



Advanced Future Tenses — B2 exercises

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Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 23

A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

- Look at those clouds over the ridge — it ____ before we reach the car.
A) will rain B) is going to rain C) rains D) will be raining
- Don't worry about the invoice — I ____ it this afternoon.
A) am going to sort B) sort C) will sort D) will have sorted
- I can't make Thursday — I ____ the auditors at nine.
A) will meet B) meet C) am meeting D) will be met
- The financial year ____ on the thirty-first of March, whatever anyone would prefer.
A) will end B) is ending C) ends D) is going to end
- By the end of the third quarter we ____ every account onto the new platform.
A) will migrate B) will have migrated C) will be migrating D) are migrating
- This time next week I ____ on a beach with no laptop anywhere near me.
A) will lie B) will have lain C) will be lying D) lie
- In November she ____ for the same department for twenty-five years.
A) will work B) will have been working C) will be working D) is working
- The Secretary of State ____ visit the plant on Monday morning.
A) is to B) will be C) is going D) would
- Which question is the more diplomatic way to ask about someone's plans?
A) Will you use the meeting room this afternoon?
B) Will you be using the meeting room this afternoon?
C) Are you going to use the meeting room this afternoon?
D) Do you use the meeting room this afternoon?
- We ____ appoint internally. I think it ____ be Petra.
A) will / is going to B) are going to / will C) are going to / is going to D) will / will

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

- By this time tomorrow the results _____ have been announced to the press.
- I'm afraid I can't help on Friday — I _____ flying to Copenhagen first thing.

3. Give me the file and I _____ take a look at it over the weekend.
4. She's _____ to hand in her notice; she told me last week she had already written it.
5. The ferry _____ at seven forty every morning except in bad weather.
6. At eleven o'clock tomorrow I _____ be sitting an exam, so please don't ring.
7. We _____ have finished the accounts by the time the auditors get here.
8. The minister _____ to address the conference on Thursday afternoon.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. will / finalised / have / budget. / then / we / By / the

Close an action before a future deadline.

2. at / I / ten / will / be / on / Thursday. / presenting

Say what you will be in the middle of at a future hour.

3. whole / the / are / restructure / going / to / They / department.

Report a decision that has already been taken.

4. regardless / quarter / on / of / ends / The / backlog. / the / Friday

State a fixed date nobody can move.

5. here / will / five / May / been / have / I / years. / By

Measure a stretch of time ending at a future point.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **B) is going to rain** — A prediction based on evidence you can point to takes going to rather than will.
2. **C) will sort** — A decision taken at the moment of speaking, in response to what was just said, takes will.
3. **C) am meeting** — A fixed arrangement already agreed with other people takes the present continuous.
4. **C) ends** — A timetabled event outside anyone's control takes the present simple.
5. **B) will have migrated** — By plus a future point with a completed action is the future perfect.
6. **C) will be lying** — An action in progress at a stated future moment takes the future continuous.
7. **B) will have been working** — Duration measured up to a future point takes the future perfect continuous.
8. **A) is to** — Is to plus the infinitive is the formal register used for official arrangements.
9. **B) Will you be using the meeting room this afternoon?** — The future continuous asks about an expected fact rather than making a request of the listener.
10. **B) are going to / will** — The settled plan takes going to; the personal guess with no evidence takes will.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **will** — The future perfect passive is will plus have been plus the past participle.
2. **am** — A booked arrangement takes the present continuous, so the auxiliary is am.
3. **will** — An offer made in response to the moment takes will rather than a planned form.
4. **going** — Going to reports an intention that was formed before the conversation.
5. **leaves** — A published timetable takes the present simple, however far ahead it is.
6. **will** — The future continuous is will plus be plus the -ing form.
7. **will** — A future action completed before another future event takes the future perfect.
8. **is** — Is to plus the infinitive announces an official arrangement in a formal register.

C. Sentence building

1. **By then we will have finalised the budget.**
2. **I will be presenting at ten on Thursday.**
3. **They are going to restructure the whole department.**
4. **The quarter ends on Friday regardless of the backlog.**
5. **By May I will have been here five years.**