

Progress Test 1A

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Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Kate _____ (usually / wear) casual clothes to work.
- 2 Why _____ (you / follow) me? It's really annoying!
- 3 We _____ (not meet) Nicola before the fashion show tonight.
- 4 The conference _____ (begin) at 2 p.m. on Friday.
- 5 My brother _____ (hardly ever / go out) at weekends.
- 6 What _____ (you / fancy) doing this afternoon?
- 7 Fashion _____ (play) an important role in popular culture.

Mark ___/7**2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below. There is one verb you do not need.**

believe have mean not need prefer not remember study

- 1 I know we met last year, but I _____ your name. I'm sorry!
- 2 Look! That strange man is here again! _____ you _____ me now?
- 3 What _____ you _____ ? That looks like an interesting book.
- 4 Chris _____ our help. He can finish the job on his own.
- 5 Wearing jeans is OK, but I _____ wearing a skirt.
- 6 Can I call you back later? We _____ breakfast at the moment.

Mark ___/6**3 Choose the correct answers.**

- 1 Don't forget **to watch** / **watching** the film on TV this evening.
- 2 I can't stand **to wear** / **wearing** nylon clothes. I'm allergic to synthetic materials.
- 3 Some celebrities don't want **to live** / **living** outside the public eye.
- 4 The film was so sad. I feel like **to cry** / **crying**.
- 5 The star managed **to avoid** / **avoiding** problems with the paparazzi.
- 6 Anna said she would come for a week, but she ended up **to stay** / **staying** two more.
- 7 I'm in a hurry. I can't stop **to have** / **having** a chat now.

Mark ___/7

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one word you do not need.

baggy cute high-heeled plain scruffy trendy

- 1 I hate wearing _____ shoes. They're really uncomfortable.
- 2 My dad never wears tight trousers. He prefers _____ ones!
- 3 Don't go to a job interview in _____ clothes. Wear something smart but comfortable.
- 4 Angie doesn't like patterns. She prefers _____ clothes.
- 5 I bought my tracksuit years ago, but bright green is not _____ any more.

Mark ___/5

5 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I bought a new laptop last week, but I was **uncomfortable / dissatisfied** with it, so I took it back to the shop.
- 2 Laura and Mike are **irreversible / inseparable**. They rarely spend more than a few hours apart.
- 3 Did you paint this beautiful picture? It looks absolutely **incredible / unusual**!
- 4 You can't leave children on their own in a kitchen. It's **illogical / irresponsible**.
- 5 I can't do this exercise. It's simply **impossible / unable**.

Mark ___/5

6 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Do you prefer wearing short or **full-length / long-sleeved** skirts?
- 2 Sian refuses to wear anything made from animals – no **velvet / fur** and no leather!
- 3 In summer I often wear **cotton / short-sleeved** trousers.
- 4 Kelly's got a small, **shiny / loose** clutch bag.
- 5 You can't wear two different earrings! You need **gaudy / matching** ones.
- 6 The man **in / of** the black suit is my uncle.
- 7 You look as **like / though** you've seen a ghost!
- 8 That fluffy, spotty jacket looks **awful / awfully**!
- 9 My brother looks a bit **like / as** George Clooney.
- 10 You don't look **like / –** very excited about the fashion show.

Mark ___/10

Use of English

7 Complete the text with the correct form of the words given.

Some of the most ¹ _____ (elegance) fashions are on display every year on the French Riviera, at the Cannes Film Festival. And this year is no different. Right now, Hollywood celebrities ² _____ (wear) beautiful dresses inspired by the sea.

These have a dramatic fish-tail shape, which is tight around the waist and hips, but then gets wider from the knee and finishes with a beautiful, long, flowing train, similar to a wedding dress. These fish-tail style dresses, which were first popular during the Hollywood golden era, seemed ³ _____ (be) making a comeback at the Golden Globes film ceremony in January, when many actresses decided ⁴ _____ (choose) the style.

The style is quite ⁵ _____ (fashion) as it dates back to the late nineteenth century, when a British designer made dresses with an ⁶ _____ (conventional) shape, which touched the top of the feet at the front and flowed along the ground at the back. During the 1950s, it became the design that stars like Marilyn Monroe enjoyed ⁷ _____ (show off) their curves in.

‘After years of women being expected ⁸ _____ (fit) into pencil-thin dresses, a more womanly shape is returning in Hollywood,’ says fashion expert Clare Adams. ‘Currently, fashion ⁹ _____ (react) to today’s changing attitudes with dresses such as the ¹⁰ _____ (style) fish-tail design we see this year in Cannes.’

Mark ____/10

Listening

8 Listen to five people talking about surveillance. Match the speakers (1–5) with the statements (A–F). There is one statement that you do not need.

Speaker 1 _____

Speaker 2 _____

Speaker 3 _____

Speaker 4 _____

Speaker 5 _____

- A This person thinks that cameras are not the most effective way to stop crime.
- B This person accepts that CCTV cameras are necessary in certain situations.
- C This person believes that CCTV cameras are a threat to our personal freedom.
- D This person doesn’t feel like he/she can escape from CCTV surveillance.
- E This person thinks that public places don’t have enough CCTV cameras.
- F This person is happy to give up some of his/her privacy for a feeling of security.

Mark ____/5

Reading

9 Read the text. Choose the correct answers.

A blind date

Can you imagine what life would be like if you couldn't see? At a new exhibition, you can experience the world using your other senses: touch, hearing, smell, taste and sense of balance to 'see' without using your eyes. Learn to understand beauty in a totally new way! Find out what things look like when you are not looking at all!

At the Invisible Exhibition, you can learn about the practical aspects of being blind. Try out useful devices that make life easier for visually-impaired people, such as talking clocks, Braille typewriters, and computer screen reading software. Have a go at crossing the road using a walking stick with a sensor. Experience what it is like to do your shopping without seeing what you are buying, or build first impressions of a person based on their voice and tone, not on their appearance.

But there is more to life than practicality! The Exhibition also allows you to explore art: touch sculptures, hear descriptions of paintings and photographs, and listen to music in complete darkness. Experience what it feels like to have dinner in the dark. Spend an evening at the Invisible Restaurant: eat in a relaxed atmosphere, surrounded by the tastes and smells of a delicious meal, and the sounds of good conversation and quiet music. Bring someone on a real blind date – and show them a world they have never 'seen' before.

To book tickets for the exhibition or a table for dinner (Thursdays only), call 020 771 4236. Allow 90 minutes for the exhibition, and around three hours for dinner.

Exhibition runs from Saturday 9th April until 3rd September.

Prices: Exhibition €5; two-course dinner €16; four-course dinner €22. Download the menu on our website.

1 The new exhibition allows people to

- a experience the world using all of their primary senses.
- b understand how much we rely on our sight.
- c experience the power of senses other than sight.
- d see details that they may have overlooked.

2 The exhibition is designed

- a to demonstrate innovations which help people in their everyday lives.
- b for blind people to socialise and meet other blind people.
- c to help sighted people understand what life is like for blind people.
- d to allow more people to experience culture and art.

3 When you explore art at the exhibition, you

- a can only use your sense of touch.
- b can listen to artists talking about their sculptures.
- c can feel objects and listen to people talking about pictures.
- d can compare experiences in light and in darkness.

- 4 At the restaurant, you
- a can have conversations with blind people.
 - b can choose the dishes you want by tasting them first.
 - c must book a table for two.
 - d can choose between two different menus.
- 5 The purpose of the text is to
- a inform people about a permanent museum display.
 - b encourage people to sympathise with people who have disabilities.
 - c advertise a new and stimulating experience.
 - d give a review of an unusual restaurant.

Mark __/5

Writing

10 Write a letter (120–150 words) to your English-speaking penfriend about what you wear:

- Write about what you wear to school on a weekday and what you wear in your free time.
- Describe your favourite outfit and why you like it.
- Give examples of what young people in your country like to wear.
- Ask your friend about his/her views on fashion for young people.

Mark __/10

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Progress Test 2A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple, past continuous or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 It was a beautiful morning. The sun _____ (shine) and the world was bright.
- 2 Who _____ you _____ (talk) to when I saw you last night? She looked familiar.
- 3 I spent the afternoon listening to Rick's songs, but I _____ (not like) them.
- 4 Jason _____ (play) in a band called Flotsam & Jetsam before he joined Metallica.
- 5 Vicky didn't want to see the film because she _____ (see) it before.
- 6 David picked up the phone and _____ (call) his best friend.
- 7 While we were watching the concert, it _____ (stop) raining.
- 8 A lot of snow _____ (fall) yesterday, but it's warmer today.
- 9 Caitlin and Ryan _____ (know) each other for years before they became a couple.
- 10 The musicians _____ (prepare) to go on stage when it started to rain.

Mark ___/10

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* and the verbs below. There is one verb that you do not need.

be build like live play speak

- 1 _____ you _____ beach volleyball every weekend when you lived by the sea?
- 2 Kate and Patrick _____ on the phone every night, but they're not friends anymore.
- 3 Ellie _____ karate when she was younger, but she trains every day now.
- 4 Shenzhen _____ a small town, but it is now one of the largest cities in Asia.
- 5 _____ Fabienne _____ in the UK? She sounds English, not French.

Mark ___/5

3 Complete the sentences. Use *How*, *That* or *What a*.

- 1 Did you buy your netbook for €700? _____ was a mistake! It's on sale at Technoworld.
- 2 Four days on a bus with no air conditioning? _____ terrible experience!
- 3 Did you really see Orlando Bloom? _____ exciting!
- 4 'She lost her winning lottery ticket.' ' _____ was unlucky!'
- 5 'Do you know Kay and George?' 'Yes, I do. _____ nice couple!'

Mark ___/5

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1 When we were children, my brother was scared _____ the dark.
- 2 I'm confused _____ this invitation. It says the party is on Sunday 24th, but Sunday is the 22nd!
- 3 I didn't tell her the truth, and I still feel guilty _____ that.
- 4 Joan is fed up _____ all the late-night phone calls she's getting.
- 5 What achievement are you most proud _____ ?
- 6 Chris was quite pleased _____ his exam results last term.
- 7 Nicki is still feeling ashamed _____ her behaviour at the party last weekend.
- 8 Are you nervous _____ the concert tomorrow? I'm sure you'll be great!
- 9 I'm not usually jealous _____ other people's success.

Mark __/9

5 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. There is one verb that you do not need.

doubt memorise realise recall recognise remind solve

- 1 I didn't _____ John when he came up to me. He looks different with a beard.
- 2 When Sarah sees him, she'll immediately _____ that something is wrong.
- 3 I often find it difficult to _____ long poems. I have to read them again and again.
- 4 I asked my sister to _____ me to buy a birthday present for Mum.
- 5 Grandfather can _____ the *Times* crossword puzzle in a few minutes.
- 6 The weather forecast says it's going to rain, but I _____ it. There are no clouds in the sky.

Mark __/6

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 The film we saw wasn't very _____. My sister actually fell asleep. (excite)
- 2 'What's wrong? You look _____. 'I think I've lost my wallet.' (worry)
- 3 The directions she had given us were _____, so we got lost. (confuse)
- 4 Did he really say you were ugly? I'm _____! (shock)
- 5 Which film did you find more _____, *Alien* or *Saw*? (frighten)

Mark __/5

Use of English

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In the past, I ¹ _____ be really keen on motorbikes, and one summer, when I was seventeen, a biker friend ² _____ me to join him at a motorbike festival in Wales. He said that we could camp at the festival and that he had plenty of room in his tent for me.

We got up early on the Saturday morning and got on our motorbikes for the five-hour drive to Wales. My bike was going well ³ _____ first, but then it ⁴ _____ broke down. I ⁵ _____ that I didn't have enough petrol in my bike before we left home. I had to push my bike to the next petrol station, which was about three miles away! After about an hour, we reached the petrol station and filled up my bike! Then we continued on our long journey to the festival.

When we turned ⁶ _____ at the campsite near the festival, it ⁷ _____ hard and really cold. So I was really ⁸ _____ when I found out that my friend's tent was only a two-person tent, and he ⁹ _____ sixteen people to stay in it! Luckily, one of the other people had brought another, larger tent, so there was enough room for us all, ¹⁰ _____ the end!

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 A use | B use to | C used | D used to |
| 2 A had invited | B invited | C was invited | D was inviting |
| 3 A at | B by | C in | D to |
| 4 A initially | B finally | C fortunately | D suddenly |
| 5 A didn't realise | B hadn't realised | C had realised | D realised |
| 6 A down | B into | C out | D up |
| 7 A had rained | B rained | C raining | D was raining |
| 8 A ashamed | B embarrassed | C guilty | D irritated |
| 9 A asked | B had asked | C was asked | D was asking |
| 10 A by | B for | C in | D with |

Mark ____/10

Listening

8  **Listen to an interview with a scientist about memory. Choose the correct answers.**

- 1 When we 'register' a memory, our brain
 - a keeps it in a safe place so it is easier to find.
 - b finds it and recalls it.
 - c saves it in a way that it can process.

- 2 Our short-term memory allows us to remember
 - a a little information for a short period.
 - b a lot of information for a short period.
 - c complicated information, but only for a short period.

- 3 When trying to memorise a long phone number, Dr Willard says we should
 - a repeat the number again and again.
 - b divide the number in smaller parts.
 - c focus on each individual number separately.

- 4 Dr Willard says that we remember an event more clearly if we
 - a have strong feelings associated with it.
 - b focus our thoughts on the details.
 - c try to separate our emotions from it.

- 5 What does Dr Willard say about sleep?
 - a Sleep allows the brain to organise new information.
 - b Sleep is as good as studying through the night for your memory.
 - c Sleep lets the brain sort out positive and negative memories.

Mark ___/5

Reading

9 Complete the text with the missing sentences A–F. There is one sentence you do not need.

100 years of memory and legend

On 10 April 1912, an amazing, imposing new ocean liner steamed out of Southampton Harbour. ¹ ____ She was the largest ship in the world at that time, and the most luxurious. Her passengers included some of the wealthiest people in the world. Everyone agreed this beautiful new ship was the best liner in existence – in fact, she was said to be unsinkable.

The ship's crew had absolute confidence in her. When, four days later, Captain Edward Smith gave his radio-men the order to transmit the international distress signal, SOS, they thought he was joking. He wasn't. At 2.20 a.m. on 15 April 1912, the *Titanic* sank beneath the freezing waters of the Atlantic. ² ____ It is still one of the biggest peacetime maritime tragedies in history.

On 14 April 2012, a passenger ship stopped in the North Atlantic. ³ ____ It was cold and dark. 1,300 passengers stood on deck as a memorial service was held for the people who died there. After hymns and prayers, two wreaths of flowers were thrown into the freezing water.

The story of the *Titanic* has touched and fascinated people for over a century. Mistakes were made that added up to disaster. ⁴ ____ There are records of generosity and courage that saved lives when so many others were lost. Millionaire Benjamin Guggenheim was offered one of the few places in a lifeboat, but said it should be given to a woman or a child, and chose instead to dress for dinner. Someone overheard him say 'We've dressed up in our best and are prepared to go down like gentlemen!' ⁵ ____ The pure drama of the scene means that the legend of the *Titanic* will never be forgotten.

- A Survivors recalled that the lights stayed on and the orchestra was playing until the moment the huge ship sank into the black water.
- B They arrived two hours later, but only 53 people were rescued from the water.
- C It was her first voyage and her destination was New York City – across the Atlantic Ocean.
- D It was twenty to midnight, the exact time that the *Titanic* hit the iceberg 100 years before.
- E For example, the *Titanic*'s radio room received no fewer than seven ice warnings on the night of the tragedy.
- F On that night, over 1,500 people lost their lives.

Mark ____/5

Writing

10 Write a narrative (200–250 words) about the most special day of your life. Include the following information:

- Say when the day was, and describe what the day was like.
- Say what you were doing and what happened during the day.
- Explain why it was so special and memorable for you.
- Describe your feelings on the day, and how you feel about it today.

Mark ____/10

Total: ____/70

Progress Test 3A

Name: _____

Grammar

- 1 Complete each sentence with a different relative pronoun (*which, where, who* and *whose*). Then add commas if the clause is non-defining.**

- 1 My job _____ involves a lot of travelling is quite well paid.
- 2 Andrew _____ is Canadian supervises the football team.
- 3 The school _____ I studied is 100 years old this year.
- 4 Jon _____ wife is Chinese speaks six different languages very well.
- 5 This job is suitable for a person _____ ambition is to become an astronaut.
- 6 The thing _____ I find most stressful about my job is doing paperwork.
- 7 The work _____ we do in our lessons is always fun.

Mark ____/7

- 2 Combine the two sentences to make one complex sentence. Include the information in the second sentence as a non-defining relative clause.**

- 1 I travelled to Newcastle. I was born there in 1996.

- 2 Kelly and Steve got married on Sunday. They moved to Norwich.

- 3 Our neighbours are called Paul and Joanna. Their daughter is in my class.

- 4 Ally is in charge of the sales office. She finds it challenging.

- 5 I work as a telesales operator in a call centre. It is a boring job.

- 6 Twelve people work in this team. They are all reliable.

- 7 Burford is a small town in England. My grandmother lives there.

Mark ____/7

3 Add question tags to the statements.

- 1 They don't think teaching is easy, _____ ?
- 2 You aren't applying for the manager's job, _____ ?
- 3 You weren't doing your homework when she came home, _____ ?
- 4 You won't leave your job, _____ ?
- 5 Peter's been on holiday all week, _____ ?
- 6 Your manager wanted to give you a better job, _____ ? She's very kind!

Mark __/6

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. There is one verb that you do not need.

answer be deal decide do earn serve supervise use

- 1 Is it your responsibility to _____ the customers as quickly as possible in this shop?
- 2 If you're a coal miner, you don't have to _____ with the public at all.
- 3 I hate it when I have to _____ a computer for work.
- 4 Famous footballers _____ more money from advertising than from playing football.
- 5 Nobody wants to _____ in charge of the marketing office.
- 6 We _____ manual work and we like it – it's quite rewarding.
- 7 It is my job to _____ the phone when customers call with questions.
- 8 I'm the manager of a large team so I have to _____ .lots of people.

Mark __/8

5 Read the definitions and complete the names of the jobs.

- 1 A person who works in an office and often writes letters and emails.
s _____
- 2 A person who helps you to look good and feel good.
b _____ t _____
- 3 A person who looks after customers on a plane and gives them food and drink.
f _____ a _____
- 4 A woman who serves food and drink in a restaurant or café.
w _____
- 5 A person who repairs vehicles such as cars and buses.
m _____

Mark __/5

6 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Belinda is _____. She always works hard and completes jobs on time.
a conscientious **b** flexible **c** polite
- 2 I always believe what Michael tells me because he's extremely _____.
a energetic **b** self-motivated **c** trustworthy
- 3 Neil is a good leader and he knows what he is good at. He is really _____.
a confident **b** co-operative **c** creative
- 4 Fran loves working in a team. She's really _____.
a co-operative **b** fit **c** polite
- 5 Jerry can usually think of new ways of doing things. He is very _____.
a creative **b** self-motivated **c** trustworthy
- 6 Do you refuse to let anyone stop you doing what you want to do? Are you _____ ?
a co-operative **b** determined **c** flexible
- 7 Mark always gets so much done in a day. He's really _____.
a creative **b** hard-working **c** thoughtful

Mark ____/7**Use of English****7 Complete the text with an appropriate word in each gap.**

Later this year, sixteen-year-old Kayla Heard will become the youngest graduate from Washington State University. Kayla, ¹ _____ could talk when she was one, graduated from high school when she was ten. However, now she studies at home, ² _____ she accesses her social sciences course through WSU Online.


Hard-working Kayla, ³ _____ parents felt it wouldn't be good to send her to a university while she was still very young, is grateful ⁴ _____ the opportunity to study at home. "I want to continue my education online because of the convenience," Kayla says. "And, ⁵ _____ my view, the classes online are slightly more challenging than the ones at university. Later on, I plan to get a Master's degree when I'm working, so I can get some classroom experience at that time, ⁶ _____ necessary."

Kayla's mother Marlyn, ⁷ _____ knew Kayla was different at an early age, says, "When she was a baby, she respected paper. She didn't tear it up, ⁸ _____ is quite unusual. She looked at the pictures or writing on it, as if she wanted to know what it said. ⁹ _____ the other hand, when my son was a baby, he put the paper in his mouth!"

Kayla has already passed the law school entry test, so she is going to spend the summer applying to different law schools. Kayla, ¹⁰ _____ enjoys travelling and learning about foreign cultures, says she's interested in doing an online course in international law. She also says she wants to work abroad, possibly in Asia.

Mark ____/10

Listening

- 8  Listen to five people talking about their work. Match the speakers with the statements. There is one statement you do not need.

Speaker 1 _____

Speaker 2 _____

Speaker 3 _____

Speaker 4 _____

Speaker 5 _____

A I work alone most of the time.

B My personality helps me to deal with the pressures of the job.

C I am responsible for supervising others.

D I do most of my work online.

E I have a well-paid job.

F I get on well with the people I work with.

Mark ___/5

Reading

9 Read the text. Are the statements true or false?

A degree in *what*?

How many people in the world have a university degree in *enigmatology*? Well, not many. As a matter of fact, the number of enigmatology graduates in the whole world is just one: a man whose job it is to design puzzles for newspapers and magazines.

American Will Shortz is an author and crossword editor. He has worked on over a hundred books, and he owns the world's largest collection of puzzle books and magazines. The oldest title in his collection was published in 1545! And because his work is also his hobby, he has always been interested in learning as much as possible about the subject.

Obviously, because he is the only enigmatologist in the world, there were no university professors who could teach him an established course of studies. He did not go to lectures and classes like his fellow students. Shortz designed his own research programme, which the university accepted, and he completed his course and received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1974.

So the question remains, what exactly is enigmatology? It is the study of puzzles: their types, their history, and their popularity. It's a mixture of history, maths, logic and cultural studies.

There were some people who criticised the university for offering a course in such a strange subject, and they were also critical of Shortz, claiming that he had taken advantage of Indiana University's flexibility. But Shortz has his fans too, such as the former US president Bill Clinton. He sent Shortz a personal note on his 50th birthday because he loves the *New York Times* crossword, which Shortz edits. Shortz has also been a guest on several television shows, including an episode of the famous cartoon *The Simpsons*, and the comedy series *How I Met Your Mother*, where he played himself.

- 1 Shortz's occupation is to write puzzles for university graduates. _____
- 2 Shortz has worked on all the titles in his collection. _____
- 3 Shortz did original research and graduated from an American university. _____
- 4 Some people didn't think enigmatology was an appropriate university course. _____
- 5 Bill Clinton sent Shortz a note on his birthday because they're friends. _____

Mark ___/5

Writing

10 Read the following job advertisement. Write a formal letter (120–150 words) applying for the job. Include the following information:

- Say what job you are applying for and why you are interested in it.
- Describe the skills, qualities or experience you have that make you suitable for the job.
- Ask for further information about working hours, salary and any other details you want to know.
- Say what you are sending together with the letter.

Are you reliable and hard-working?

Would you like to work in an environment where you feel like you're on holiday?

Would you like to find a part-time summer job that's challenging but fun and rewarding?

We are looking for students aged 16–18 to work as supervisors during July and August at our international summer camp.

Your duties will include:

- supervising children aged 10–14
- organising games and activities
- providing camp guests with assistance and information.

Flexible working hours. Good rates of pay. Excellent facilities.

Apply now in writing (with CV) to:

HR Manager

Camp Miramar

24 Beach Road

Whiteport-on-Sea

WP1 0XQ

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Progress Test 4A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple or present perfect simple form of the verbs below.

not eat hear know live meet earn not go not replace post study

- 1 Paul and Jess _____ each other since 2004. They're very good friends.
- 2 I _____ my girlfriend exactly a year ago.
- 3 This year _____ well for me so far.
- 4 'You look upset.' 'I _____ just _____ some terrible news.'
- 5 I _____ some photos on Facebook a few hours ago.
- 6 'Where _____ you _____ when you were a child?' 'In Leeds.'
- 7 My uncle _____ a lot of money in the past few months.
- 8 'Would you like to try these frogs' legs?' 'Yes, please! I _____ them before.'
- 9 In most state schools, healthy food _____ fast-food meals yet.
- 10 I _____ French for four years while I was at secondary school.

Mark ____/10

2 Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Martin _____ (complete) six crossword puzzles since midday.
- 2 Jack, you _____ (play) that computer game for four hours. Please stop!
- 3 'How many times _____ you _____ (read) that book?' 'Four or five times.'
- 4 As far as I can remember, I _____ (love) ice cream all my life!
- 5 My dad still doesn't have a driving licence. He _____ (fail) his driving test ten times!
- 6 'Your face is red. Have you got a temperature?' 'No, I _____ (exercise) at the gym.'
- 7 Jill and Nick _____ (live) in Tokyo for a few months now, and they're still enjoying it.
- 8 We _____ (prepare) all day and most of the evening and we're still not ready.
- 9 Sean and I _____ (know) each other for most of our lives.
- 10 What _____ you _____ (buy) your sister for her birthday?

Mark ____/10

Vocabulary

3 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I told Diane my brother was a famous pop star, but she didn't bat an _____.
a eyelash **b** eyelid **c** eyebrow
- 2 Those boxes are too heavy for Jane. Perhaps you ought to give her a _____.
a hand **b** neck **c** shoulder
- 3 Clive fell and sprained his _____.
a lip **b** ankle **c** sole
- 4 Her _____ are too long. She should cut them.
a palms **b** armpits **c** toenails
- 5 Jess looks great in a dress with a wide belt. She's got a small _____.
a thigh **b** hip **c** waist
- 6 The Brazilian football player scored a goal by kicking the ball with his _____.
a scalp **b** calf **c** heel
- 7 OK, I'll go to the cinema with you tonight. You've twisted my _____.
a wrist **b** arm **c** thumb

Mark __/7

4 Complete the sentences with the words below. There are two words that you do not need.

awareness campaign diet issue law right tax treatment

- 1 It would be a good idea to launch a big _____ to promote daily exercise.
- 2 I hope the government doesn't raise income _____. Most people already earn too little.
- 3 I think people should have the _____ to choose what they want eat and drink.
- 4 The _____ of the disease is expensive because the medicine costs a lot of money.
- 5 Last year our parliament passed a new _____ to make smoking in restaurants illegal.
- 6 Our school wants to raise _____ of the importance of healthy eating.

Mark __/6

5 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one word that you do not need.

allergic swollen itchy rash stiff dislocated upset blocked up

- 1 If you have a / an _____ stomach, you should avoid spicy food.
- 2 'Why is your mouth so _____?' 'I've just been to the dentist!'
- 3 I think I have a / an _____ shoulder. It's quite a common injury if you play rugby.
- 4 Annie has a cold. She's got a / an _____ nose and she's can't breathe properly.
- 5 My skin is really _____ – I can't stop scratching it.
- 6 I slept on an uncomfortable bed and when I woke up my neck was really _____.
- 7 Are you _____ to any foods, like peanuts or strawberries?

Mark ____/7

Use of English

6 Complete the text. Choose the correct answers, A, B, C or D.

If you are planning to go to Japan on holiday, you should ¹_____ yourself to one or two nights at a Buddhist temple. Staying in these temples gives you the chance to visit both historic and remote areas of Japan. They don't ²_____ to foreign visitors, who can experience the life of a Buddhist monk in a unique way.

Zen Buddhism ³_____ in Japan since 1191, when it ⁴_____ from China. However, interest in Zen Buddhism ⁵_____ in Japan for the last 60 years, while it ⁶_____ more popular in the West. As a result, many people come to Japan so ⁷_____ they can learn more about it. Staying at a temple is a unique and inspiring experience and is sure to be one of the highlights of any ⁸_____ to Japan.

In the past, in ⁹_____ to join a Japanese temple you had to sit at the front gate for three days without sleeping. Now, all you need to do is make a phone call or write an e-mail! You will often have the chance to join meditation sessions both in the evening and the morning. For dinner you will be served a Buddhist meal, which is healthy and delicious, if you don't ¹⁰_____ having no meat, no fish, no spices, no onions and no garlic!

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| 1 A book | B give | C show | D treat |
| 2 A object | B play | C study | D turn |
| 3 A existed | B has existed | C was existing | D has been existing |
| 4 A arrived | B has arrived | C was arriving | D has been arriving |
| 5 A declines | B declined | C was declining | D has been declining |
| 6 A gets | B got | C was getting | D has been getting |
| 7 A for | B order | C that | D to |
| 8 A event | B stay | C trip | D tourist |
| 9 A for | B order | C so | D that |
| 10 A reserve | B recommend | C matter | D mind |

Mark ____/10

Listening

7  **Listen to Mark talking about the type of exercise he does. Are the statements 1–5 true or false?**

- 1 Mark's girlfriend persuaded him to start yoga classes with her. _____
- 2 Despite being the only boy there, he feels comfortable in yoga classes. _____
- 3 Mark made a mistake in his first class, which he has never repeated since. _____
- 4 Mark has found that yoga is not as difficult as it looks. _____
- 5 Mark practises techniques from yoga when he is not in yoga class. _____

Mark ___/5

Reading

8 Read the text. Choose the correct answers.

To smoke or not to smoke?

Laws that ban smoking in public places are not exactly a new idea. One of the world's first smoking bans was introduced in 1575, when the Roman Catholic Church passed a law that made it illegal to smoke in any church in the Spanish colonies of Central America. In the eighteenth century, a number of German and Austrian cities also banned smoking, not in specific locations or buildings, but anywhere in the city. Some of these bans were based on ideas about health. Others were more concerned with safety. The Old Government Building in Wellington, New Zealand banned smoking in the 19th century because the building was made entirely of wood; smoking was a fire risk.

In the second half of the twentieth century, campaigns began to make people aware of the health dangers of smoking, and the concept of *passive smoking* – or breathing other people's smoke – became a widespread concern. As a result, governments passed laws in the 1970s to control the use of tobacco, and restaurants and other public places began to create smoking and non-smoking sections. But it wasn't until the late 1990s that public smoking bans became widespread. California led the way in the US when it became the first US state to prohibit smoking in all public places in 1998. By 2010, nearly eighty percent of American states had introduced smoking bans. Elsewhere, ventilation systems were installed in public places, and smokers' lounges were created as alternatives to complete bans.

Not everyone is happy about the introduction of smoking bans. Not surprisingly, tobacco companies, restaurants and bars are concerned about losing business because of the new restrictions. Smokers often complain that by limiting the places where they can smoke, smoking bans unfairly limit their freedom. Plus, it is difficult to break the habit and give up smoking. But nowadays most people accept the overwhelming scientific evidence that smoking harms our health and can cause lung and heart disease. Furthermore, research shows that smoking bans have resulted in a reduction in smoking-related diseases and deaths. We shall have to see whether in the future every country in the world will follow suit and impose bans on smoking in public places.

- 1 One of the earliest anti-smoking laws prohibited smoking
 - a anywhere in Central American cities.
 - b in wooden churches around the world.
 - c in churches in Mexico and other Spanish colonies.
 - d in Spanish colonies around the world.

- 2 In modern times laws about smoking were introduced because
 - a smokers wanted special areas to smoke in.
 - b governments wanted to publicise the health dangers of smoking.
 - c of fears about second-hand smoke.
 - d more and more people started smoking.

- 3 The smoking ban in California was important because
 - a it set an example for other US states.
 - b it made use of ventilation technology.
 - c it wasn't possible to smoke in 80% of public places.
 - d restaurants had to create smokers' lounges.

- 4 Many smokers feel that
 - a it is difficult to prove that smoking has a negative effect on health.
 - b it is impossible to change people's habits.
 - c they are not consulted about anti-smoking laws.
 - d people should be free to choose where they want to smoke.

- 5 According to research, smoking bans
 - a will be imposed in all countries in the future.
 - b are most effective in public places.
 - c make it easier to stop smoking.
 - d have had a positive effect on people's health.

Mark ___/5

Writing

9 You and some friends are studying at an English School in Oxford and you want to organise a sports day for all the students. Write an announcement to publicise your event. Include the following information:

- Say what sports you want to include and why.
- Explain how people can take part in the event.
- Tell people where and when the event will take place.
- End with a strong message to persuade people to take part.

Mark ____/10

Total: ____/70

Progress Test 5A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs brackets.

- 1 We will run out of fresh water if we _____ (not stop) wasting it.
- 2 Japan _____ (launch) its own space programme in the near future, but it's not certain.
- 3 Scientists predict that the Earth's temperature _____ (probably / rise) by at least two degrees in the next ten years.
- 4 The United States _____ (not send) astronauts to the Moon again in the future. The government has to get public support for the idea.
- 5 You _____ (become) a pop star if you enter talent contests. Most people don't make it, but a few become famous.
- 6 Sandy thinks _____ (probably / go) to university after he leaves school.
- 7 If ebooks keep improving, they _____ (definitely / replace) printed books.

Mark __/7

2 Complete the sentences. Use the future perfect or future continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 The world's population _____ (reach) 10 billion by 2050, some scientists claim.
- 2 In the future, Sarah hopes she _____ (work) as an engineer for a large construction company.
- 3 By the end of the year, you _____ (complete) all your studies.
- 4 _____ people _____ (spend) their holidays on other planets in the twenty-second century?
- 5 By next week, I _____ (finish) the project I'm currently working on.
- 6 A hundred years from now, people _____ (share) their homes with robots.
- 7 If we don't work harder, we _____ (not complete) this exercise by the end of the lesson.
- 8 This time next week, Andy will be 10,000 metres up in the air! He _____ (fly) to Los Angeles.

Mark __/8

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of verbs in brackets. Use the infinitive or a pronoun with *will*.

- 1 We're planning _____ (move) to the UK after we finish university.
- 2 I'm hoping _____ (get) a new smartphone when I go shopping this weekend.
- 3 Do you think _____ (find) the love of your life sometime soon?
- 4 I don't reckon _____ (buy) that laptop. I don't have enough money.
- 5 Do Jon and Tim want _____ (study) computer technology next year?

Mark ___/5

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one word that you do not need.

app autocomplete blog file-sharing GB LED social-networking USB Wi-Fi

- 1 He downloaded Finley Quaye's new album from this _____ website.
- 2 Your webcam needs to be connected to the _____ port of the computer.
- 3 Dave bought a new laptop with a 300 _____ hard drive.
- 4 I've bought a new _____ display with a 21-inch screen for my desktop computer.
- 5 You can download this _____ for your smartphone, but you have to pay for it.
- 6 The café near our school has a high-speed _____ hotspot, so we can check our emails there.
- 7 Bruce met his girlfriend on a popular _____ website.
- 8 I really like the _____ function on this search engine. It's very good at guessing what I'm looking for.

Mark ___/8

5 Read the definitions and complete the compound nouns.

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| 1 Members of a team play this popular American sport with a bat and ball. | _____ ball |
| 2 You use this for opening tins of food. | _____ opener |
| 3 This is made of plastic, cloth or metal and you use it to measure length. | _____ measure |
| 4 You press this to turn on a lamp. | light _____ |
| 5 You use this to clean your teeth with toothpaste. | tooth _____ |
| 6 This shows the time and wakes you up in the morning. | _____ clock |

Mark ___/6

6 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one word that you do not need.

make provide reduce replace start suffer treat

- 1 Galileo used a telescope to _____ his famous discovery of the moons of Jupiter.
- 2 We can _____ carbon emissions if we walk or cycle to school instead of going by car.
- 3 Online encyclopaedias _____ a lot of information, but not all of it is reliable.
- 4 If we are going to _____ colonies on Mars, we should make sure there is water there first.
- 5 Doctors use antibiotics to _____ many of the infections caused by bacteria.
- 6 Many countries _____ catastrophes like earthquakes and volcanic eruptions every year.

Mark ___/6

Use of English

7 Complete the text. Choose the correct answers, A, B, C or D.

The world's population will ¹ _____ reach seven billion this week, according to the United Nations. The number is growing by 200,000 people a day, and experts predict that, by the end of this century, it ² _____ reach ten billion.

³ _____ growing very slowly for most of human history, the number of people on Earth has more than doubled in the last 50 years. Official estimates say that eight billion of us ⁴ _____ in the world in 2025, and ten billion ⁵ _____ the end of the century.

Experts reckon the speed of growth ⁶ _____ an increasing danger to citizens, as there will not be enough food for everyone in the world. Of the 2.3 billion people the UN believes ⁷ _____ by 2050, more than one billion will live in Africa, and India ⁸ _____ about 630 million more people. If this happens, it ⁹ _____ less land and water available for each person.

But, despite the problems the world is facing, Under-Secretary-General of the UN, Dr Noeleen Heyzer, says that she hopes ¹⁰ _____ the seven billionth child of the world have a better chance than ever of surviving past the age of five. The life expectancy for both women and men has increased in every Asian and Pacific country during the past decade, Dr Heyzer added.

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| 1 A seems | B may | C might | D probably |
| 2 A could | B probably | C possibly | D likely |
| 3 A After | B Soon | C Until | D When |
| 4 A are living | B have been living | C will be living | D will have lived |
| 5 A as soon as | B before | C from | D while |
| 6 A present | B presented | C to present | D will present |
| 7 A are being born | B are born | C have been born | D will have been born |
| 8 A has added | B is adding | C will add | D would have added |
| 9 A had meant | B has meant | C will have meant | D will mean |
| 10 A are seeing | B see | C seeing | D to see |

Mark ___/10

Listening

- 8  Listen to five people talking about science and technology. Match the speakers with the statements. There is one statement you do not need.

Speaker 1 _____

Speaker 2 _____

Speaker 3 _____

Speaker 4 _____

Speaker 5 _____

A This person believes space programmes have a positive effect.

B This person talks about the speed of technological change.

C This person thinks scientists should focus on more serious issues.

D This person believes we still have a lot of research to do about our planet.

E This person thinks that more countries should be involved in space exploration.

F This person says technology has made our lives more flexible.

Mark ___/5

Reading

9 Read the text. Are the statements true or false?

A capsule fails the test of time

The US state of Oklahoma, the 48th state in the Union, celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2007. In a year full of official celebrations, one event in June attracted spectators and media from all around the world. On 15 June 2007, thousands of people gathered in Tulsa to watch the unearthing of a time capsule that had been buried half a century ago in 1957. There was a feeling of excitement in the air. As well as waiting to see the time capsule, the crowd was also waiting to find out who had won a competition which had been launched when the capsule was buried 50 years earlier.

The time capsule was a large reinforced concrete box. People said it was strong enough to survive a nuclear strike. It had to be large and strong, because it contained a car: a brand new 1957 Plymouth Belvedere. Inside the car were lots of everyday items from the 1950s. For example, there was a jerry can of petrol and a case of beer in the boot. In the glove compartment was a handbag containing a lipstick and other small items considered essential for a 'typical' woman in the 1950s. A savings account was also opened in 1957, and \$100 was deposited in it. By 2007, this prize fund was worth about \$1,200. But the main attraction was the car.

Before the capsule was buried, officials ran a competition. Entrants had to guess what the population of Tulsa would be in 2007. The organisers recorded all the guesses and saved them on a roll of microfilm. The microfilm was placed in the Plymouth Belvedere. The organisers' idea was that when the time capsule was opened in 2007, the winner would be announced – and he or she (or his or her heirs) would win the entire contents of the time capsule, plus the contents of the savings account.

In the centre of Tulsa on 15 June 2007, thousands of people came to see the opening of the capsule. Diggers dug down and exposed the large concrete box. The crowd heard a dramatic drum-roll as the time capsule was opened and a large crane lifted the car out of the ground. But cheers turned to gasps as the crowd saw the rusting, muddy shape that was raised out of the hole. Water had penetrated the concrete casing and the beautiful chromed vehicle was in a sorry state. The beer cans were rusty, the handbag was a solid lump of leather and the microfilm had apparently disintegrated. The winner would never be known.

As publicity stunts go, it was a bit of a disaster. But Tulsans took the setback with a smile! The sense of connection with the past, and the feeling of taking part in an event that had been planned half a century ago, was worth more to them than the sight of a gleaming vintage car!

- 1 There wasn't much interest in the time capsule. _____
- 2 As well as the car, the buried time capsule contained some prize money. _____
- 3 The people who entered the competition had to make a prediction about the future. _____
- 4 The car was ruined because the protective box around it was not waterproof. _____
- 5 The winner of the competition was disappointed with the ruined prize. _____

Mark ___/5

Writing

10 Your English-speaking penfriend has asked you about your plans after you leave school. Write an email (120–150 words) to him/her. Include the following information:

- Tell your friend whether you want to continue your studies or find a job.
- Explain the reasons for your decision.
- Say what you think you will be doing in five or ten years from now.
- Ask your friend for advice about what courses or jobs he/she thinks would suit you best.

Mark ____/10

Total: ____/70

Progress Test 6A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Rewrite the direct speech as reported speech.

- 1 'Our company is planning to move out of the city centre next month,' they said.
They said _____.
- 2 'I will always love you, Fred,' said Sheila.
Sheila told Fred _____.
- 3 'You can't borrow my bike tonight,' Steve said to Olivia last Monday.
Last Monday, Steve told Olivia _____.
- 4 'We spent our holiday in Malta last month,' Mr and Mrs Jones said.
Mr and Mrs Jones told us _____.
- 5 'I've never encountered any aliens before,' I told the reporter.
I told the reporter _____.
- 6 'Jake knows my password,' Helen said.
Helen said _____.
- 7 'I'm making lunch for myself today,' Christine said.
Christine said _____.
- 8 'Our supermarket is closed on Sundays,' the shop assistant told me.
The shop assistant told me _____.
- 9 'My aunt is thinking of moving out of her old house,' the nephew said.
The nephew said _____.
- 10 'I won't be able to leave the office early,' the manager told his wife.
The manager told his wife _____.

Mark __/10

2 Rewrite the questions as reported questions.

1 'What will you do after you leave school?' I asked Joe.

2 'Have you written the story about our alien encounter yet?' the newspaper editor asked her assistant.

3 'Are you going to Martha's birthday party tonight?' Frances asked Gillian.

4 'Are you going to write to me every day?' Lisa asked her boyfriend.

5 'What can you tell me about what happened last night?' the reporter asked the woman.

6 'Did you see anyone climb out of the window at midnight?' the policeman asked me.

7 'Does your boyfriend believe in UFOs?' I asked Jessie.

8 'Were you in bed at the time of the robbery?' the inspector asked Mr and Mrs Mitchell.

9 'When are you going to visit me again?' Nick asked Alison.

10 'Can you remember what time you went to bed last night?' the detective asked the man.

Mark ____/10

Vocabulary

3 Read the sentences and complete the compound nouns.

- 1 Anita put the flowerpot on the _____ sill.
- 2 The mouse was hiding under the _____ boards.
- 3 The thief looked through the key _____ to see if there was anyone in the room.
- 4 Don't put your foot on the coffee _____. That's what a footstool is for!
- 5 The old lady was sitting in her rocking _____, reading a book.
- 6 I keep all my dictionaries on a book _____ by the window.
- 7 You can't smoke in here. There are no _____ trays.
- 8 They served the breakfast buffet on a / an _____ board.
- 9 The _____ beds in the garden were full of roses, tulips and petunias.
- 10 The heavy red curtains were hanging on a metal curtain _____.

Mark __/10

4 Match the materials to the objects made from them. There is one material you do not need.

china fabric glass leather marble wood

- 1 _____ : bottle, mirror
- 2 _____ : lamp, plate
- 3 _____ : trousers, curtain
- 4 _____ : statue, steps
- 5 _____ : armchair, boots

Mark __/5

5 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 My friend Paul lives near here. Shall we call **on** / **up** / **after** him?
- 2 I had an accident last year. It took me several months to get **out** / **from** / **over** it.
- 3 What are you looking **into** / **for** / **after**? Perhaps I could help you find it.
- 4 Do you know Fiona? I've never come **across** / **out** / **through** a friendlier person.
- 5 The police are looking **for** / **into** / **across** the mystery of the house that disappeared.

Mark __/5

Use of English

6 Complete the text with an appropriate word in each gap.

In 1899, a lighthouse was built on one of the Flannan Isles, off the north-west coast of Scotland, to warn passing ships about the dangerous rocks around the islands. Three men had to be in the lighthouse at all times to keep the light burning as a warning to any boats in the area.

Then, one night in December 1900, a passing ship said ¹ _____ they hadn't seen a light in the lighthouse. They reported ² _____ they had seen it the night before, and with no reason for it to be out, this was curious. They reported this to some people on land, but because of extreme weather, they weren't able to send a boat out to check if everything was okay for another two weeks.

They eventually reached the island on 26 December, but when they got ³ _____ their boat, there was no sign of the three lighthouse men and the door of the lighthouse was locked. When they looked ⁴ _____ the windows they saw the clock on the wall had stopped and there was no fire in the ⁵ _____. When they managed to get ⁶ _____ the lighthouse, there was a full meal cooked and prepared and still on the table. They looked ⁷ _____ the men in the lighthouse and all over the island but found no one. The three men had just disappeared.

When the people in charge of the lighthouse looked ⁸ _____ the event, they concluded that the men had probably fallen into the sea during a large storm. However, some people believe that the men could ⁹ _____ had an argument and killed each other, before falling into the sea. Others think that they might ¹⁰ _____ been kidnapped by passing pirates.

Mark ____/10

Listening

7  **Listen to Molly talking about her holiday. Choose the correct answers.**

- 1 Molly says that Malta
 - a is more mysterious than Loch Ness.
 - b is well-known for its mysteries.
 - c made a very strong impression on her.

- 2 When Molly was asked to go on holiday, she expected
 - a a more interesting holiday than the one she had.
 - b to spend her time sunbathing and partying.
 - c Kate to teach her about Malta's culture and history.

- 3 What does Molly say about the Mosta Dome?
 - a It is the biggest church of the three on the island.
 - b It has an impressive structure.
 - c More than 300 people died there on 9 April 1942.

- 4 What Molly finds most interesting about the Stone Age temples is that
 - a they were used for thousands of years.
 - b they were built 6,000 years ago.
 - c no one knows what happened to the people who built them.

- 5 Clapham Junction in Malta
 - a is a large railway station that people no longer use.
 - b was given its name by an English visitor to Malta.
 - c is a large network of canals designed to carry rainwater.

Mark ___/5

Reading

- 8 Read the article. Match each paragraph 1–5 with the heading A–F that best fits. There is one heading you do not need.

Mystery book

1 _____

One of the most mysterious books in the world is the so-called Voynich manuscript. The name refers to Wilfrid Voynich, a book collector who bought the manuscript in Italy in 1912. We do not know who wrote the manuscript or why, but scientific analysis shows that it probably dates from the fifteenth century and was written in northern Italy. Attempts to trace the history of the manuscript have identified some of its previous keepers, but have opened up more questions than they have answered.

2 _____

The book is about 240 pages long and appears to have six main parts. It is richly illustrated with pictures of plants, animals, people and stars. There are many theories about the subject matter of the manuscript. The pictures suggest that the manuscript may be a handbook for doctors working with herbs, but no one knows for sure. Why is that the case? Because no-one can read it!

3 _____

The book was written in a language that nobody has been able to read, using letters that nobody recognises. Many people think the book is written in code, but even the most experienced code-breakers have been unable to translate it. Experts have identified about 30 recurring letters or symbols that may correspond to an encoded alphabet; however, there are also a number of letters or symbols that appear only once or twice in the whole book. There appear to be nearly 35,000 ‘words’ in the manuscript.

4 _____

Experts usually agree that the first section is about plants, and that the first word on each page is the name of a plant. This section follows the pattern of medieval herbal guides with descriptions and careful illustrations. But this does not make it easier to understand the manuscript because nobody recognises the plants. Some look familiar, but the pictures often show peculiar details that don’t match any known plants, or they combine the roots of one plant with the flowers, fruit and leaves of other species.

5 _____

Some people suggest the book must have been a kind of trick or hoax and that the reason we cannot understand it is that it doesn’t mean anything. Others argue that it can’t have been just a joke because writing 240 pages and drawing the complex pictures must have taken months and been a lot of hard work. One theory is that someone with a mental illness wrote the book, and that it is a product of his or her imagination. We may never know, but the Voynich manuscript continues to be one of the world’s greatest mysteries.

- A An overview of the structure
- B A challenging puzzle
- C Just a load of nonsense?
- D Origins and owners
- E A magical garden?
- F The author’s identity

Mark ___/5

Writing

9 Imagine you are going to an international student conference in the UK next month, where you will be taking part in a discussion about your experiences of learning a language. Write a formal letter (120–150 words) to the organisers to ask for information about the conference. Include the following:

- Explain why you are writing and ask for a copy of the conference programme.
- Describe the experiences you have had of learning a foreign language, and ask them what they would like you to talk about at the conference.
- Ask them if there will be any free time activities to socialise with the other people at the conference.
- Finish by saying how much you are looking forward to the conference.

Mark __/10

Total: __/70

Progress Test 7A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences using the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 My sister thinks Taylor Lautner is _____ (attractive) actor she's ever seen, but I don't think he's that good-looking.
- 2 People usually have _____ (little) free time when they're adults than when they're teenagers.
- 3 The more you practise, the _____ (good) you'll be able to speak English.
- 4 We're all good singers in my family, but my sister is _____ (good) of us all.
- 5 My legs hurt. Could you walk a bit _____ (slow), please?
- 6 Facebook is one of _____ (popular) social-networking sites in the world.
- 7 It's now November, and the days are getting _____ (short) and _____ (short).

Mark __/7

2 Rewrite the sentences using *less* or *least* and the words in brackets.

- 1 English is not as difficult as other subjects at school. (the)

- 2 We've never seen a film that was so boring. (ever)

- 3 Bruce is a more careful driver than Paul. (drives)

- 4 A working holiday is the cheapest way to enjoy yourself abroad. (expensive)

- 5 Anna doesn't earn a lot of money, but Karin does. (than)

Mark __/5

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I wish Jess _____ (fancy) me, but she doesn't.
- 2 I want to apologise to Jane. If only she _____ (answer) her phone.
- 3 It's raining, so I'd rather we _____ (not go) out tonight.
- 4 If I met my old girlfriend at my new girlfriend's party, I _____ (be) really embarrassed.
- 5 If we _____ (not spend) so much time watching television, we'd be able to talk to each other more often.
- 6 If I knew Leah's email address, I _____ (ask) her out on a date.
- 7 What _____ you _____ (do) if you found out next year's exam questions?
- 8 I'd rather _____ (not tidy) up my room tonight. I'm expecting friends any minute.

Mark ___/8**Vocabulary****4 Choose the correct answers.**

- 1 I don't really get on well **to** / **with** my brother's girlfriend.
- 2 Darren and I had a big row, but we **made up** / **fell out** yesterday so we're happy again.
- 3 I don't think I'll get **married** / **divorced** to anyone soon.
- 4 Have Angie and Gareth split **out** / **up** again?
- 5 I think Gillian likes you. Do you think she **gets engaged** / **fancies** you?
- 6 If I liked someone a lot, I'd **ask** / **chat** them out on a date.
- 7 I'm sorry I lied to you. Do you want to get **on** / **back** together with me?

Mark ___/7

5 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Everyone loves weddings. They are usually the most _____ family celebrations.
a informal b patriotic c romantic
- 2 These days scientists are less _____ than sports stars or TV celebrities.
a mystical b renowned c traditional
- 3 Some _____ footballers make a lot of money through sponsorship deals.
a patriotic b professional c romantic
- 4 Temples and churches are used for _____ ceremonies.
a informal b religious c renowned
- 5 *The Star-Spangled Banner* and *God Save The Queen* are examples of _____ songs.
a mystical b patriotic c romantic
- 6 A _____ way to celebrate Easter in the UK is to roll chocolate eggs down a hill.
a patriotic b romantic c traditional
- 7 They climbed to the top of the mountain and watched the sun rising. It was a / an _____ experience.
a informal b mystical c professional

Mark ___/7

6 Complete the sentences with prepositions.

- 1 It is natural to feel an attraction _____ people you spend a lot of time with.
- 2 If you give up too quickly, you'll have no chance _____ success.
- 3 If only I had a more positive attitude _____ life! I wouldn't be so unhappy all the time.
- 4 Is Martha going on a date _____ Jason?
- 5 Naomi and her friends have a shared interest _____ classical music.
- 6 Some of the survey results are useful, but they don't always take account _____ all the important factors.

Mark ___/6

Use of English

7 Complete the text. Choose the correct answers, A, B, C or D.

A new study has suggested that parents shouldn't stay in an unhappy marriage for the benefit of their children. ¹____, for many people, the question still remains: Can unhappy couples who get divorced bring up children more successfully than those who stay together for their children? Some people argue that it is ²____ to make a child choose between each of their parents. ³____ contrast, others claim it is worse for children whose unhappy parents ⁴____ to stay together.

It is ⁵____ that children learn both good and bad patterns of behaviour from their parents. Depending on how parents deal with their divorce, it is hard to ⁶____ that there is likely to be some psychological effect on their children. ⁷____ the other hand, if unhappy couples don't get divorced, do their children have happier lives?

Dr Joshua Coleman says, "It is not essential to you or your children's happiness for you to have a great marriage." Dr Coleman argues that staying in a relationship which isn't perfect allows each parent to love and care for their children full-time.

⁸____, Robert Emery, director of the Centre for Children, Families and the Law at the University of Virginia, says, "⁹____ a great many young people from divorced families report painful memories and continuing troubles with family relationships, the majority are psychologically normal."

¹⁰____ summary, not all experts agree on the results of this recent study. I think most people would argue that the right decision depends on the different situations in each family.

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|----|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | A As a result | B Nevertheless | C So | D Therefore |
| 2 | A cruel | B messy | C scared | D tired |
| 3 | A At | B For | C In | D To |
| 4 | A opt | B disagree | C refuse | D compete |
| 5 | A clear | B visual | C open | D opposite |
| 6 | A choose | B deny | C find | D view |
| 7 | A At | B By | C In | D On |
| 8 | A To sum up | B However | C Finally | D Whereas |
| 9 | A Although | B As | C Because | D However |
| 10 | A For | B In | C On | D To |

Mark ____/10

Listening

- 8  Listen to Angie and Rob talking to a reporter about their first date together. Answer the questions. Write A for Angie or R for Rob.

Who ...

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|---|---|-------|
| 1 | knows exactly how long ago they first started going out? | _____ |
| 2 | contacted the other person on a social-networking site? | _____ |
| 3 | said yes when the other person suggested going out together? | _____ |
| 4 | decided which film they should watch on their first date? | _____ |
| 5 | thought they heard something about the other person that wasn't true? | _____ |

Mark ___/5

Reading

9 Complete the text with the missing sentences A–F. There is one sentence you do not need.

The game of love

With the rise of social networking sites and online communication of all kinds, the idea that we can meet and interact with people online is becoming more and more acceptable. Across the globe, people can share hobbies and interests – or even meet that ‘special someone’. ¹ _____ If you are careful and follow a few sensible rules, it’s a relatively safe way to meet a romantic partner. And, these days, more and more people are taking virtual dating a step further.

Online gaming has become very popular in recent years. Thousands of people spend hours each day having adventures in virtual fantasy worlds. Missions or quests within the game often require characters to work together to solve problems and progress through the game’s levels. ² _____ Using this technology, friendships can sometimes form between players through their virtual characters or ‘avatars’.

Online games are now so sophisticated that players are not restricted to a single path and game progression as they were in earlier games. Since the development of ‘go anywhere’ gameplay, characters can wander around and explore the fantasy landscape however they like. Or they can just sit together next to a virtual waterfall and chat. And they do! Friends who meet up to kill a dragon may sit down later to talk about their lives and dreams. ³ _____

But is it really possible to form an accurate impression of a person through the way he or she behaves in an online game? ⁴ _____ And they may create avatars who have characteristics they don’t have in real life. However, psychologists say that most gamers create avatars that are surprisingly true to themselves. Of course, they may not really be a 6-foot warrior, but there is a stronger connection to reality than people might expect. And their interactions with others are sometimes more frank and honest than they might be if they were on a date in the real world.

⁵ _____ Gamers, online daters and users of social networks have to be cautious. In the twenty-first century we are all learning what it means to be connected to the rest of the world – and we need to be very careful when we choose how connected we want to be. However, growing numbers of people are choosing to meet, chat, date – and even get married in the virtual world!

- A In a virtual world, people do amazing things in exciting situations.
- B Of course, meeting strangers can be dangerous.
- C This has prompted many players to say that you can learn as much about a person through gaming as you can in real life.
- D Millions of people have now found love on internet dating sites.
- E Most games have a chat function, or even voice communication software.
- F Make sure to tell your friends what you are doing, or even take one of them along with you.

Mark ___/5

Writing

10 Write a for-and-against essay (200–250 words) with the title: *Parents know best what is good for teenagers.*

- Introduce the topic and explain why you think it is important.
- Present arguments to support the statement, and give one or two appropriate examples.
- Present arguments against the statement, and give one or two appropriate examples.
- Summarise the key points and give your own opinion.

Mark ____/10

Total: ____/70

Progress Test 8A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct active or passive form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Officials are warning passengers to expect delays as the new metro line _____ (test) all this week.
- 2 Terrence Malick _____ (direct) only five films since he started working in the film business forty years ago.
- 3 The world's first motorways _____ (build) in Germany in the 1930s.
- 4 By the time we got to the party, all the pizza _____ (eat).
- 5 The 2022 Football World Cup _____ (hold) in Qatar.
- 6 Fifteen countries _____ (take part) in the International Space Station project so far.
- 7 Smoking _____ (not allow) in cafés and restaurants in the UK.
- 8 The supermarket _____ (open) at midday on Sundays.
- 9 Don't turn round! I think we _____ (follow) !
- 10 Six million tourists _____ (visit) the Eiffel Tower in 2006.

Mark ___/10

2 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 There are a lot of people at the party, but I don't know **someone / no one / anyone**.
- 2 He did **anything / something / everything** last month that he wasn't proud of.
- 3 Chris has **anywhere / nowhere / somewhere** to stay this weekend. He forgot to book a hotel in time.
- 4 **Everybody / Everything / Everywhere** needs to stay at home this weekend to study for the test.
- 5 We turned on the light switch in the kitchen but **no one / nothing / nowhere** happened.
- 6 Please have **something / anything / everything** to eat before we leave. I don't want you to get hungry later.

Mark ___/6**3 Rewrite the sentences using introductory *it*.**

- 1 What Fiona and Steve talked about doesn't matter.
It _____.
- 2 Travelling between Oxford and Cambridge takes about two hours.
It _____.
- 3 The rain has been falling all night.
It _____.
- 4 Doing all the exercises was difficult.
It _____.

Mark ___/4

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first letter of each word has been given.

- 1 The flight attendant looked at our b_____ passes before we got on the plane.
- 2 There were a few people waiting at the taxi r_____ outside the museum.
- 3 We got hungry on the long train journey, so we went to the b_____ car for a sandwich.
- 4 There was an ambulance behind us on the motorway, so we moved into the hard s_____.
- 5 It took me fifteen minutes to get through passport c_____ after my plane landed.
- 6 Passengers on Istanbul flight TK186, please go to d_____ gate B21 now.
- 7 The train was late so we went to the w_____ room to sit down until it came.
- 8 We filled up the tank with u_____ petrol at the petrol station.

Mark ___/8

5 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one word that you do not need.

inconvenient gruelling intrepid remote lethal notorious historic unsuccessful

- 1 Climbing Kilimanjaro was a / an _____ undertaking, so we were completely exhausted when we reached the top.
- 2 The farm was in a / an _____ spot; the nearest village was more than thirty miles away.
- 3 The bite of this Australian spider can be _____ to humans. It can kill you in a few minutes.
- 4 Many _____ explorers risked their lives to visit the unexplored parts of the world.
- 5 The _____ city of Kraków was the capital of Poland for over 500 years.
- 6 The sea off the coast of Somalia is _____ for pirates who attack passing ships.
- 7 Robert Falcon Scott was sadly _____ in his attempt to be the first to reach the South Pole.

Mark ___/7

6 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 My favourite hobby is **ASAP** / **DIY**. I love fixing things around the house.
- 2 I'm visiting my **folks** / **mates** this weekend because it's my mum's birthday.
- 3 It is not worth getting stressed over little things. Try to stay **wobbly** / **chilled** and enjoy life.
- 4 My brother and I always **looked out** / **switched on** for each other when we were kids.
- 5 If anyone gives you **grief** / **worries** at school, you need to let me know straight away.

Mark ___/5

Use of English

7 Complete the text. Choose the correct answers, A, B, C or D.

Alaska is the largest and the least populated state of the USA. It ¹ _____ to the United States by Russia in 1867 for 7.2 million dollars, but it didn't actually become a state until 1959. Alaska is famous for its ² _____ landscapes, ³ _____ mountains and enormous lakes. Alaska is home to some ⁴ _____ wildlife, from the humpback whale to the grizzly bear.


⁵ _____ is the humpback whales which attract many eco-tourists, who can take whale-watching tours along the Alaskan coast. While the best way to see and experience these enormous creatures is to take a whale-watching boat tour, they sometimes can ⁶ _____ from shore locations, ferries and from cruise ships. All it takes is a little luck and good eyesight!

Hiking is also a very popular tourist activity, but hikers must be aware of the potential dangers they might encounter along the walking trails. Grizzly bears are one of these. Ideally, bears should ⁷ _____. If you do come across one, you shouldn't try and run away, as you ⁸ _____. Instead, let the bear know you are human. Talk to the bear in a normal voice and wave your arms to help it recognise you. If the bear stands up on its back legs, it is usually just curious, not ⁹ _____. In fact, more people ¹⁰ _____ by dogs in the last 80 years than by bears.

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|----|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | A has sold | B sold | C was selling | D was sold |
| 2 | A matching | B comfortable | C unknown | D breathtaking |
| 3 | A formal | B wooded | C lively | D old-fashioned |
| 4 | A afraid | B immature | C fascinating | D traditional |
| 5 | A And | B But | C It | D There |
| 6 | A saw | B be seeing | C be seen | D see |
| 7 | A avoid | B avoided | C be avoided | D be avoiding |
| 8 | A are chased | B will be chased | C were chased | D have been chased |
| 9 | A extreme | B isolated | C threatening | D wild |
| 10 | A are killed | B had been killed | C have been killed | D will be killed |

Mark ____/10

Listening

- 8  Listen to five people talking about their problems while travelling. Match the speakers 1–5 with the problems A–F. There is one problem you do not need.

Speaker 1 _____

Speaker 2 _____

Speaker 3 _____

Speaker 4 _____

Speaker 5 _____

- A This person had to travel by car because there wasn't any public transport to his/her destination.
- B This person fell asleep on the train and got off at the wrong station.
- C This person was unhappy about his/her accommodation.
- D This person didn't get the type of seat he/she had asked for.
- E This person was told that his/her service was not running after a delay.
- F This person was late for an important appointment.

Mark __/5

Reading

9 Read the text. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

The Dakar Rally

You've probably heard of the off-road motor vehicle rally called the Dakar Rally, but do you know where it finishes? Before you say Dakar, the capital of Senegal, think again! The last time the rally finished in Dakar itself was in 2007. In 2008, because of concerns about security, the rally was cancelled and a shorter, less challenging race called the Central Europe Rally was held in its place. And since 2009, the Dakar Rally has been held in South America due to the increasing risk of terrorism in Senegal.

The first Dakar Rally was held in 1978. During a race in 1977, a French competitor, Thierry Sabine, had got lost on his motorcycle in the Libyan desert. Having been rescued, he returned to France convinced that the desert landscape would provide a fantastic challenge for an international competition. The Dakar Rally began the next year, and for the next fifteen years, hundreds of drivers and motorcyclists competed in the annual long-distance race. Competitors would drive from Paris to the Mediterranean, then across the north-western corner of Africa to the Senegalese capital, trying to avoid getting lost in the desert sandstorms. Then things became complicated: the region became more and more politically unstable, and officials have had to change the starting point, rally route and finishing line of the race nearly every year since 1994.

The Dakar Rally has always been highly competitive. Each year, more than 350 car and truck drivers and motorcycle riders enter the rally, about 80 per cent of whom are amateurs. Unsurprisingly, the majority of winners have been professionals. The most successful Dakar competitor is Stephane Peterhansel, who won the rally six times riding a motorbike, before switching to a car and winning a further four titles between 2004 and 2012.

The rally has been subject to a lot of criticism. Many people have protested against it because of the impact it has on the environment. Others are upset by the fact that the race passes through countries where many people make less money in their whole lives than a wealthy competitor spends during a single rally. Nevertheless, the famous race remains as popular as ever. Among rally drivers and car companies, as well as fans who enjoy the thrill of following the progress of their favourite competitors, the Dakar Rally is still one of the most important off-road racing competitions in the world.

- 1 Although some people think differently, the Dakar Rally has never finished in Dakar. _____
- 2 Thierry Sabine had to be helped home from the desert. _____
- 3 The route has often changed because it is too easy to get lost in the desert. _____
- 4 The rally has only been won by professionals. _____
- 5 The rally is in danger of being cancelled as more and more people protest against it. _____

Mark ___/5

Writing

10 Write a description (in 200–250 words) of the place where you live or where you grew up. Include the following information:

- Explain which part of your town or country you are describing.
- Describe what the area is like.
- Mention what facilities are available in the area, and what there is to see and do.
- Give your opinion or feelings about living or growing up in that particular town or area.

Mark ____/5

Total: ____/70

Progress Test 9A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *have something done* and the words in brackets.

- 1 Adrian went to the optician's to _____ (his eyes / check).
- 2 I hope we _____ (our car / repair) some time next week.
- 3 When _____ (Michele / that tattoo / do)? I don't remember her having one the last time we met.
- 4 You look different! _____ (you / your hair / dye)?
- 5 Before they went on holiday, they _____ (their car / service).
- 6 I was so upset when I _____ (all my money / steal).

Mark __/6

2 Complete the sentences with reflexive pronouns.

- 1 Jason had to see a doctor because he cut _____ while cooking.
- 2 Katherine bought _____ a new party dress for New Year's Eve.
- 3 Did you bake this cake _____, Carol? It's delicious!
- 4 Mr and Mrs Pitt really enjoyed _____ on their holiday in the Bahamas.
- 5 We won't paint the house _____. We'll ask some professional decorators to do it.
- 6 I did this exercise all by _____.

Mark __/6

3 Rewrite the sentences using the third conditional.

- 1 Ross didn't know Paula's number, so he didn't ring her.
If _____.
- 2 I had an accident because I didn't drive carefully.
I _____.
- 3 Annie and Martin were late for school because they missed the bus.
Annie and Martin _____.
- 4 Jake and Rachel had a big fight, so they split up.
If _____.
- 5 Your dad was disappointed because you forgot his birthday.
Your dad _____.
- 6 I didn't train hard, so I didn't win the competition.
If _____.
- 7 My girlfriend was angry because I lied to her.
My girlfriend _____.
- 8 We didn't have enough money, so we couldn't buy a new laptop.
If _____.

Mark ___/8

Vocabulary

4 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I didn't pay a lot for my new stereo. I bought it in the Christmas **sale** / **reductions**.
- 2 I'm afraid we don't have the new Dan Brown novel. It's currently out of **offer** / **stock**.
- 3 Rachel returned her faulty mobile to the shop. She didn't want another one, so she got a **return** / **refund**.
- 4 Here's your new jacket, and here's £2 **exchange** / **change**.
- 5 That laptop was a **bargain** / **clearance**. It was £499 originally, but Ian only paid £200 for it!
- 6 Would you like to pay in **credit card** / **cash**, sir?
- 7 Here's your shopping. Shall I put your **receipt** / **cheque** in the bag, madam?
- 8 You can pay at the **till** / **price** over there.

Mark ___/8

5 Complete the sentences with prepositions.

- 1 If you want to find the best deals, you'll need to shop _____ for them.
- 2 I have a part-time job at the weekends because I'm saving _____ for a new smartphone.
- 3 Cathy lent me some money, but I'm not sure when I'll be able to pay her _____.
- 4 Paul borrowed a lot of money to buy his new flat, so he's _____ debt now.
- 5 We couldn't get tickets for *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. It's completely sold _____.
- 6 The Joneses don't have any money. How are they going to pay _____ their holiday?
- 7 What do you spend most of your money _____ each month?
- 8 If you hadn't wasted your money _____ clothes, you could have gone to the concert.

Mark ____/8**6 Complete the sentences with *by, for, in* or *on*.**

- 1 Have you come all the way _____ foot? You must be really tired now!
- 2 I realised I shouldn't have gone to Somalia _____ the first place.
- 3 Jeff thought Gloria was from Brazil, but _____ fact, she was from Argentina.
- 4 I'll tell you again, _____ the third and last time: stop interrupting me!

Mark ____/4**Use of English****7 Complete the text with an appropriate word in each gap.**

In the late 1980s, Nick Leeson was a money trader at Barings Bank, working in the City of London. He quickly became successful and soon he was Barings Bank's star Singapore trader. By 1993, Leeson had made more than ten million pounds for the bank, and he and his wife Lisa were enjoying a life of luxury in Singapore. And, maybe, if Leeson hadn't ¹ _____ greedy, his life would have continued to be very comfortable.

But he wanted even more money. Unfortunately, by 1994 Leeson was ² _____ of luck, as the money markets started to turn against him. By autumn that year, his losses were 208 million pounds. But he thought that things were ³ _____ control and he tried to recover these losses by ⁴ _____, not telling anyone about the risks he was taking.

Leeson requested extra money from his managers in order to continue his trading activities, as he attempted to save himself from the financial trouble he was in. If he hadn't ⁵ _____ this, his bosses probably wouldn't have become suspicious. But, because of these requests, the bank ⁶ _____ Leeson put under investigation in February 1995. ⁷ _____ chance, they discovered that his losses had reached more than 800 million pounds, which was almost the entire value of the bank. Leeson had hidden the losses ⁸ _____ purpose in an account called 'Error Account 88888'. Barings Bank was now ⁹ _____ a huge mess.

Leeson was found guilty of fraud and was sent to prison for six and a half years. After he came out of prison, Leeson had to start his life ¹⁰ _____ scratch. He now lives in Galway, in the west of Ireland, and is the successful manager of a local football team.

Mark ____/10

Listening

8  **Listen to somebody talking about his luckiest day. Are the statements true or false?**

- 1 He hadn't taken his laptop on the bus. _____
- 2 He often buys scratch cards to make himself happier. _____
- 3 He went into the shop again to buy another scratch card. _____
- 4 The girl in the shop had seen him that morning. _____
- 5 He didn't meet the girl for a coffee. _____

Mark /5

Reading

9 Read the text. Choose the correct answers.**Advertising in the information age**

As new forms of communication are developed, so the world of advertising is changing in response. Basic ideas which advertisers have always believed are being challenged. For example, it used to be said that the more people you reached, the better it was for your business. Not any more!

Today, people are bombarded by information from television, the Internet, newspapers, magazines and countless other media sources. A marketing campaign has to be good to stand out amongst all of these competing messages. Because of this, businesses should aim to get their message not to the *most* people, but to the *right* people. This is especially important for small businesses – but how can they do this?

Instead of buying expensive advertising space in magazines, or investing in radio and television airtime, the latest advice is to advertise only to potential customers. If you own a local hairdresser's, for example, it is better to post leaflets to all the households in your neighbourhood than to advertise on national television. Ask shops that attract similar customers, such as boutiques or cosmetics shops, to keep your brochures next to their tills. In exchange, you can do the same for them.

Forget general messages; advertise current offers instead. 'Have your hair coloured and get a twenty per cent discount throughout January!' will work better than 'Great hairstyles to suit all tastes'. Find out about local events and use them in your promotion. Messages like 'Wouldn't you love a cool new hairstyle for your school graduation next month?' will show that you know your customers and are familiar with their needs.

Use the Internet. A website is a cost-effective way of communicating a lot of information: the location of your business, your opening times, your prices, your staff, and so on. That way, you can print simpler brochures. People rarely bother to read advertising literature with too much information. Simply print your main message and add your website address. Potential customers who want to know more about you will know where to look.

Finally, make use of your customers. Make sure they are happy with your services, and ask them to recommend you to their friends. Ask them for their email addresses so that you can keep them informed about special offers. If they agree, there is a good chance that they will forward your emails to their friends. Word of mouth is the best advertising there is.

- 1 According to the author, these days it is a challenge to
 - a attract customers' attention to your business.
 - b get your advertising message to as many people as before.
 - c advertise on every source of media.
 - d find the best possible people to advertise for you.

- 2 According to the author, the most effective way to advertise is to
 - a buy advertising space in different media.
 - b speak to other businesses who are likely to become your customers.
 - c mail people living near your business.
 - d target the people who are most likely to become your customers.

- 3 The best advertising messages
 - a refer to current promotions.
 - b include lots of useful information about your business.
 - c offer massive price reductions.
 - d are aimed at students.

- 4 According to the author, you should
 - a include all the important facts about your business on your leaflets.
 - b do all your advertising on the Internet.
 - c always include your website address on your leaflets.
 - d tell potential customers to find out about your business themselves.

- 5 The author says you can make sure that your customers help you to advertise your business by
 - a asking them to advertise your business for a small fee.
 - b getting their feedback so they can change things they are not happy with.
 - c asking them for their friends' email addresses so that you can reach more people.
 - d providing them with a good service.

Mark ___/5

Writing

10 Write an opinion essay (200–250 words) on the following topic: *If you want to be successful in business, building connections is more important than offering good products or services.* Include the following points:

- Introduce the and say what the essay is going to cover.
- Give your opinion and support it with arguments and examples.
- Present an opposing view with arguments and examples, then introduce your counter-arguments.
- Summarise the key points and restate your own opinion.

Mark ____/10

Total: ____/70

Progress Test 10A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Rewrite the sentences using a participle clause.

- 1 The plane, which was carrying twenty-five passengers, landed safely at the airport.

- 2 Milla Jovovich, who was born in Kiev, became a film actor when she was thirteen.

- 3 The people who will be going to Qatar for the 2022 World Cup will be watching the games in air-conditioned stadiums.

- 4 The Central European University, which was founded by George Soros, is in Budapest.

- 5 We live on a quiet street which is lined with flowering trees.

- 6 Glastonbury Festival, which is held each year on a farm in Somerset, is attended by thousands of music lovers.

- 7 The painting which is hanging on the wall over the fireplace was a gift from my grandmother.

Mark ___/7

2 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 **Each** / **Every** of the visitors to the exhibition received a signed photo of the artist.
- 2 I'd love to have a coffee with you, but I haven't got **much** / **many** time.
- 3 Who wants **any** / **some** orange juice?
- 4 Would you like **a few** / **a little** sugar in your coffee?
- 5 **No one** / **None** of my friends speak Swahili.
- 6 The film had some good scenes, but there were too **little** / **few** of them.
- 7 I've met **all** / **most** of the students at the school, but not everyone.

Mark ___/7

3 Complete the sentences with so, such or such a(n).

- 1 I'd love to get tickets to see Coldplay but they're _____ expensive.
- 2 Tim has got _____ amazing voice. He should be an opera singer.
- 3 The orchestra played _____ wonderfully that none of us wanted the evening to end.
- 4 I envy Joanna. She's got _____ gorgeous, curly hair!
- 5 What I liked best was the story. It was written _____ well.
- 6 Uriah Heep are still _____ amazing performers – after forty years in the music business.

Mark ___/6**Vocabulary****4 Choose the correct answers.**

- 1 Rock songs usually have a guitar ____ in the middle.
a movement **b** solo **c** aria
- 2 My favourite singer is going to sing a / an ____ from Mozart's opera, *The Magic Flute*.
a aria **b** lyric **c** choir
- 3 There was no live music at the club, just a ____ playing the latest hits.
a busker **b** DJ **c** performer
- 4 The orchestra played Beethoven's Ninth ____ at the concert last night.
a Melody **b** Harmony **c** Symphony
- 5 She plays the viola in a string ____ .
a group **b** quartet **c** band
- 6 The music has a strong ____ and it is easy to dance to.
a movement **b** solo **c** beat
- 7 I didn't know all the words to the song, but I could sing along to the ____ .
a chorus **b** choir **c** chords

Mark ___/7**5 Complete the text with one word in each gap.**

Sziget (meaning 'island') is one of largest music festivals in mainland ¹ _____. Every August more than 350,000 festival-² _____ come to Budapest to attend concerts and other events. There is a very impressive ³ _____-up of international artists in the programme each year. Headline ⁴ _____ in recent years have included Prince, Muse, Judas Priest and The Prodigy. There are dozens of stages and tents all over Sziget, and a ⁵ _____ site for those who want to sleep where they party. The venue is near the centre of the city, and there is a free shuttle ⁶ _____ service for those who have tickets. In 2007 the organisers started another festival called Balaton Sound for lovers of electronic dance ⁷ _____.

Mark ___/7

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 Before starting on the final picture, the artist made several _____. (sketch)
- 2 There are often marble or bronze _____ in important city squares and parks. (sculpt)
- 3 She's a talented artist. Have you seen any of her _____? (draw)
- 4 The new collection of fairy tales had _____ by a famous artist. (illustrate)
- 5 The *Mona Lisa* is probably the most famous _____ in the world. (paint)
- 6 Whenever I visit a city abroad, I find out if there are any interesting _____ I can go to. (exhibit)

Mark ____/6**Use of English****7 Complete the text. Choose the correct answers, A, B, C or D.**

One of the best films I've seen recently is called *Inception*. It was written and directed by Christopher Nolan and released in 2010. The main character is Dom Cobb, played by Leonard DiCaprio, who can create dreams for people, ¹ _____ him to enter their minds and steal their ideas or change their behaviour. He is asked by the owner of a large energy company to 'plant' an idea in the mind of one of his competitors, which will make that person destroy their own company. Although it is set in the present time, it feels quite ² _____. And despite the plot sounding ³ _____, I thought the film was very ⁴ _____ and realistic.

One of the most interesting ideas in the film was how time slows down in your dreams, so that something that feels like an hour in a dream, might only last for a few minutes in real life. ⁵ _____ made the biggest impression on me was how a person could have a dream, or several dreams, within a dream. And ⁶ _____ time you go into the next dream, time slows down even more. This means that something that takes only a ⁷ _____ seconds in the first dream lasts for several minutes, or even hours, in the second or third dream.

I think it's ⁸ _____ an amazing film. There are a lot of ⁹ _____ that you need to understand, but I've already seen it three times and every time I see it, I understand and enjoy it more. I would definitely recommend it. It makes other films look very two-dimensional and ¹⁰ _____.

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| 1 A allow | B allowed | C allowing | D are allowing |
| 2 A modern | B futuristic | C rural | D urban |
| 3 A unusual | B gripping | C irresponsible | D familiar |
| 4 A confused | B colloquial | C convincing | D conscientious |
| 5 A How | B That | C What | D Which |
| 6 A all | B each | C many | D most |
| 7 A any | B few | C little | D some |
| 8 A so | B such | C total | D very |
| 9 A directions | B details | C roles | D settings |
| 10 A dull | B familiar | C gripping | D moving |

Mark ____/10

Listening

8  **Listen to a conversation about an art exhibition. Choose the correct answers.**

- 1 The exhibition was unusual because
 - a all the paintings were made using scientific techniques.
 - b most of the paintings were forgeries.
 - c the gallery had showed the wrong pictures by mistake.

- 2 These days, galleries
 - a can rely on modern technology to study paintings in great detail.
 - b don't make mistakes any more.
 - c use scientific calculations to set the price of a work.

- 3 In the nineteenth century a painting by Hans Holbein
 - a became more valuable after the artist died.
 - b was stolen from the gallery.
 - c was a costly mistake for the gallery and its manager.

- 4 Regarding the two paintings by Botticelli,
 - a neither of them was by the famous artist.
 - b they were bought for a low price.
 - c the one they paid less for is real.

- 5 Recently, an expert from the gallery
 - a was criticised in the media and lost his job.
 - b spent over £22 million on a painting by Raphael that was proved to be fake.
 - c made a controversial decision about a painting.

Mark ___/5

Reading

9 Read the text. Are the statements 1–5 true or false?

An unusual string quartet

What do you do after you have completed your studies in classical music at a famous music academy? Well, if you are like Eicca Toppinen, Paavo Lötjönen, Max Lilja and Antero Manninen, you form a heavy metal band, of course! But not just any band. The four friends left the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki in 1993 and formed a group called Apocalyptica, one of the most successful heavy metal bands today, selling millions of albums around the world.

What brought the four young men together was their shared love for the band Metallica. At first, their dream was simply to play their favourite Metallica songs. What makes Apocalyptica unusual among heavy metal bands is that the musicians play cellos, not electric guitars. Their first album, released in 1996, had a title that explained it all – *Apocalyptica Plays Metallica by Four Cellos*.

The band became an unexpected international success. They received invitations to play with some of the biggest bands in rock, and performed at many festivals around Europe and the United States. Although the friends never expected to make a career in rock music, they have recorded seven more albums to date – all worldwide hits. Eicca and Paavo still play together, but Max Lilja and Antero Manninen have been replaced by Perttu Kivilaakso, another cello graduate of the Sibelius Academy, and professional drummer Mikko Sirén.

Apocalyptica have come a long way since 1993. They still play the music they loved listening to as teenage fans, but now they write most of their own material. Their fourth album, *Reflections*, released in 2003, was the first one to feature only original tracks by Apocalyptica. For songs that need a singer, they invite famous guest stars like Ville Valo of the band HIM, Till Lindemann of Rammstein or Gavin Rossdale of Bush.

The most ironic moment of their career came in November 2008. Their hit *I Don't Care* appeared in third place on the Billboard chart, ahead of Metallica who managed only fourth place! Later, with the same song, Apocalyptica became the first Finnish band ever to reach the top of the US charts.

- 1 The four friends from Sibelius Academy originally formed a quartet to play classical music. ____
- 2 They started Apocalyptica because they all liked the same band. ____
- 3 Today only two of the original musicians are left in the band. ____
- 4 They write some of their material, but most of their songs are still by other bands. ____
- 5 They made the US charts in 2008, just behind Metallica. ____

Mark ____/5

Writing

10 Write a review (200–250 words) of a book you have recently read. Include the following points:

- Say what kind of book it was and who wrote it.
- Say where and when it is set, and give information about the characters.
- Describe the main points in the story.
- Explain what you liked or didn't like about the book and why.

Mark ____/10

Total: ____/70

Unit 1 Progress Test A

Grammar

1

- 1 usually wears
- 2 are you following
- 3 aren't meeting
- 4 begins
- 5 hardly ever goes out
- 6 do you fancy
- 7 plays

2

- 1 don't remember
- 2 Do you believe
- 3 are you studying
- 4 doesn't need
- 5 prefer
- 6 are having

3

- 1 to watch
- 2 wearing
- 3 to live
- 4 crying
- 5 to avoid
- 6 staying
- 7 to have

Vocabulary

4

- 1 high-heeled
- 2 baggy
- 3 scruffy
- 4 plain
- 5 trendy

5

- 1 dissatisfied
- 2 inseparable
- 3 incredible
- 4 irresponsible
- 5 impossible

6

- 1 full-length
- 2 fur
- 3 cotton
- 4 shiny
- 5 matching
- 6 in
- 7 though
- 8 awful
- 9 like
- 10 –

Use of English

7

- 1 elegant
- 2 are wearing
- 3 to be
- 4 to choose
- 5 old-fashioned
- 6 unconventional
- 7 showing off
- 8 to fit
- 9 is reacting
- 10 stylish

Listening

8

- 1 F
- 2 C
- 3 B
- 4 D
- 5 A

Transcript

- 1 CCTV cameras are a small price to pay if you want to reduce crime. I don't mind sacrificing a bit of privacy for a safer life – what matters most is that you feel safe, not being caught on camera when you're out shopping!
- 2 I think CCTV cameras are wrong. I mean, what's next? The government recording your every move and telling you how to live your life? We should be free to do what we want without feeling like we're being watched or somehow under control. They make me uncomfortable.
- 3 I'm not really a fan of having cameras everywhere. I guess they're OK in shops and public offices, though, or in places where security is important – you know, airports and underground stations where there are lots of people. Then it's better to be safe than sorry.
- 4 They're watching us all the time! At work, on public transport, in shops, in the street ... Soon they'll be watching us in our homes. I can't stand it. But there's nowhere to hide ... Cameras are everywhere these days, it's too much!
- 5 I think the police are lazy. We need more police on the street; that's the way to prevent crime. But they prefer sitting in their comfortable offices, nice and warm, watching us on TV screens. How do they think they're going to catch any criminals if they're not where crime happens?

Reading

9

1 c

2 c

3 c

4 d

5 c

Writing

10

Students' own answers

Unit 2 Progress Test A

Grammar

1

- 1 was shining
- 2 were you talking
- 3 didn't like
- 4 played / had played
- 5 had seen
- 6 called
- 7 stopped
- 8 fell
- 9 had known
- 10 were preparing

2

- 1 Did you use to play
- 2 used to speak
- 3 didn't use to like
- 4 used to be
- 5 Did Fabienne use to live

3

- 1 That
- 2 What a
- 3 How
- 4 That
- 5 What a

Vocabulary

4

- 1 of
- 2 about
- 3 about
- 4 with
- 5 of
- 6 with
- 7 of
- 8 about
- 9 of

5

- 1 recognise
- 2 realise
- 3 memorise
- 4 remind
- 5 solve
- 6 doubt

6

- 1 exciting
- 2 worried
- 3 confusing
- 4 shocked
- 5 frightening

Use of English

7

- 1 D
- 2 B
- 3 A
- 4 D
- 5 B
- 6 D
- 7 D
- 8 D
- 9 B
- 10 C

Listening

8

- 1 c
- 2 a
- 3 b
- 4 a
- 5 a

Transcript

Interviewer ... with us in the studio is psychologist Dr Stephen Willard. He's here to talk to us about memory. Good evening, Dr Willard.

Dr Willard Good evening.

Interviewer Now, what do psychologists mean by memory?

Dr Willard Well, 'memory' is the ability to store and recall information and experiences. This involves three steps. First, we register the information – that is, we change it into a form that the brain can understand. Next, we store it in our mind. Finally, we retrieve it – or recall it, in other words.

Interviewer How much can the average person remember?

Dr Willard That's a complicated question. You see, there are different types of memory. There is short-term memory, for example, which we use to store a small amount of information for a short time. Imagine we ask for a person's phone number, and then pick up our own phone to dial the number. Most of us find it difficult to remember the number. We tend to repeat the numbers over and over until we have finished dialling. However, we can improve our short-term capacity by 'chunking'. It's easier to memorise a ten-digit phone number if we break it down into chunks – say, three numbers, then another three, then the final four numbers – than it is to memorise the numbers one by one.

Interviewer How can we remember things for longer?

Dr Willard Lots of things can help us store information in our long-term memory. Repetition is one. The more often we use information, the easier it is to recall it. Using a logically organised system is also helpful. We can recall related information more easily than random bits of information. Emotions also have a powerful impact – we remember emotionally positive or negative events more clearly and in more detail than neutral events. Finally, we know that sleep is important because it helps our brain to arrange the information we collected during the day for easier recall later on.

Interviewer So it's better to read your notes carefully before an exam and go to sleep than to keep studying through the night?

Dr Willard Yes, that's exactly how it works ... [fade]

Reading**9**

- 1 C
- 2 F
- 3 D
- 4 E
- 5 A

Writing**10**

Students' own answers.

Unit 3 Progress Test A

Grammar

1

- 1 My job, which involves dealing with the public, is quite well paid.
- 2 Andrew, who is Canadian, supervises the football team.
- 3 where
- 4 Jon, whose wife is Chinese, speaks six different languages very well.
- 5 whose
- 6 which
- 7 which

2

- 1 I travelled to Newcastle, where I was born in 1996.
- 2 Kelly and Steve, who moved to Norwich, got married on Sunday.
- 3 Our neighbours, whose daughter is in my class, are called Paul and Joanna.
- 4 Ally is in charge of the sales office, which she finds challenging.
- 5 I work as a telesales operator in a call centre, which is a boring job.
- 6 Twelve people, who are all reliable, work in this team.
- 7 Burford, where my grandmother lives, is a small town in England.

3

- 1 do they
- 2 are you
- 3 were you
- 4 will you
- 5 hasn't he
- 6 didn't she

Vocabulary

4

- 1 serve
- 2 deal
- 3 use
- 4 earn
- 5 be
- 6 do
- 7 answer
- 8 supervise

5

- 1 secretary
- 2 beauty therapist
- 3 flight attendant
- 4 waitress
- 5 mechanic

6

- 1 a
- 2 c
- 3 a
- 4 a
- 5 a
- 6 b
- 7 b

Use of English

7

- 1 who
- 2 where
- 3 whose
- 4 for
- 5 in
- 6 if
- 7 who
- 8 which
- 9 On
- 10 who

Listening

8

- 1 A
- 2 E
- 3 F
- 4 A
- 5 C

Transcript

- 1 I work in the coffee bar of a rock concert venue. It's not a really badly-paid job, but my salary still isn't high. I work long hours, too. Sometimes the music is terrible although I enjoy listening to some of the bands. I work in a team, and my job involves dealing with the public. Sometimes it's stressful, but I'm a positive person, so that's OK.
- 2 I'm a phone sales representative and I work in a call centre to try and sell people banking products. I do shift work – sometimes mornings, sometimes afternoons or evenings. We actually do a lot of business in the evenings when people are at home. The job's stressful and people can be rude when they answer the phone, but it's important to remain polite. I don't like what I do, but the salary's good, so that's something.
- 3 I'm a refuse collector. I work in a team and the three of us are good friends. Mornings are very busy when we collect the rubbish from bins around the city. Then in the afternoons we work at the refuse collection centre. It's menial work, but it's never really stressful. I work five days a week, seven hours a day, and then I go home, take a bath and relax.
- 4 I'm a lorry driver, so I spend a lot of time on the road. I don't work nine-to-five and I often spend the nights away from home. A lorry driver must be reliable and trustworthy because we often transport valuable things. You also have to enjoy your own company because, well, there's no one else around to entertain you!
- 5 My wife and I own a small gym. We're both fitness instructors, so we need to keep very fit. I'm in charge of managing the other trainers and my wife does the paperwork. We have a lot of customers so we're always very busy, but we find the work rewarding. I wouldn't think about doing anything else now.

Reading**9**

- 1 F
- 2 F
- 3 T
- 4 T
- 5 F

Writing**10**

Students' own answers.

Unit 4 Progress Test A

Grammar

1

- 1 have known
- 2 met
- 3 hasn't gone
- 4 have just heard
- 5 posted
- 6 did you live
- 7 has earned
- 8 haven't eaten
- 9 hasn't replaced
- 10 studied

2

- 1 has completed
- 2 have been playing
- 3 have you read
- 4 have loved
- 5 has failed
- 6 have been exercising
- 7 have been living
- 8 have been preparing
- 9 have known
- 10 have you bought

Vocabulary

3

- 1 b
- 2 a
- 3 b
- 4 c
- 5 c
- 6 c
- 7 b

4

- 1 campaign
- 2 tax
- 3 right
- 4 treatment
- 5 law
- 6 awareness

5

- 1 an upset
- 2 swollen
- 3 a dislocated
- 4 a blocked up
- 5 itchy
- 6 stiff
- 7 allergic

Use of English

6

- 1 D
- 2 A
- 3 B
- 4 A
- 5 D
- 6 D
- 7 C
- 8 C
- 9 B
- 10 D

Listening

7

- 1 F
- 2 F
- 3 T
- 4 F
- 5 T

Transcript**Mark**

I started yoga two years ago. My girlfriend at the time did yoga regularly and she kept inviting me along, but I didn't feel it was for me, so I didn't go. Then, about a month after we split up, I thought about joining a yoga class. It had nothing to with being fit and healthy; it was because I thought it would be a good way of meeting some new people.

I expected the atmosphere to be, you know, spiritual, but it wasn't anything like that. The teacher made me feel welcome and the course was very relaxed. I thought I'd be the only boy in the class, but there were three others, and about twelve girls – all in their late teens, like myself. Everyone was really friendly.

The first time I went, I made a silly mistake. I didn't take off my shoes. It took me a few minutes to realise that everyone else was barefoot. I always remember to take them off now. People sit and lie on the floor, you see, so it's unhygienic to walk around in street shoes.

The postures were easier than I thought. When you see pictures of yoga classes, you always see people in impossible poses which look painful. But there are simpler variations of the poses if you find the more complex ones too tricky.

Yoga isn't just about exercise, of course. It's also about meditation: forgetting the outside world and focusing inside yourself. And it's also about breathing techniques. I've never regretted starting yoga. I go a couple of times every week, and whenever I can I do breathing exercises and meditate when I get home from school. It makes doing homework much easier, and I sleep better, too. Going to yoga has also meant I've made lots of good friends, and we often meet up at the weekend.

Reading**8**

- 1 c
- 2 c
- 3 a
- 4 d
- 5 d

Writing**9**

Students' own answers.

Unit 5 Progress Test A

Grammar

1

- 1 don't stop
- 2 could / may / might launch
- 3 will probably rise
- 4 may / might not send
- 5 could / may / might become
- 6 he will probably go
- 7 will definitely replace

2

- 1 will have reached
- 2 will be working
- 3 will have completed
- 4 Will people be spending
- 5 will have finished
- 6 will be sharing
- 7 won't have completed
- 8 will be flying

3

- 1 to move
- 2 to get
- 3 you'll find
- 4 I'll buy
- 5 to study

Vocabulary

4

- 1 file-sharing
- 2 USB
- 3 GB
- 4 LED
- 5 app
- 6 Wi-Fi
- 7 social-networking
- 8 autocomplete

5

- 1 baseball
- 2 can opener / tin opener
- 3 tape measure
- 4 light switch
- 5 toothbrush
- 6 alarm clock

6

- 1 make
- 2 reduce
- 3 provide
- 4 start
- 5 treat
- 6 suffer

Use of English

7

- 1 D
- 2 A
- 3 A
- 4 C
- 5 B
- 6 D
- 7 D
- 8 C
- 9 D
- 10 D

Listening

8

- 1 D
- 2 C
- 3 A
- 4 B
- 5 F

Transcript

- 1 Why are we spending billions on trying to get people to Mars? There are still plenty of places on Earth that we haven't explored: the bottom of the oceans, for example. Why don't we invest in looking for natural resources there, or for ways to start a colony under the sea? These possibilities are just as exciting as anything we might do in space.
- 2 I think people have forgotten what's really important. Scientists used to make discoveries that made our lives safer or healthier, and our work easier and more productive. These days it's all about new forms of entertainment, new ways of wasting time ... I'm thinking of things like digital TV, smartphones, computer games. We were perfectly happy without these, and we'll still be happy if we stop making them one day.
- 3 I think the potential of space is really exciting. It's not just about visiting new places; space exploration can help us change our ideas. Scientists can carry out experiments in space that would be impossible on Earth. The modern space projects promote co-operation between nations, too – think about the International Space Station, for example. Russia, Europe, Japan and the United States are all building it together. Just thirty years ago it would have been impossible. Would I say yes if anyone asked me to go into space? Definitely!
- 4 Technology develops so fast, it's difficult to keep up. By the time you buy a new smartphone or an mp3 player, it's already out of date. I love that! I spend a lot of my free time on the Internet looking for news about new gadgets. It's just a shame I don't have the money to buy everything I like.
- 5 I think technology is changing relationships between people. Social-networking sites make it easier to maintain friendships that you don't have the time for in real life, mobile phones mean we can go anywhere and still keep in touch with people who are important to us, and Wi-Fi hotspots allow us to work and communicate from almost anywhere. We aren't tied to one way of doing things any more. I think it's brilliant, and I can't imagine living without it now.

Reading**9**

- 1 F
- 2 F
- 3 T
- 4 T
- 5 F

Writing**10**

Students' own answers.

Unit 6 Progress Test A

Grammar

1

- 1 They said (that) their company was planning to move out of the city centre the following month.
- 2 Sheila told Fred (that) she would always love him.
- 3 Last Monday, Steve told Olivia (that) she couldn't borrow his bike that night.
- 4 Mr and Mrs Jones told us (that) they had spent their holiday in Malta the month before / the previous month.
- 5 I told the reporter (that) I had never encountered any aliens before.
- 6 Helen said (that) Jake knew her password.
- 7 Christine said (that) she was making lunch for herself that day.
- 8 The shop assistant told me (that) their supermarket was closed on Sundays.
- 9 The nephew said (that) his aunt was thinking of moving out of her old house.
- 10 The manager told his wife (that) he wouldn't be able to leave the office early.

2

- 1 I asked Joe what he would do after he left school.
- 2 The newspaper editor asked her assistant whether/if he/she had written the story about their alien encounter yet.
- 3 Frances asked Gillian whether/if she was going to Martha's birthday party that night.
- 4 Lisa asked her boyfriend whether/if he was going to write to her every day.
- 5 The reporter asked the woman what she could tell him/her about what happened the night before / the previous night.
- 6 The policeman asked me whether/if I had seen anyone climb out of the window at midnight.
- 7 I asked Jessie whether/if her boyfriend believed in UFOs.
- 8 The inspector asked Mr and Mrs Mitchell whether/if they had been in bed at the time of the robbery.
- 9 Nick asked Alison when she was going to visit him again.
- 10 The detective asked the man whether/if he could remember what time he had gone to bed the night before/the previous night.

Vocabulary

3

- 1 windowsill
- 2 floorboards
- 3 keyhole
- 4 coffee table
- 5 rocking chair
- 6 bookshelf
- 7 ashtrays
- 8 sideboard
- 9 flowerbeds
- 10 curtain rail

4

- 1 glass
- 2 china
- 3 fabric
- 4 marble
- 5 leather

5

- 1 on
- 2 over
- 3 for
- 4 across
- 5 into

Use of English

6

- 1 that
- 2 that
- 3 off
- 4 through / into / in
- 5 fireplace / grate
- 6 into / inside / in
- 7 for
- 8 into
- 9 have
- 10 have

Listening

7

- 1 c
- 2 b
- 3 b
- 4 c
- 5 b

Transcript

Molly When people talk about mysteries, they often think about places like the Bermuda Triangle or Loch Ness. The place I visited is less mysterious, but the experience had a huge effect on me.

A couple of years ago my friend Kate persuaded me to go on holiday to Malta with her. I expected the usual sort of summer holiday, but instead of lying on the beach or clubbing all night, Kate's plan was to explore the island's history, culture and traditions – far more interesting than beaches, clubs and bars!

We visited several of the island's many churches. We saw the Mosta Dome, the third largest dome in the world, and learned what happened during the Second World War on the 9th of April 1942. A bomb fell on the church, landed in the middle of the 300 people there ... and didn't go off. Everyone survived unharmed.

On the nearby island of Gozo we saw another church which has a dome that is larger than the one at St Paul's Cathedral in London. The church can hold 3,000 people, which means the whole village can go to church at the same time! We also saw old temples built in the Stone Age, about 6,000 years ago. I loved the sense of time that they give you. The really intriguing thing about them, though, is that the civilisation that built these temples used them for a thousand years – and then simply disappeared!

But the strangest thing we saw was a rock formation. There are marks in the rock that look like train tracks, forming an enormous network. It looks like an unused train station, and an Englishman named it Clapham Junction – after the railway station in London. Some people say the rock is soft and that carts with wooden wheels must have left their mark in the rock. Others say the tracks may have been canals used to transport water. It's definitely one of the most curious things I've ever seen in my life.

Reading**8**

- 1 D
- 2 A
- 3 B
- 4 E
- 5 F

Writing**9**

Students' own answers.

Unit 7 Progress Test A

Grammar

1

- 1 the most attractive
- 2 less
- 3 better
- 4 the best
- 5 more slowly / slower
- 6 the most popular
- 7 shorter, shorter

2

- 1 English is the least difficult subject at school.
- 2 That was/is the least interesting film we've ever seen.
- 3 Paul drives less carefully than Bruce.
- 4 A working holiday is the least expensive way to enjoy yourself abroad.
- 5 Anna earns less money than Karin.

3

- 1 fancied
- 2 would answer
- 3 didn't go
- 4 would be
- 5 didn't spend
- 6 would ask
- 7 would you do
- 8 not tidy

Vocabulary

4

- 1 with
- 2 made up
- 3 married
- 4 up
- 5 fancies
- 6 ask
- 7 back

5

- 1 c
- 2 b
- 3 b
- 4 b
- 5 b
- 6 c
- 7 b

6

- 1 for
- 2 of
- 3 to
- 4 with
- 5 in
- 6 of

Use of English

7

- 1 B
- 2 A
- 3 C
- 4 A
- 5 A
- 6 B
- 7 D
- 8 B
- 9 A
- 10 B

Listening

8

- 1 A
- 2 A
- 3 R
- 4 R
- 5 A

Transcript

- Presenter** In our Valentine's Day special, I'm talking to Angie and Rob, an eighteen-year-old couple from Bristol. So, what was your first date like?
- Rob** Our first date was about two years ago ...
- Angie** [interrupts] No, it wasn't. It was two years, ten months ago yesterday.
- Presenter** How did it all start?
- Angie** We met at a party and got on well. Afterwards, I friended Rob on Facebook, and we chatted a few times on there too. I waited for a month for him to ask me out – but he never did. I thought he fancied me!
- Rob** She's right. Angie asked me out. She sent me a message on Facebook, saying 'Do you want to go on a date?'
- Presenter** Were you afraid he'd say no, Angie?
- Angie** No, I wasn't. I was sure we'd get on well together as a couple. And he accepted immediately. I got his message back the same day.
- Presenter** What did you do on your first date?
- Rob** We went to the cinema.
- Presenter** Which film did you see? And who chose it?
- Angie** He did. It was some stupid action movie, I think. I don't really remember what it was.
- Rob** It was Fast Five ... and yes, it was stupid, but I love action films. I realise now I should have taken Angie to a romantic comedy instead.
- Angie** You can say that again! Anyway, we had a good time, and Rob took me to a pizza restaurant afterwards.
- Presenter** Have you ever fallen out?
- Rob** Once – for a few hours.
- Angie** It was a misunderstanding. I overheard two friends of mine saying that Rob wanted to split up with his girlfriend. I was really angry. I rang up Rob and we had a big row.
- Rob** Yes, she shouted at me, but I didn't know what she was talking about.
- Angie** Then I found out my friends were talking about another Rob, not my Rob, and I apologised.
- Rob** And she took me to another action movie to make up with me.
- Angie** But of course I chose one that he'd already seen ...
- Rob** Well, it's the thought that counts.
- Angie** And we've been happy together ever since!
- Presenter** Thanks, Angie and Rob.

Reading

9

- 1 D
- 2 E
- 3 C
- 4 A
- 5 B

Writing

10

Students' own answers.

Unit 8 Progress Test A

Grammar

1

- 1 is being tested / will be being tested
- 2 has directed
- 3 were built
- 4 had been eaten
- 5 will be held / is being held
- 6 have taken part
- 7 is not allowed
- 8 opens
- 9 are being followed
- 10 visited

2

- 1 anyone
- 2 something
- 3 nowhere
- 4 Everybody
- 5 nothing
- 6 something

3

- 1 It doesn't matter what Fiona and Steve talked about.
- 2 It takes about two hours to travel between Oxford and Cambridge.
- 3 It has been raining all night.
- 4 It was difficult to do all the exercises.

Vocabulary

4

- 1 boarding
- 2 rank
- 3 buffet
- 4 shoulder
- 5 control
- 6 departure
- 7 waiting
- 8 unleaded

5

- 1 gruelling
- 2 remote
- 3 lethal
- 4 intrepid
- 5 historic
- 6 notorious
- 7 unsuccessful

6

- 1 DIY
- 2 folks
- 3 chilled
- 4 looked out
- 5 grief

Use of English

7

- 1 D
- 2 D
- 3 B
- 4 C
- 5 C
- 6 C
- 7 C
- 8 B
- 9 C
- 10 C

Listening

8

- 1 E
- 2 C
- 3 D
- 4 A
- 5 F

Transcript

- 1 We didn't take the car because there are always traffic jams on the motorway on Friday afternoons, and we thought the train would be better. We bought tickets – they were expensive – and waited for three hours before they told us the train was cancelled. We were furious and wrote a letter to complain about the terrible service.
- 2 Last year we booked a package holiday. It was a late night flight, but that was OK, and we were able to sleep on the plane. But the hotel was so noisy! And the rooms were dirty, and the view was disappointing. We made a fuss and contacted the travel agency and they took us to a better hotel. We had to pay extra though, which is a disgrace.
- 3 I travel a lot for business, and I usually fly with the same airline. I wanted a business class ticket because I had to work during the flight, so I needed plenty of space. But the plane only had economy class. At the check-in desk, they promised I could board the plane first to choose the most suitable place to work, but I still ended up next to a crying baby!
- 4 My grandparents live in a remote village in the north of England and I wanted to visit them for their wedding anniversary. No trains or coaches go there, so I asked my girlfriend to drive me. The first part of the journey was OK, but outside Birmingham there was an accident and we spent hours in a traffic jam. We got to my grandparents' house after midnight, and we had to wake them up.
- 5 I had a job interview in Bristol last week, so I took a fast train from Oxford. I got my ticket, and ten minutes later, they announced my train to Bristol. Soon I was in Reading – which is in the wrong direction! I complained to the ticket controller there. He was really unhelpful and made me buy a new ticket from Reading to Bristol. Needless to say, I didn't get to my interview on time and I didn't get the job.

Reading**9**

- 1 F
- 2 T
- 3 F
- 4 F
- 5 F

Writing**10**

Students' own answers.

Unit 9 Progress Test A

Grammar

1

- 1 have his eyes checked
- 2 will have our car repaired
- 3 did Michele have that tattoo done
- 4 Have you had your hair dyed
- 5 (had) had their car serviced
- 6 had all my money stolen

2

- 1 himself
- 2 herself
- 3 yourself
- 4 themselves
- 5 ourselves
- 6 myself

3

- 1 If Ross had known Paula's number, he would have rung her.
- 2 I wouldn't have had an accident if I had driven (more) carefully.
- 3 Annie and Martin wouldn't have been late for school if they hadn't missed the bus.
- 4 If Jake and Rachel hadn't had a big fight, they wouldn't have split up.
- 5 Your dad wouldn't have been disappointed if you hadn't forgotten his birthday.
- 6 If I had trained hard(er), I would have won the competition.
- 7 My girlfriend wouldn't have been angry if I hadn't lied to her.
- 8 If we had had enough money, we could/would have bought a new laptop.

Vocabulary

4

- 1 sale
- 2 stock
- 3 refund
- 4 change
- 5 bargain
- 6 cash
- 7 receipt
- 8 till

5

- 1 around
- 2 up
- 3 back
- 4 in
- 5 out
- 6 for
- 7 on
- 8 on

6

- 1 on
- 2 in
- 3 in
- 4 for

Use of English

7

- 1 been
- 2 out
- 3 under
- 4 himself
- 5 done
- 6 had
- 7 By
- 8 on
- 9 in
- 10 from

Listening

8

- 1 T
- 2 F
- 3 F
- 4 T
- 5 F

Transcript**Man**

The luckiest day of my life didn't start out well. I was having my motorbike serviced, so I had to go to college by bus. It was very crowded inside the bus and when I got off, I thought my laptop had been stolen from my rucksack. In fact, the laptop was still on my desk at home, but I didn't realise that at the time.

I was very depressed, so I went into a shop to buy some chocolate to cheer me up. As I was queuing at the till, I saw some lottery scratch cards. I know that your chances of winning the lottery are really small so I don't usually buy them, but at that moment I had a sudden urge to try my luck, so I got some chocolate and a card.

Then I walked to the library. I had a lot of work to do for college and I forgot all about the scratch card. As it happened, I was walking past the same shop to go home that afternoon when I remembered it. I took out a pound coin and scratched it. Nothing.

I felt depressed again. (Remember, this was before I knew my laptop was safe.) I walked into the shop to get another chocolate bar. There was a very attractive girl at the till, and she asked me if I wanted another scratch card. I was surprised because I didn't remember seeing her in the morning. I told her that, and she said she'd been putting up signs for special offers in the window and that's probably why I hadn't seen her.

She asked me if I'd won anything with the first card. I said no, and told her about the horrible day I'd had. She laughed and said that we should have coffee together and she would tell me the story of her horrible day ... Yes, this gorgeous girl actually asked me out on a date! So we had coffee, and we've been going out ever since. She's the most amazing girl I've ever met and I still can't believe she's my girlfriend. And that's why I'll always remember the day we met as the luckiest day of my life.

Reading**9**

- 1 a
- 2 d
- 3 a
- 4 c
- 5 d

Writing**10**

Students' own answers.

Unit 10 Progress Test A

Grammar

1

- 1 The plane, carrying twenty-five passengers, landed safely at the airport.
- 2 Milla Jovovich, born in Kiev, became a film actor when she was thirteen.
- 3 The people going to Qatar for the 2022 World Cup will be watching the games in air-conditioned stadiums.
- 4 The Central European University, founded by George Soros, is in Budapest.
- 5 We live on a quiet street lined with flowering trees.
- 6 Glastonbury Festival, held each year on a farm in Somerset, is attended by thousands of music lovers.
- 7 The painting hanging on the wall over the fireplace was a gift from my grandmother.

2

- 1 Each
- 2 much
- 3 some
- 4 a little
- 5 None
- 6 few
- 7 most

3

- 1 so
- 2 such an
- 3 so
- 4 such
- 5 so
- 6 such

Vocabulary

4

- 1 b
- 2 a
- 3 b
- 4 c
- 5 b
- 6 c
- 7 a

5

- 1 Europe
- 2 goers
- 3 line
- 4 acts
- 5 camp
- 6 bus
- 7 music

6

- 1 sketches
- 2 sculptures
- 3 drawings
- 4 illustrations
- 5 painting
- 6 exhibitions

Use of English

7

1 C

2 B

3 A

4 C

5 C

6 B

7 B

8 B

9 B

10 A

Listening

8

1 b

2 a

3 c

4 c

5 c

Transcript

- Man** So, what was the most interesting art exhibition you've ever seen?
- Woman** Probably one I saw in London a few years ago. I spent my summer holiday there, and one rainy day I visited the National Gallery. What amazed me most was that almost all the paintings were fakes. They weren't genuine.
- Man** So why did the gallery show them?
- Woman** Well, they thought it would be interesting to have an exhibition about the role of science in understanding art. And it is. It's fascinating to see some of the mistakes museums made before the development of sophisticated scientific methods. Nowadays, of course, experts examine works of art they want to buy scientifically, and this helps them decide whether the price is right and whether they're dealing with the real thing at all.
- Man** Do they ever make mistakes?
- Woman** Yes, expensive mistakes! And this exhibition showed some of the worst mistakes the gallery had made in the past. One mistake in 1845 cost the keeper – that's the person in charge of the gallery – his job. The gallery paid a lot of money for a painting they thought was by Hans Holbein, but actually, it was painted at least seventeen years after the artist had died!
- Man** How embarrassing! What about other big mistakes?
- Woman** Well, on one occasion they bought what they thought were two paintings by Botticelli. They paid about 1,000 pounds for one of them – a lot of money at the time – and more than 1,600 for the other one. It turns out that the cheaper one is genuine, but the more expensive one probably isn't.
- Man** Any other nasty surprises?
- Woman** Well, there are some long-running disputes! The most well-known is probably the story of The Madonna of the Pinks. It was bought by the gallery in 2004. The seller had always thought the picture was a copy of a painting by Raphael, but the expert from the gallery disagreed. He thought it was a genuine Raphael. However, the painting was going to be sold to an American collector and the gallery was very keen to keep it in Britain. They had to raise a lot of money to be able to buy it for the National Gallery. In fact, they paid over £22 million for it. A lot of people criticised the museum's expert for wasting the National Gallery's money on a copy, but he was sure that the painting was genuine and that it was worth every penny they paid for it! The debate continues to this day.

Reading

9

- 1 F
- 2 T
- 3 T
- 4 F
- 5 F

Writing

10

Students' own answers.