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Vocab: Time

For each of the six questions choose the one correct answer.

1. You can say the following time in different ways. But which of the following is NOT possible? 'My plane leaves at 22:15'
 - a. ten fifteen
 - b. quarter past ten
 - c. fifteen past ten
 - d. twenty-two fifteen

2. I won't be able to come to class, I've got an interview for MacDonalds _____ 6 o'clock.
 - a. at
 - b. in
 - c. to
 - d. for

3. Do you want to come swimming _____ Saturday?
 - a. at
 - b. in
 - c. to
 - d. on

4. Which is the odd one out? The exam will start at 3 o'clock _____ - so don't be late!
 - a. on the dot
 - b. sharp
 - c. or thereabouts
 - d. exactly

5. How long does the film _____? I have to be home by ten.
 - a. run
 - b. durate
 - c. pass
 - d. last

6. The police arrived _____, the robbers had disappeared.
 - a. just in time
 - b. in the nick of time
 - c. at the last minute
 - d. too late

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Answers:

1. You can say the following time in different ways. But which of the following is NOT possible? 'My plane leaves at 22:15'
 - a. ten fifteen - 'My plane leaves at 22:15 (ten fifteen)' is correct.
 - b. quarter past ten - 'My plane leaves at 22:15 (quarter past ten)' is correct.
 - c. fifteen past ten - 'fifteen past ten' is not correct – you can say 'ten fifteen' or 'quarter past ten'. It is the correct answer**
 - d. twenty-two fifteen - 'My plane leaves at 22:15 (twenty-two fifteen)' is correct

2. I won't be able to come to class, I've got an interview for MacDonalds _____ 6 o'clock.
 - a. at - With specific times we use preposition 'at'. Correct**
 - b. in - With specific times we don't use preposition 'in'
 - c. to - With specific times we don't use preposition 'to'
 - d. for - With specific times we don't use preposition 'for'

3. Do you want to come swimming _____ Saturday?
 - a. at - With days of the week, we don't use 'at'
 - b. in - With days of the week, we don't use 'in'
 - c. to - With days of the week, we don't use 'to'
 - d. on - With days of the week, we use 'on'. Correct**

4. Which is the odd one out? The exam will start at 3 o'clock _____ - so don't be late!
 - a. on the dot - Which word or expression doesn't mean 'exactly'?
 - b. sharp - Which word or expression doesn't mean 'exactly'?
 - c. or thereabouts - The other words and expressions mean exactly – 'or thereabouts' means roughly (not exactly). Correct**
 - d. exactly - Which word or expression doesn't mean 'exactly'?

5. How long does the film _____? I have to be home by ten.
 - a. run - A film runs every day for 2 or 3 weeks.
 - b. durate - 'Durate' doesn't exist as a verb, only the noun 'duration' exists.
 - c. pass - 'Pass' is not the correct answer.
 - d. last - 'How long does it last?' is the answer. Correct**

6. The police arrived _____, the robbers had disappeared.
 - a. just in time - This idiom means the police arrived early enough to catch the criminals – in fact they were too late.
 - b. in the nick of time - This idiom means the police arrived early enough to catch the criminals – in fact they were too late.
 - c. at the last minute - This idiom means the police arrived early enough to catch the criminals – in fact they were too late.
 - d. too late - The idioms mean the police arrived early enough to catch the criminals – in fact they were too late.**