- a) these; b) those

4. I knew that the concert had taken place

- a) yesterday; b) the previous night

5. I could find out that they were developing a new project

- a) at that moment; b) now

6. They officially informed us that our father died

- a) two months ago; b) two months before

1	2	3	4	5	6

IV. Complete the sentences changing Direct Speech into Indirect Speech.

1. "Will you join us tonight?"

He wanted to know that night.

2. "Where were you when the car hit the lady?"

The police asked when the car the lady

3. "Why can't you afford travelling abroad?"

The lady wondered travelling abroad.

4. "How many children are dying of hunger every day?"

He asked of hunger every day.

5. "Who was waiting for her at the station?"

She was eager to find out for her at the station.

6. "What price did they offer for this flat?"

The boss wanted us to remind him for that flat.

7. "How long have you been working for our branch in Moscow?"

The interviewer asked me how long for their branch in Moscow.

8. "Are you really enjoying the jazz we play?"

The musician wondered the jazz they played.

V. Translate the italicized words.

1. Секретарь сказала, что встреча *начнется* (start), когда *придет* начальник.

1. _____

2. Он понял, что этот человек *следует* (follow) за ним уже два часа.

2. _____

3. Я спросила, *читал* ли он сегодняшние газеты.

3. _____

4. Она поинтересовалась, где я *работаю* и сколько *получаю* (get).

4. _____

5. Я предупреждала Вас, что *надо* (should) *быть* очень внимательным.

5. _____

6. Они рассчитывали, что товары *будут доставлены* (deliver) на следующей неделе.

6. _____

7. Кто первым доказал, что Земля *вращается* (rotate)?

7. _____

8. Я полагал, что контракт *был подписан* (sign) два дня назад.

8. _____

VI. Read the passage below and write the appropriate form of each verb in brackets.

We were discussing the clothes we (1. plan) to take for our trip. George said two suits of flannel (2. be) sufficient as we (3. can) wash them ourselves in the river when they (4. get) dirty. We asked him if he ever (5. try) washing suits in the river, and he replied that he (6. know) some fellows who (7. do) it before quite easily. We were weak enough to fancy he (8. know) what he (9. talk) about. We were to learn in the days to come, when it (10. be) too late, that he (11. have) no idea of the matter. If you had seen those suits after washing!