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TEST – English2 – Intermediate Group

I. Reading: read the text and mark **True or False** at the end!

Consider the life of the unfortunate New York taxi driver. Outside in the streets of the city, there is an urban war going on, and if the cab driver is both to survive and to make money in the middle of all this he has to ensure he picks up neither the warriors nor the wounded.

Inside his cab, protected by all kinds of anti-mugging armour, he sits alone and ignored while life goes on in his back seat.

Ryan Weideman was a photographer in waiting, driving a New York cab to make a living but frustrated at not being able to pursue the career he wanted. He soon found a solution: turning his cab into a studio. At first he took photographs of just his passengers but then, as he became more confident, he started to include himself in the shots.

“Photography was a way of loosening up things. When I got in the photograph it was really like breaking down the partition in the cab. I could join in, people would invite me to the night club with them... a guy on his way to his wedding stopped off at the liquor store to buy me a bottle of champagne.”

Weideman, aged 48, drove cabs and took photographs for nine years, ever since coming to the big city from California. Occasionally, he would shoot before asking, but usually asked his customers, and very seldom did New Yorkers refuse to have their picture taken. The passengers didn't even get a free ride for their trouble.

Weideman is not driving cabs at the moment. Last year he was involved in a bad accident and is still recovering. He was not taking photographs at the time.

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| 1. Weideman went to New York nine years ago. | T - F |
| 2. He became a taxi driver because he could not find a job in his own field. | T - F |
| 3. He cannot help occasionally using his gun to control violent passengers. | T - F |
| 4. He managed to combine his job with his favourite pastime. | T - F |
| 5. Most people do not like having their pictures taken. | T - F |
| 6. Therefore, Weideman would use a hidden camera to take photos of people. | T - F |
| 7. He had an accident while taking photos of his passengers. | T - F |

II. Find the mistake(s) in the sentences and correct them!

- I really love listening good music. _____
- She was so tired that she laid on the bed for half an hour. _____
- Can we hire a house instead of a flat? _____
- We have never were to Canada. _____
- English grammar can be very confused. _____
- He's been depressing since his wife left. _____

III. Give the past simple and past participle forms of the verbs! For ex.: *get – got – got* .

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| 1. have - _____ | 11. run - _____ |
| 2. cost - _____ | 12. eat - _____ |
| 3. find - _____ | 13. dig - _____ |
| 4. know - _____ | 14. begin - _____ |
| 5. make - _____ | 15. fall - _____ |
| 6. lose - _____ | 16. bring - _____ |
| 7. become - _____ | 17. feel - _____ |
| 8. break - _____ | 18. hear - _____ |
| 9. drive - _____ | 19. fly - _____ |
| 10. cut - _____ | 20. read - _____ |

IV. Fill in the gaps with the correct forms of the verbs! Choose from these tenses: **past simple, past continuous, present perfect and present perfect continuous!**

1. I (rush) to a meeting and so I (forget) to take my keys.
2. We (not meet) for 2 years! How (be) ?
3. She (not recognise) me because I (not wear) glasses.
4. They (not visit) us yet.
5. She (have) a baby last year so she (decide) to take a break from work.
6. You (be) on and off work for 3 years now! How (cope) ?
7. I (do) this hobby for 10 years now and I still love it!

V. Writing: you bought an item and only realised at home that it was broken. Write a letter of complaint saying what you had bought, how much it had cost and what had happened. Ask for your money back – or at least, for the item to be changed (max. 200 words).

VI. Listening: listen to the news report! Are the following sentences *True or False*?

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| 1. Someone died. | T - F |
| 2. A parachute did not open properly. | T - F |
| 3. Two people broke their bones. | T - F |
| 4. The man has terrible injuries, the woman is less seriously injured. | T - F |
| 5. It was the woman's first parachute jump. | T - F |
| 6. The woman wants to do a parachute jump again. | T - F |

Extra point:

What were the man and the woman on when they did the parachute jump?

They were on