

MOCK TEST

1. Tag questions and relative pronouns

Complete the following sentences.

Let's have a look at the test now, _____?

You are a lazy creature, _____?

She simply sat there and made eyes at them, _____ wasn't exactly helpful.

All _____ I know is that he left without paying.

2. Word order

Select the correct form(s) to fill the gap.

The reason for his failure is _____ to understand.

Who _____ you saw last night?

Never _____ owed to so few by so many!

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3. Reading comprehension

Read the text and answer the following questions.

The unexpected discovery of a new tower on Hadrian's Wall has helped to date major reconstruction of this northern frontier of the Roman Empire.

It also fills in the longest gap between the usually regularly-spaced turrets that served as lookouts and shelters along the wall.

The site lies near the mid-point of the wall, at Peel Gap, where the Roman defences descend into a hollow before climbing the precipitous Peel Crags. Between the Peel Crags and the Steel Rigg turrets is a gap of 767 yards: normally such towers were only a third of a mile apart, with two spaced between each pair of mile castles.

The new discovery closes this long gap, although its situation in the hollow suggests that it was constructed for access to the wall walks rather than as a signalling and observation post, according to Mr Jim Crow of the National Trust, which carried out the work jointly with English Heritage.

The tower is rectangular, 13 ft by 11 ft 9 ins and with walls three feet thick. It has a central hearth and a raised platform in the southwest corner. It was less well built than most of the turrets on the wall, and was clearly added on to the back of the structure, not part of the initial plan.

The ground was soggy, so that the foundations began to sag, and the ground floor was abandoned, with a new ramp giving access to the upper floor. The tower was demolished, along with the original wall and the turrets in the central sector, before the rebuilding under Septimius Severus; the latest pottery from its interior dates to AD 180-220.

The excavation also revealed new details of the foundation of Hadrian's Wall: a broad foundation bore the beginnings of a broad wall, which was then abandoned. When building recommenced, the undergrowth had to be cut down and a great bonfire has left its traces.

This change of plans, Mr Crow says, is known as the "fort decision", because it involved moving the line of forts from behind the wall to incorporate them in it. While building between AD 123 and 138 was rapid, "there were stops and starts galore".

In constructing Hadrian's Wall, the Romans built

- a. three turrets per mile
- b. two turrets between two mile castles
- c. two turrets for every two mile castles
- d. a turret every one-third of a mile

The newly discovered turret

- a. was original and built into the wall as part of the original plan
- b. was original and built behind the wall on soggy ground
- c. was built into the wall to replace an abandoned tower
- d. was built behind the wall to replace a demolished tower

Turrets were constructed

- a. for signalling and observation
- b. for access to the wall walk, shelter, signalling and observation
- c. for access to the wall walk rather than signalling or observation
- d. for both access to the wall walk and observation

Hadrian's Wall

- a. was burnt down and then rebuilt with integrated forts
- b. began as a broad wall with integrated forts but was then abandoned
- c. was built with forts attached but the forts were later moved to be in the wall
- d. was conceived and built with integrated forts

Discovery of the turret has helped to date

- a. the original building of Hadrian's Wall
- b. the building of forts along Hadrian's Wall
- c. the relocation of forts along Hadrian's Wall
- d. the rebuilding of Hadrian's Wall

4. Reformulation

Complete the combination of the following sets of disconnected sentences into well-constructed simple sentences. Pay attention to the punctuation given.

Word bank:

impossible

manner

nevertheless

more

less

time

though

anyway

fewer

place

easy

But languages do not just carry practical knowledge. As Daniel Nettle and Suzanne Romaine put it in "Vanishing Voices", each language "has its own window on the world", often incorporating subtle distinctions that resist translation. For example, the language of the Hopi Indians has many more verb forms than most European languages, which allow its speakers to differentiate much more intricately between different kinds of past, present and future.

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5. Reformulation II

Complete the reformulation of the text using participles or other abbreviatory devices, or leave spaces blank if no addition is necessary.

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Thank you for your time and best of luck with your entrance exam!