Direct and Indirect Speech

A. Multiple Choice Questions

- 1. What is the part outside the quotation marks in direct speech called?
 - (a) Quoted speech
- (b) Verb clause
- (c) Reporting verb
- (d) Pronoun clause
- 2. Which of the following is the correct indirect speech for:
 - "She said, 'I am learning Spanish.""?
 - (a) She said that she learns Spanish.
 - (b) She said that she was learning Spanish.
 - (c) She said she had learnt Spanish.
 - (d) She said she is learning Spanish.
- 3. What does "today" become in indirect speech?
 - (a) that time
- (b) now
- (c) then
- (d) that day

4. What is the indirect speech of:

"He said, 'Can you help me?'"

- (a) He asked if you can help him.
- (b) He asked whether I help him.
- (c) He asked if I could help him.
- (d) He asked I to help him.

5. Identify the correct transformation for:

"The teacher said, 'The earth moves around the sun.'"

- (a) The teacher said that the earth moved around the sun.
- (b) The teacher said that the earth is moving around the sun.
- (c) The teacher said that the earth had moved around the sun.
- (d) The teacher said that the earth moves around the sun.

B. Match the Following;

Match the direct speech with its correct indirect version:

A (Direct Speech)	B (Indirect Speech)
1. He said, "I have finished the task."	(a) He asked where I had
	gone.
2. She said, "Where have you been?"	(b) She wished that he might
	live long.
3. They said, "Long live the king!"	(c) He said that he had
	finished the task.

A (Direct Speech)	B (Indirect Speech)
4. He said, "What a beautiful garden!"	He exclaimed that the garden was very beautiful.
Short Answer Type Questions	
Convert the following sentences as directed:	
6. Direct to Indirect:	
She said, "I am tired."	
→	
7. Indirect to Direct:	
I told him that I would visit him the next day.	
→	
8. Convert to indirect speech:	
The doctor said, "Take your medicine."	
<i>→</i>	
9. Convert to indirect speech:	
They said, "We are going to the mall now."	
→	
10. Convert to direct speech:	
The girl exclaimed that the painting was very beauti	ful.
→	
11. Convert to direct speech:	
The old man wished that his son might succeed.	

D. Long Answer / Subjective Questions

12. Transform the following into indirect speech:

(a) Radha said, "What are you doing?"

1	(b) He said, "The cat was sleeping on the sofa."
	(c) The teacher said to him, "Please be quiet."
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	→
	→
	13. Answer in brief:
	What are the three main changes made when converting Direct Speech into Indirect Speec
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	→
	→
	14. Write the direct speech for:
	(a) She told me that I was doing well.
	(b) He asked me if I had completed my project.
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	→
	15. Write two examples of each type of speech transformation:
	1 Assertive
	1 Interrogative
	1 Imperative
	1 Optative
	1 Exclamatory
	→
	→
	→
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