English Grammar / Incomplete Sentences / Intermediate level # 47

Hear my Story

Q1	Personally I don't believe a word he told us because I think it was just a story.				
	(a) big	(b) high	(c <mark>) tall</mark>	(d) long	
Q2	I'm afraid it was the old story with her all over again because she's started arriving late at work again.				
	(a) same	(b) like	(c) similar	(d) parallel	
Q3	It was a bit of a story really because she told us how her boyfriend had left her, she'd lost her job and she had nowhere to live.				
	(a) cry	(b) weep	(c) tear	(d) sob	
Q4	I don't really approve of all this discussion about people behind their backs — it's a bit like stories.				
	(a) speaking	(b <mark>) telling</mark>	(c) saying	(d) uttering	
Q5	The story that he's just married for the fourth time but I don't really believe it.				
	(a) says	(b) works	(c) sends	(d) goes	
Q6	To a long story short, I'll come straight to the point and tell you exactly what happened.				
	(a) <mark>cut</mark>	(b) reduce	(c) snip	(d) curtail	
Q7	She did write one or two novels but she is best known for her excellent stories.				
	(a) brief	(<mark>b) short</mark>	(c) abrupt	(d) sudden	
Q8	It's a brilliant film as far as the images are concerned but the story is a bit weak.				
	(a) theme	(b) thread	(c) tendency	(d) line	
Q9	He started off from a very simple background and then worked his way up to be President of the bank — a genuine story.				
	(a) s <mark>uccess</mark>	(b) famous	(c) glamour	(d) fame	
Q10	In early civilisations it was the story to whom everyone went to hear what had happened in the past.				
	(a) speaker	(b) talker	(c) announcer	(d) teller	

A Night Out

Q1	The other night we went out to the cinema or the as they would say in the USA.				
	(a) goings	(b) doings	(c) moves	(<mark>d) movies</mark>	
Q2	Nothing unusual you might say but we haven't visited a cinema for				
	(a) periods	(b <mark>) ages</mark>	(c) times	(d) lengths	
Q3	The subject of the film	concerned the American Ci	vil War in the 1860's.		
	(a) matter	(b) topic	(c) theme	(d) interest	
Q4	At least that was to be	e the background although th	ne main interest was in some	ething else.	
	(a) inferred	(b) implied	(c) suggested	(d) supposed	
Q5	It will come as no to you I'm sure if I tell you that this interest was in a love affair.				
	(a) damage	(b <mark>) surprise</mark>	(c) concern	(d) interest	
Q6	The young couple in the story only meet about three times but still manage to deeply in love.				
	(a) go	(b) drop	(c) fall	(d) feel	
Q7	When you see the first kiss	on the and you are sitt	ing in row four, it can be ver	y dramatic.	
	(a) slide	(b) picture	(c) board	(d) screen	
Q8 Everything is so much bigger than you expect and you are constantly your head from side			ad from side to side.		
	(a) tipping	(b) testing	(c) turning	(d) trying	
Q9	And the sound is much greater too. During the war scenes I was jumping up and down out of my seat like a in the box at every explosion.				
	(a) John	(<mark>b) Jack</mark>	(c) Jim	(d) James	
Q10	The following evening we v	vere back again watching tel	evision but after the cinema	it's never the again.	
	(<mark>a) same</mark>	(b) identical	(c) similar	(d) like	

Testing, Testing

Q1	This castle has been here	since the 16th century and h	asn't really changed — it ha	s stood the test of	
	(a) duration	(b) time	(c) history	(d) length	
Q2	The law that has just been passed may be useful but we don't know until we've it to the test.				
	(a) placed	(b) struck	(c) started	(d <mark>) put</mark>	
Q3	I think you're wise to find o	ut first before you agree and	believe it's a good idea to te	est the first.	
	(a <mark>) waters</mark>	(b) springs	(c) rivers	(d) lakes	
Q4	No-one knows whether he'	Il succeed in his attempt to g	et compensation as it's a bit	of a test	
	(a) theme	(b) process	(c <mark>) case</mark>	(d) example	
Q5	Obviously before you buy a car, you'll be allowed to test it first.				
	(a) travel	(b) drive	(c) try	(d) conduct	
Q6	These are indeed time election.	es for the government as peo	ople are deciding whether to	vote for them in the next	
	(a) tested	(b) tester	(c) testing	(d) testable	
Q7	He was one of the most ex	perienced of the company's	test who decided wheth	ner a plane was safe to fly.	
	(a) drivers	(b) travellers	(c) operations	(d <mark>) pilots</mark>	
Q8	In the story of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde we see the hero mix something up in a test and then drink it.				
	(a) t <mark>ube</mark>	(b) pipe	(c) glass	(d) cup	
Q9	The aircraft engine had to be placed in a test to make sure that it worked properly.				
	(a) pit	(b) hole	(<mark>c) bed</mark>	(d) centre	
Q10	In order to make sure that your television is tuned properly there is a coloured test on the screen.				
	(a) paper	(b) sheet	(c) place	(d <mark>) card</mark>	

Can, Could, May and Might Exercise

Use one of the modal verbs in brackets to fill each gap.

1	They (can/might) be away for the weekend but I'm not sure.
2	You (may/might)leave now if you wish.
3	(Could/May) Could you open the window a bit, please?
4	Could He (can/could) be French, judging by his accent.
5	(May/Can) you play the piano?
6	Listen, please. You (may not/might not)speak during this exam.
7	They (can't/may not)can't still be out!
9	With luck, tomorrow (can/could)be a sunny day.
10	You (can/might)be right but I'm going back to check anyway.
11	The exam (can/might).might be easy. You never know.
12	I (can/might).might go to the party but I'm not sure yet.
13	Students (may/might)study in the library from five to nine in the evening.
14	(May/Could)you lend me 40 Euros til Monday?