LINGUA INGLESE II (Mediazione Linguistica)

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1. Insert the correct verb forms using the appropriate tenses and any adverbs given in brackets.

Mercury (be) _____ a small, rocky planet. It (visit) _____ by the Mariner 10 spacecraft. Mariner 10 (map) _____ about half of Mercury's surface.

Scientists (think) _____ that there may be volcanic activity on Mercury. They (still study) _____ the information (send) _____ to Earth from the Mariner spacecraft (make) _____ sure. The temperature on Mercury (range) _____ from 90°K (Kelvin) to 700°K. It (once believe) _____ that there (be) _____ no water on Mercury, but this (turn) _____ out (be) _____ false. Recent radar information (show) _____ evidence of ice at Mercury's north pole. The ice (not melt) _____ because it (protect) _____ from the Sun's heat by the shadows of some craters. Unlike many of the other planets, Mercury (have) _____ no moons.

In Roman mythology Mercury (be) _____ the god of commerce, travel and thievery. Mercury (also know) _____ as Hermes, the messenger of the gods, in Greek mythology. The planet probably (receive) _____ this name because it (move) _____ so quickly across the sky.

One of Mercury's largest features (call) _____ the *Caloris Basin.* It is about 1300 km across! It (probably create) _____ by a very large crash early in the history of the solar system.

2. Find the word(s) that can fill each blank as in the example: An out-_____-date document. → An out-*of*-date document.

A bunch of forget-_____-nots. The Commander-_____-Chief of the Army. I like Rhythm-_____-Blues. A never-_____-forgotten experience. A do-_____-yourself kit. A sixty-_____-old lady. An out-_____-way place. A one-_____-one correspondence.

3. Pronunciation.

a) *Had* is to *head* as *and* is to _____. *Lick* is to *leek* as *mitt* is to _____ and _____. *Warm* is to *worm* as *four* is to _____ and _____. *Bit* is to *sit* as *bent* is to _____, _____ and _____.

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b) *Made* is to *maid* as *I'll* is to _____ and _____. *Fisher* is to *fissure* as *dew* is to _____. *In* is to *inn* as *write* is to _____. *Why* is to *Y* as *gee* is to _____.

c) /swi:t/ is the pronunciation of *sweet* ☐, *suite* ☐, both ☐, neither ☐.

/'kɒrekt/ is the pronunciation of *correct* (adj.) ☐, *correct* (v.) ☐, both ☐, neither ☐.

/si:s/ is the pronunciation of *seas/sees* ☐, *cease* ☐, both ☐, neither ☐.

How's and *house* can be homophones: true ☐, false ☐.

/ðə temz/ is the name of an English river: true ☐, false ☐. If *true*, which one? _____

4. Fill each space with a word *in its right form*:

bough; massive; angle; convulsive; pant; claw; fascinate; snarl; socket; headlong

When two straight lines meet at a point, they are said to form an _____.

The dog _____ when I took its bone away.

He put the plug in the _____ on the wall, and turned on the electric fire.

After giving a few _____ movements, the animal lay still.

They say that a snake can _____ a bird, but I have never seen such a thing.

After sawing through the trunk of the tree, the gardener sat down _____.

The climber fell _____ from the cliffs into the sea.

The earthquake destroyed all but the most _____ buildings.

'Merrily, merrily shall I live now
Under the blossom that hangs on the _____' (Shakespeare)

The angry cat scratched Peter with its _____.

5. Write about why some people hate weekends. Penalties for exceeding the 10 lines!

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