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Part One – Grammar (Possessive Nouns, Phrasal Verbs, Comparative Adjectives)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word for the blank space from the options provided.

Last month, my family stayed in a small **hotel** near the city centre. The **(1) hotel's kitchen / hotel kitchen / hotels kitchen** was very modern and had a fridge, microwave, oven, toaster, and even a coffee machine.

My parents said the **(2) kitchen design / kitchen's design / kitchens design** was much **(3) simple than / simpler than / simplest than** our kitchen at home, and it was easier **(4) to tidy / tidy / tidying** after meals because there was a dishwasher and a washing machine.

Every morning, we had **(5) to get up early / get up early / getting up early** so we could **(6) visit the city / to visit the city / visiting the city**. The streets were bright and colourful, and some buildings were **(7) more colourful than / colourfuller than / most colourful than** the ones in our neighbourhood.

Our room had a **balcony** that looked over a small **garden**, which was part of the **(8) family's hotel / families hotel / familys hotel**. The flowers were **colourful** and **(9) brighter than / bright than / brightest than** the plants near our house.

In the evenings, my sister preferred **(10) to study / study / studying**, while I found it more helpful **(11) to study / study / studying** my notes in a clean and simple space. Before going to sleep, we remembered **(12) to tidy / tidy / tidying** the room so it stayed tidy.

[12 x 2 = 24]

Part Two – Reading

Read the passage carefully before choosing the correct answer.

Maya's New Room

Last week, Maya moved to a smaller room upstairs. Her new space is clean and quiet. Her books are kept on a shelf above her desk. Her clothes are kept in a tidy wardrobe near the window. She can study better here. No one draws in her diary or plays with her watercolours. Now, she can enjoy reading without anyone stopping her.

Before this, Maya shared a larger room with her two six-year-old sisters, Dana and Reem. The room was full of toys and children's books. Maya enjoyed telling them stories and playing games with them. They made her laugh and gave her big hugs

every night. But she always had to clean Dana and Reem's toys up after them.

Sometimes, she could not finish her homework.

At night, Maya closes her door and sits on her bed. Her new room feels too quiet without Dana and Reem laughing and jumping on her bed. Suddenly, there is some noise outside her door. Maya opens it. It is Dana and Reem, carrying pillows and their favourite storybook. "Surprise! We're spending the night in your room!" they say. Maya laughs. Her new room will not always be quiet after all.

1. Where is Maya's new room located?

- A) Downstairs near the living room
- B) Upstairs
- C) Next to her sisters' room

2. Why can Maya study better in her new room?

- A) It is larger and full of toys
- B) It is clean and quiet
- C) Her sisters help her study

3. What problem did Maya often have in her old room?

- A) She felt lonely
- B) She had to clean her sisters' toys and could not finish homework
- C) She could not find her books

4. The word "tidy" in paragraph 1 most nearly means:

- A) Messy
- B) Neat and organised
- C) Old and broken

5. How did Maya feel about sharing a room with Dana and Reem before moving?

- A) She disliked it completely
- B) She enjoyed it but found it difficult sometimes
- C) She was always unhappy

6. What does the quiet in Maya's new room suggest about her feelings at night?

- A) She feels relaxed and sleepy
- B) She misses her sisters
- C) She is scared to be alone

7. Why do Dana and Reem come to Maya's room at the end of the story?

- A) They want Maya to read to them
- B) They are told to sleep there by their parents
- C) They want to spend time with Maya

8. What can the reader predict about Maya's room in the future?

- A) It will always stay quiet
- B) Maya will move back to the old room
- C) It will sometimes be noisy and shared

9. What is the main message of the story?

- A) Having your own space is better than sharing
- B) Change can bring both comfort and new challenges
- C) Sisters should always sleep in the same room

[9 x 2 = 18]

Part Three – Reading

Read the passage carefully before choosing the correct answer.

Dubai Safari Park

Welcome to Dubai Safari Park, young visitors! My name is Salem, and I'll be your guide today. We will explore this amazing park, which is home to more than 3,000 animals living in six different zones. You are welcome to take photos and notes. Now, let's begin!

Our first stop is the Arabian Village. Look closely at the oryx. They are a little taller than gazelles and have longer horns. In the desert, they're herbivores and they usually eat early in the morning and later in the afternoon to avoid the heat. Here, they are provided with shade and water throughout the day. Can you see the cute baby oryx over there? He is one month old and weighs 20 kilograms.

Next, we arrive at the African Village. Take a look at these huge African elephants! They are larger and heavier than Asian elephants. They can eat up to 180 kilograms

of grass a day and may live for up to 70 years. To cool down, they like to stay near water pools. Watch how they spray water over their bodies using their long trunks. Isn't that amazing?

Now, we are reaching Gorilla House in Explorer Village. Look at that strong gorilla climbing the trees. Adult gorillas can weigh up to 200 kilograms. They eat plants. Unfortunately, many of these amazing animals are in danger because forests around the world are disappearing. Before we see the lions, let's stop for a picnic near the lake.

1. Who is Salem in the passage?
 - A) A visitor exploring the park
 - B) A guide leading the tour
 - C) A scientist studying animals
2. How many animals live in Dubai Safari Park?
 - A) Around 1,000
 - B) About 2,000
 - C) More than 3,000
3. Why do oryx usually eat early in the morning and late in the afternoon?
 - A) They prefer eating alone
 - B) To avoid the extreme heat of the desert
 - C) Their food is only available at those times
4. What does the word "herbivores" most nearly mean as used in the passage?
 - A) Animals that eat plants
 - B) Animals that eat other animals
 - C) Animals that eat both plants and meat
5. How do African elephants cool themselves according to the text?
 - A) By resting under trees
 - B) By staying near water and spraying it on their bodies
 - C) By eating less food during the day
6. What connection can be made between the elephants and the gorillas in the passage?
 - A) Both animals depend on natural environments to survive
 - B) Both animals live in the same village
 - C) Both animals eat the same type of food
7. Why are gorillas described as being "in danger"?
 - A) They are attacked by other animals
 - B) Their forest habitats are disappearing

C) They cannot adapt to zoo environments

8. What can the reader infer about how Dubai Safari Park treats its animals?

A) Animals are left to care for themselves

B) The park tries to protect animals and meet their needs

C) Animals are kept only for entertainment

9. What is most likely to happen next after the picnic near the lake?

A) The tour will end

B) The visitors will see the lions

C) The visitors will return to the entrance