Tenses revision A

*Put the verbs in brackets in a suitable tense. Change the word order, if necessary.*

***Present tenses (Present Simple/ Present Continuous/Present Perfect Simple/Present Perfect Continuous)***

I. The number of women working in the UK (rise)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ steadily for several decades. In the mid-1960s, around 42% of women of working age were in employment; in the late 1990s, this number increased to nearly 70%. Today, women actually (overtake)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ men in the job market – men never (be)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in such a position before and it now (appear)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be affecting the way they (view)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their role in life.

This phenomenon (spread)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rapidly around the world. The number of working women in the labour force in China (increase)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from 49% in 1990 to 65% today. At the other extreme, only about 10% of women in Iraq and Saudi Arabia currently (work)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Although their number (increase)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , only 3% of the directors of the UK’s top 1,500 companies are female. Moreover, despite the fact that women (make)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_progress in areas such as child-care and increased flexibility in working hours, they still (face)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_strong discrimination. Tina Knight, who (has)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ various jobs in industry and is now chair of Women Into Business, currently (lobby)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Parliament on these issues. „One big mistake that successful women (make)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,“ says Tina, „is to try to shut men out. We have to work alongside each other.“

II.

1. This film (be)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ great! It (have)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_an all-star cast and the script (be)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very funny.The action (begin)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when two young men (try)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to rob a bank…
2. A sports commentary: McFee (pass)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Franklyn. Franklyn (make)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a quick pass to Booth. Booth is away with the ball, but he (lose)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his advantage.

1. So that’s how it happened: I (drive)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_along this country road and I’m completely lost. Then I (see)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this old fellow. He (lean)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against a gate. I (stop)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the car and (ask)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him the way. He (think)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a bit, then

(say)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, „Well, if I were you, I wouldn’t start from here.“

1. I (not understand)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_why he (be)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so selfish, he (not be)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ususally like this.
2. How much money she (owe)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you?
3. These days, it (seem)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everything (change)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Cities (become)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bigger and busier every day and technology (develop)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_faster than ever before.
4. „I’ve left the lights on again.“ „Typical! You always (leave)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the lights on.“
5. Jack (be)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very nice to me at the moment; I wonder why.
6. There (go)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our bus – we’ll have to wait for the next one.
7. „How I (get)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the station?“ „You (go)\_\_\_\_\_ straight on to the traffic lights, then you (turn)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_left.
8. Normally I (finish)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ work at 5:00, but this week I (leave)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ work at 7:00 so as to be ready with my project till Monday.