VERIFICA

III

Verifica di fine parte III

Units 8–10 · 60 minutes · 100 points

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Vocabulary (20 points)

1. ● Match the verbs (a–e) with the words (1–5) to make life events. (5 × 1 pt)
   (a) be · (b) grow · (c) get · (d) move · (e) leave — 1 married · 2 born · 3 house · 4 up · 5 school

2. ● Choose the correct adjective. (5 × 1 pt)
   (a) The history lesson was so (bored / boring) that I nearly fell asleep.
   (b) I was really (frightened / frightening) during the storm.
   (c) The news was very (surprised / surprising).
   (d) Lily was very (excited / exciting) about her birthday party.
   (e) What an (interested / interesting) story!

3. ●● Complete with the words in the box: *cliff · flood · foggy · lightning · valley*. (5 × 1 pt)
   (a) It was so _____ that we couldn't see the road.
   (b) After three days of heavy rain there was a _____ in the town centre.
   (c) There was a flash of _____, and then we heard the thunder.
   (d) Don't go near the edge of the _____: it's a hundred metres high!
   (e) The village is in a green _____ between two mountains.

4. ●● Write the noun. (5 × 1 pt)
   (a) high → _____ (b) long → _____ (c) wide → _____ (d) deep → _____ (e) far → _____

Grammar (30 points)

5. ● Write the past simple. (6 × 1 pt)
   (a) go → _____ (b) see → _____ (c) buy → _____ (d) think → _____ (e) take → _____ (f) write → _____

6. ●● Complete with the past simple or the past continuous of the verbs in brackets. (6 × 1 pt)
   (a) While I _____ (wait) for the bus, it _____ (start) to snow.
   (b) When the phone _____ (ring), Helen _____ (cook) dinner.
   (c) At eight o'clock yesterday evening Sam _____ (do) his homework.
   (d) What _____ (you / do) when I called you?

7. ●● Rewrite the sentences as shown. (4 × 1 pt)
   (a) Callum went to Fort William. (negative)
   (b) Aoife found a fossil. (question)
   (c) They were at home last night. (negative)
   (d) Somebody invented the telephone in 1876. Who…? (question)

8. ●● Complete with the comparative of the adjective in brackets. (4 × 1 pt)
   (a) Edinburgh is _____ (far) from Bristol than London is.
   (b) My new phone is _____ (expensive) than my old one.
   (c) I feel _____ (bad) today than yesterday.
   (d) The second half of the walk was _____ (hard) than the first.

9. ●● Complete with a superlative, *as … as* or *enough*. (4 × 1 pt)
   (a) The Shannon is _____ (long) river in Ireland.
   (b) For me, maths is _____ (interesting) subject at school.
   (c) Scafell Pike isn't _____ (high) Snowdon.
   (d) I'm sixteen, so I'm not _____ (old) to drive a car in the UK.

10. ●●● Find and correct the mistake. (6 × 1 pt)
    (a) ✗ I am born in 2011.
    (b) ✗ Yesterday I have played tennis.
    (c) ✗ Did you saw the storm last night?
    (d) ✗ My sister is more taller than me.
    (e) ✗ When the phone rang, I sleep.
    (f) ✗ It's the biggest city of the world.

Reading (20 points)

Read Aoife's story for the Hillside Academy school magazine.

Stuck on Inis Mór

Last August I spent a week in Galway with my cousins, Niamh and Ciarán. On the Thursday we took the ferry from Rossaveal to Inis Mór, the largest of the three Aran Islands. The sea was calm and the sun was shining, so we left our jumpers in the car. That was our first mistake.

On the island we hired bikes and cycled to Dún Aonghasa, an ancient stone fort on the edge of a cliff. The cliff is about 100 metres high, and there is no wall at the edge. Ciarán lay on his stomach and looked down at the waves. I was too frightened to go near him!

While we were having lunch in a café, the weather changed. The wind got stronger and stronger, and dark clouds were coming in from the Atlantic. At four o'clock, when we arrived back at the harbour, a man was putting up a notice: “Last ferry cancelled — bad weather.” We couldn't believe it.

We phoned my aunt. She was calmer than us. “Don't worry,” she said. “Find a B&B and come back tomorrow.” The first B&B was full, and the second was too expensive, but the third one had a room. The owner, Mrs Flaherty, was the kindest woman on the island. She gave us hot soup and lent us three of her son's old jumpers. They were much bigger than us, but they were warm.

That night the storm was louder than any storm in Galway. Rain was hitting the windows and the wind was howling round the house. But we were warm and dry, and we played cards until midnight.

The next morning the sea was quiet again, and we caught the first ferry back. It wasn't the best day of my summer, but it was certainly the most exciting!

11. ● Are the sentences true (T), false (F) or doesn't say (DS)? (6 × 1 pt)
    (a) The weather was bad when they left Rossaveal.
    (b) They went round the island by bike.
    (c) There is a wall at the edge of the cliff at Dún Aonghasa.
    (d) Aoife's aunt came to the island to help them.
    (e) The second B&B was too expensive.
    (f) Niamh is older than Ciarán.

12. ●● Answer the questions. (4 × 2 pts)
    (a) Why did they leave their jumpers in the car?
    (b) What was Aoife too frightened to do?
    (c) Why couldn't they go home on Thursday afternoon?
    (d) What did Mrs Flaherty do for them?

13. ● Find words in the text that mean: (3 × 1 pt)
    (a) a place where boats stop and people get on and off;
    (b) paid money to use something for a short time;
    (c) making a long, loud noise, like a wolf.

14. ●● What is the best title for the story? (1 × 3 pts)
    A. A day at the beach
    B. A trip that didn't go as planned
    C. How to cycle on Inis Mór
    D. My cousin's birthday

Listening (10 points)

Giulia spent the weekend at Aoife's house. Your teacher reads Giulia's conversation with Sam on Monday morning aloud twice. Listen with the script covered, then choose A, B, C or D.

Listening script — A weekend at Cheddar Gorge

Sam	Hi Giulia! How was your weekend at Aoife's?
Giulia	Not bad. We studied for the history test most of the time. How about you?
Sam	We went to Cheddar Gorge with Mark and Josh on Saturday.
Giulia	Cheddar? Like the cheese?
Sam	Yes! The cheese comes from the village there. The gorge is a deep valley with very high cliffs on both sides.
Giulia	Wow. What did you do?
Sam	In the morning we walked along the top of the cliffs. The views were amazing, but Josh was walking too fast, as usual. Mark was complaining all the time because Josh was too fast for him: "Josh, slow down!"
Giulia	Ha! And in the afternoon?
Sam	It started to rain, so we visited the caves. They were colder than outside, but drier! And while we were walking through the biggest cave, the lights went off for a few seconds. Everybody screamed!
Giulia	Oh no! Was it scary?
Sam	A bit. But it was the best part of the day.
Giulia	Did you buy any cheese?
Sam	Of course. Mark bought a huge piece. It's in the fridge — you can try it tonight!

15. ● What did Giulia do at the weekend? (2 pts)

A. She went to Cheddar.
B. She studied at Aoife's house.
C. She visited some caves.
D. She went shopping.

16. ● What is Cheddar Gorge? (2 pts)

A. a cheese shop
B. a village by the sea
C. a deep valley with high cliffs
D. a big cave

17. ●● Why was Mark complaining? (2 pts)

A. It was raining.
B. The caves were cold.
C. He was hungry.
D. Josh was walking too fast.

18. ●● What happened in the biggest cave? (2 pts)

A. The lights went off for a few seconds.
B. Josh got lost.
C. It started to rain.
D. Mark fell over.

19. ● What did Mark buy? (2 pts)

A. a map of the caves
B. some lunch
C. a big piece of cheese
D. an umbrella

Writing (20 points)

20. ●● Write a short story (80–100 words) for a school story competition. It must begin: *It was a cold, dark evening, and the wind was blowing hard…* Include: (1) where you were and what you and other people were doing; (2) a problem or something unexpected (*Suddenly…, When…, While…*); (3) what happened next and how the story ended; (4) at least two comparatives or superlatives. Use the past simple and the past continuous and some time linkers (*first, then, after that, in the end*). (20 pts)
Assessment criteria: content and story structure, all four points (8 pts) · organisation and linkers (4 pts) · grammar: past simple vs past continuous, *when / while*, comparatives (4 pts) · vocabulary and spelling (4 pts).

LEARNING TO LEARN

Self-assessment. Before you check your answers, read these statements and give yourself a mark: ✓✓ I can do this well · ✓ I can do this with a little help · ✗ I need more practice. I can…

- talk about past events and the life of a famous person;
- tell a story with the past simple and the past continuous, and react to a friend's story;
- compare people, places and things, and say what I prefer;
- agree and disagree politely in a discussion;
- write a short biography, a narrative and a text that compares two places.

Now check your test. In which section did you lose most points? Is it the same area that you marked ✗? Choose two things to revise and write a plan in your notebook: *what* (for example, irregular verbs), *how* (flashcards, the exercises of the unit, reading a script aloud) and *when*. The Obiettivi at the start of each unit are the same kind of can-do statement: use them to check your progress.

Soluzioni

1. a 2 (be born) · b 4 (grow up) · c 1 (get married) · d 3 (move house) · e 5 (leave school). (5 pts)

2. a boring · b frightened · c surprising · d excited · e interesting. (5 pts) *-ed = come si sente una persona; -ing = la cosa che causa la sensazione.*

3. a foggy · b flood · c lightning · d cliff · e valley. (5 pts)

4. a height · b length · c width · d depth · e distance. (5 pts)

5. a went · b saw · c bought · d thought · e took · f wrote. (6 pts)

6. a was waiting … started · b rang … was cooking · c was doing · d were you doing. (6 pts) *Past continuous per l'azione lunga in corso, past simple per l'azione breve che la interrompe.*

7. a Callum didn't (did not) go to Fort William. · b Did Aoife find a fossil? · c They weren't (were not) at home last night. · d Who invented the telephone (in 1876)? (4 pts) *d: domanda sul soggetto, senza did.*

8. a further / farther · b more expensive · c worse · d harder. (4 pts)

9. a the longest · b the most interesting · c as high as · d old enough. (4 pts)

10. a I was born in 2011. · b Yesterday I played tennis. · c Did you see the storm last night? · d My sister is taller than me (than I am). · e When the phone rang, I was sleeping. · f It's the biggest city in the world. (6 pts)

11. a F (the sea was calm and the sun was shining) · b T · c F (there is no wall) · d F (she stayed at home: they phoned her, and she told them to find a B&B) · e T · f DS. (6 pts)

12. a Because the sea was calm and the sun was shining (it was a warm, sunny day). · b To go near the edge of the cliff, where Ciarán was lying. · c Because the last ferry was cancelled because of the bad weather. · d She gave them hot soup and lent them three of her son's old jumpers (and a room for the night). (4 × 2 pts: 1 pt for the information, 1 pt for a clear, correct answer)

13. a harbour · b hired · c howling. (3 pts)

14. B. (3 pts)

15. B (she studied for the history test at Aoife's). **16.** C. **17.** D. **18.** A. **19.** C. (5 × 2 pts)

20. Model answer (about 100 words): *It was a cold, dark evening, and the wind was blowing hard. I was walking home from my friend's house, and people were hurrying along the street with their umbrellas. Suddenly, while I was crossing the park, I heard a strange noise behind a tree. I was terrified! It was the darkest and quietest part of the park. I turned round slowly and saw… a small black dog. It was shaking with cold. First I looked at its collar, and then I phoned the number on it. In the end the owner came and took it home. She was happier than anyone!*

Marking grid (20 pts). Content (8): 2 pts for each of the four points. Organisation (4): clear beginning, problem and ending (2), time linkers used correctly (2). Grammar (4): past simple vs past continuous with *when / while*, correct comparatives and superlatives; take off 1 pt for every three mistakes that make reading harder, minimum 0. Vocabulary and spelling (4): 4 = varied and accurate (weather, feelings, *-ed / -ing* adjectives); 2 = basic but clear; 0–1 = many errors. Texts under 60 words: maximum 10 pts in total.