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UNIT 1

THE INDICATIVE MOOD

1.1. THE PRESENT TENSE SIMPLE AND THE PRESENT TENSE CONTINUOUS

I. Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Tense Simple or the Present Tense Continuous.

1. The plane _____ (take off) at 10 a.m.
2. I'm busy. I _____ (study) for the exam.
3. What _____ you (do) on Sunday evenings?
4. I usually _____ (go) to the theatre or (watch) TV.
5. The exhibition _____ (open) next week.
6. I _____ (wear) this coat today because the wind _____ (blow) hard.
7. The wind often _____ (blow) hard here.
8. He _____ (call) always when I want to sleep.
9. I'll tell her about the party when I _____ (meet) him.
10. What _____ you (think) of the political crisis?
11. You _____ (send) him a message tonight?
12. "What _____ you (do)?"
"I _____ (think) of a solution."

II. Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Tense Simple or the Present Tense Continuous.

1. "Who _____ you (wait) for?"
2. "I _____ (wait) for my sister to finish classes."
3. What _____ you (have) for dinner usually?
4. My brother _____ (lose) always his things and _____ (ask) me to look for them.
5. Mother _____ (taste) the soup to see if it _____ (have) enough salt.
6. He _____ (get) fat. I _____ (think) he should take more exercise.
7. The cake _____ (taste) delicious.
8. I _____ (leave) tonight.
9. My husband usually _____ (drink) coffee, but this morning he _____ (drink) tea.
10. You _____ (smoke) much?
11. I _____ (smoke) only five cigarettes a day.
12. She _____ (save) up because she _____ (go) to Paris this summer.

III. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct Present Tense.

1. He never _____ (do) any work in the house; he always _____ (watch) matches.
2. What exactly _____ this (mean)?
3. I _____ (hear), that she _____ (come) tonight.
4. I won't forgive her unless she _____ (apologize).
5. He _____ (be) very rude today.

6. To tell the truth, I _____ (doubt) whether he will come in town.
7. When I come here, I usually stay at the Lido, but this time I _____ (stay) at the Rexton.
8. They _____ (have) a party tonight.
They _____ (celebrate) their graduation!
9. My brother _____ (look) just like our father.
10. She _____ (feed) the cat every morning.
Now she _____ (give) him some fish.

IV. Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stays the same.

1. What is inside the parcel?
What does _____.
2. You keep interrupting me.
You _____.
3. What is the price of this chess?
How much _____.
4. What about going to the concert?
How do _____.
5. What's your opinion of his behaviour?
What _____.
6. He has pneumonia.
He is _____.
7. This matter is not of your business.
This matter does _____.
8. When is the bus due to arrive?
When _____.

V. Translate into English.

1. Prețul vacanței include costul excursiei.
2. El se amestecă mereu în treburile altor oameni.
3. Te distrezi bine sau vrei să plecăm?
4. La ce te gândești acum? Ar trebui să te simți foarte fericit.
5. Se întunecă. E timpul să plecăm.
6. Nu-i deranja! Iau prânzul.
7. Trandafirul miroase atât de frumos!
8. Pleci la mare sau ai rămas fără bani?
9. Acest proiect e foarte important, de aceea lucrez și acest sfârșit de săptămână.
10. Vântul suflă puternic pe coastă iarna.
11. Cred că e o părere total greșită.
12. Toată lumea știe adevărul, dar nimeni nu recunoaște.

VI. Identify any possible errors in these sentences and correct them if necessary.

1. Do you wait for your mother now?
_____?
2. I look forward to visiting my friends.
_____.
3. I'm depending on you, so don't disappoint me!
_____!
4. This bacon is tasting a bit strange.
_____.
5. How are you feeling today?

- _____?
6. Many dislikes Tom.
_____.
7. I have a feeling that somebody lies.
_____.
8. Are you hearing anything from Belle these days?
_____.
9. If it will rain, I will take the umbrella.
_____.

VII. Use the verbs in brackets into the correct Present Tense.

1. "I had a bad day at school again."
"You forever _____ (moan) about school."
2. At the beginning of the novel, the two friends _____
(go) to war and one of them _____ (got) wounded.
3. I bought this bracelet today. How _____ it (look)?
4. "What _____ you (read) on holiday?"
"I _____ (read) romance novels, but now I
_____ (read) a historical book."
5. That man who _____ (walk) past the garden
_____ (live) in this building, too.
6. Where _____ Clara (work)?
7. When the curtain _____ (rise) we _____
(see) a group of noblemen. They _____ (talk).
8. "What _____ you (wait) for?"
"I _____ (wait) for the cafeteria to open."
"But it _____ (not open) till 9.00."

9. He _____ (teach) French, but this year he _____ (teach) English.
10. He still _____ (repair) that old car.

VIII. Translate into English.

1. E primăvară și grădinile miros plăcut.
2. - Mergem undeva în seara asta?
- Nu, îmi vin câțiva prieteni în vizită.
3. În fiecare vineri ascultă muzică clasică.
4. - Ce faci? Deranjez?
- Scriu mesaje. Seara întotdeauna răspund la mesaje.
5. Întotdeauna întrerupe alți oameni.
6. Acum înțelegi folosirea diatezei pasive?
7. Plouă iarăși! În această regiune plouă des toamna.
8. Mâine mă văd cu directorul să discutăm noul proiect.
9. Întotdeauna conduce repede și ia amendă.
10. Admiră peisajul în timp ce se plimbă.
11. Câinele nostru latră la necunoscuți, dar azi e foarte prietenos.
12. - Cu cine te întâlnești mâine?
- Cu mai mulți specialiști din străinătate.

1.2. NON-PROGRESSIVE VERBS

I. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verb form.

1. The pudding _____ (taste) delicious.
2. The bartender _____ (taste) the cocktail to see if it needs more lemon.
3. I _____ (think) I'll have a Coke.
4. He _____ (think) of leaving the country
5. My parents-in-law _____ (have) a cottage in the mountains.
6. We _____ (have) lunch with the HR manager today.
7. After a short nap, she _____ (feel) relaxed.
8. I _____ (feel) cold after this rain.
9. He _____ (see) the doctor in a few minutes.
10. As you open the folder, you _____ (see) new contract draft.

II. Underline the correct form of the verbs below.

1. Right now, they *think/are thinking* about leaving the city.
2. Mark has been *knowing/has known* Diane for many years.
3. He told us that he had *always loved/ had always been loving* architecture.
4. Tom *has owned/has been owning* this company for over ten years.

5. I *saw/was seeing* Matt for the first time in a club at the seaside.
6. Dad was *tasting/tasted* the wine when the guests arrived.
7. The hyacinths *smelled/were smelling* lovely last spring.
8. My best friend *is having/has* a difficult time right now.
9. It *looks/is looking* as if it might snow.
10. He *is thinking/think* that he should look for a new job.

III. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate verb form.

1. Her son _____ (always/taste) the food while she is cooking! It's very annoying.
2. We _____ (have) a wedding party next weekend.
3. This water _____ (not/taste) right.
4. We _____ (see) our cousins next month.
5. What _____ (you/think) about the drivers' strike?
6. I _____ (have) a headache.
7. It _____ (be) windy today.
8. They _____ (not/have) a contact number.
9. He _____ (not/see) anything without glasses.
10. The guests _____ (taste) the wine now.
11. _____ (want) a snack?
12. We _____ (have) fun today.
13. He _____ (think) too much about his ex-wife.
14. She often _____ (see) a film on Thursday.
15. This sauce _____ (taste) funny.
16. _____ (have) a good time at the moment?
17. Our menu _____ (include) exotic fishes.

18. He _____ (remember) what happened.
19. We _____ (need) some fresh air.
20. She _____ (not deserve) it.
21. _____ they (have) a fight at the moment?
22. This _____ (not concern) us at the moment.
23. I _____ (love) you.
24. He _____ (feel) he is not good enough.
25. Our products _____ (not contain) any meat.
26. Her answer _____ (depend) on the offer.
27. The job _____ (involve) delivering hot sandwiches.
28. She _____ (owe) me an apology.

IV. Choose the one correct answer: a, b, c or d.

1. He never _____ birthdays but he did forget about Tom's birthday.
 - a. forgetting
 - b. forgets
 - c. forget
 - d. forgot

2. I don't want to talk about this with you. Just forget about it! It _____.
 - a. isn't matter
 - b. isn't mattering
 - c. doesn't matter
 - d. doesn't mattering

3. She has been looking at that photo for hours. She _____ her youth.
- a. remember
 - b. remembering
 - c. remembers
 - d. remembered
4. He is _____ a party. She wants to go but she _____ nothing to wear.
- a. has/had
 - b. having/having
 - c. has/having
 - d. having/has
5. My friends are really rich. They _____ a successful company, but they always _____ so tired! I _____ it's true that money can't buy everything.
- a. own/seem/suppose
 - b. owning/seeming/suppose
 - c. own/seem/supposing
 - d. owning/seem/suppose

V. Put the verbs into the correct form.

1. Please turn off the TV. I _____ (study).
2. How many languages _____ (Anne speak).
3. Let's go! The train _____ (come). I _____ (not/want) to miss it.

4. The Danube _____ (flow) into the Black Sea.
5. Due to last night's heavy rainfalls, the river _____ (flow) very fast today.
6. _____ (it/ever/snow) in Kongo?
7. A: Can you dance polka?
B: No, but I _____ (learn).
8. Tom says he's 40 years old but I _____ (not/believe) him.
9. My relatives _____ (live) in Gdansk. They were born there and have never lived anywhere else. Where _____ (your/relatives/live)?
10. A: What _____ (your father/do)?
B: He's a teacher, but he _____ (not/work) at the moment.
11. What time _____ (the shops/close) here?
12. He is still ill but he _____ (get/better) slowly.
13. The economic situation is already bad and it _____ (get/worse).

VI. Decide whether the sentences below are correct. Tick the correct sentences and rewrite incorrect ones.

1. Is she having a good time?

2. I am thinking you are a kind person.

3. This dish is tasting good.

4. She is looking fantastic.

5. She's been practicing since this morning.

6. He's having an expensive car.

7. This *mille crepe* cake tastes delicious.

8. They are looking at a documentary.

9. They are planning a marathon.

10. He is liking her very much.

VII. Choose the one correct answer.

1. She often encourages other people. I _____ she is a good person.

- a. think
- b. am thinking
- c. have been thinking
- d. had been thinking

2. I _____ about this exam since last autumn.

- a. think
- b. am thinking