

End-of-course Test Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation B

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Example: I have to go. My train leaves in five minutes. (leave)

- 1 This church is very old. It _____ in 1350. (build)
- 2 My parents never used to let me _____ out after 10pm. (stay)
- 3 **A** I don't like this programme.
B I _____ the channel if you like. (change)
- 4 They told us _____ in the first three rows. (not sit)
- 5 Which musical instrument would you like _____ play? (be able to)
- 6 If you _____ him what's happened, he'll understand. (tell)
- 7 My husband doesn't want me _____ so much money on make-up. (spend)
- 8 Have you seen Alma? I _____ her all morning. (look for)
- 9 **A** Where's Casper?
B I think he _____ a rest at the moment. (have)
- 10 Ann _____ on holiday yesterday and she's not coming back until Monday. (go)
- 11 Nadine finally succeeded in _____ the wardrobe. (assemble)
- 12 When I left the school, I found out that somebody _____ my bike. (steal)
- 13 _____ you _____ what you need to do now? (understand)
- 14 **A** Can I borrow your book?
B No, I _____ reading it yet. (not finish)
- 15 If I had known the test was that easy, I _____ so hard. (not study)

2 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: I don't mind cooking tonight if you want to relax.
cooking to cook cook

- 1 When I met Jin's wife, I realized I _____ her somewhere before.
had seen saw was seeing
- 2 I'll go out with him if he _____ me.
is calling 'll call calls
- 3 That blue car over there is _____.
our us ours
- 4 If I _____ that it was broken, I would have fixed it.
would have seen had seen would see
- 5 Amos _____ me for a long time. We're old school friends.
has been knowing has known knows
- 6 I think we _____ too much homework last week.
gave were given were been given
- 7 I didn't _____ like going to the theatre when I was a child.
used to used use to
- 8 She wanted to buy Samuel's car, so he sold _____ for a good price.
it her to her it to her

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- 9 Who's that girl sitting _____ your brother?
opposite of opposite from opposite
- 10 Jesper walked _____ the gate and into the garden.
over through along
- 11 There are several broken tiles so we need to _____ soon.
get repaired the roof repaired the roof get the roof repaired
- 12 My friend Abigail is trying to open _____ business.
she's own her own own
- 13 **A** I don't have any plans tomorrow.
B Nor do I. _____ out to lunch?
Shall we go Will we go Are we going
- 14 We stayed in _____ apartment in Paris.
Sara and Louis's Sara and Louis Sara's and Louis's
- 15 She has asked me to _____ from the station.
pick up her pick her up pick up she

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3 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

Example: Someone's stolen my purse!

My purse has been stolen.

- 1 'Did he pass his driving test?' I asked.
I asked if he _____ his driving test.
- 2 Their father said they had to wash the car.
Their father made _____ the car.
- 3 Rebecca could speak three languages when she was 15.
Rebecca was _____ speak three languages when she was 15.
- 4 Our hotel room wasn't ready. Someone was cleaning it.
Our hotel room wasn't ready. It _____.
- 5 I don't know a cheaper outlet shop than this one.
This is _____ outlet shop I know.
- 6 They never crowned Catherine Queen of England.
Catherine _____ Queen of England.
- 7 The first series was more exciting than this one.
This series isn't _____ the first one.
- 8 You don't have to worry about your practical exam. You'll be fine.
You _____ worry about your practical exam.
- 9 We don't really like spicy food.
We _____ on spicy food.
- 10 Does the optician check your eyes regularly?
Do you have your _____ regularly?

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Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation B**VOCABULARY****4 Underline the odd one out.**

Example: hedge gate cockerel fence

- 1 bridesmaid dustman pageboy bride
- 2 straightened mended bleached curled
- 3 jar tub packet lens
- 4 hammer tutor spanner screwdriver
- 5 centre settings distance foreground
- 6 wire spoon glue string
- 7 channels sitcoms soaps cartoons
- 8 adaptor intern flip-flops insect repellent
- 9 episode series weather forecast box set
- 10 webinars professors campus current affairs

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5 Read the definition then complete the word.

Example: a break during a theatre performance
interval

- 1 a child that has recently learned to walk
t _____
- 2 another word for very dark blue
n _____
- 3 an adjective to describe someone who doesn't follow the rules
r _____
- 4 a vehicle which a farmer drives
tr _____
- 5 a student who is studying for his / her first degree
u _____
- 6 like a mountain but smaller
h _____
- 7 a woman's surname before she got married
m _____ n _____
- 8 an adjective to describe something which has no use
u _____
- 9 a shop that sells writing materials
st _____
- 10 the top or cover on a tub or jar
l _____
- 11 the American word for 'pavement'
s _____
- 12 you use this with a fork to cut your food
k _____
- 13 an adjective to describe the opposite of tidy
m _____

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- 14 a place where you can go to book a holiday
t _____ a _____
- 15 the line where hair is divided using a comb
p _____

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

Example: I asked my son to take out the rubbish.
take off take out give away

- 1 See you later. I'm going for a walk in the _____.
lake wood well
- 2 We decided to name her Lucy _____ my grandmother.
for of after
- 3 You can only _____ cash from an ATM if there is money in your account.
enter withdraw receipt
- 4 If you want to do well at university, you should _____ every seminar.
assist attend apply
- 5 Per is very _____ and usually gets what he wants.
assertive assertious assertful
- 6 My daughter's _____ her final exam next week.
passing taking failing
- 7 Anya likes to _____ weights at the gym three times a week.
push lift raise
- 8 When we'd finished our meal, we _____ the bill.
left ordered asked for
- 9 Elouise is very _____. She never does anything stupid.
sensible sensitive sensing
- 10 We are going to _____ away on holiday for 2 weeks.
be take put
- 11 **A** Excuse me, do you have these in a large?
B I'm sorry, we're _____ larges at the moment.
out of off out
- 12 Climb up the _____ and check the roof for me, please.
spanner ladder fuse
- 13 Social sciences is the largest _____ at this university.
hall of residence campus faculty
- 14 Katie was still _____ her suitcase when the taxi arrived.
doing packing making
- 15 I'm quite disappointed _____ this photo. It's out of focus.
for from with

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PRONUNCIATION

7 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: ex|er|cise

- 1 a|part|ment
- 2 di|sser|ta|tion
- 3 teen|a|ger
- 4 news|a|gent's
- 5 com|pa|ssion|ate
- 6 ga|lle|ry
- 7 o|ppo|nent
- 8 re|co|mmend
- 9 a|ccur|ate|ly
- 10 do|cu|men|taries

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8 Match the words with the same sound.

aerobics	baker's	beige	cases	child	device
garbage	mugs	reapply	shoes	ticket	

Example: bunches cases

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| massage | 1 | _____ | _____ |
| bike | 2 | _____ | _____ |
| memorize | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| away | 4 | _____ | _____ |
| drill | 5 | _____ | _____ |

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READING

Read the text and choose the answer (A, B, C, or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

The pros and cons of being middle-aged

It seems rather odd to be writing an article with this title for 'Today's Student' magazine but the editor assures me that the younger generation are open to learning not only from experts such as their professors and tutors but also from experience, which is something I can certainly write about.

By the time an adult reaches 50, he or she may have experienced many of the major milestones such as graduation, settling down with a partner, establishing a career, having children and so on. What do you get from having been through these kinds of experiences? In my view, there are three main things. Firstly, you gain a degree of self-knowledge. In other words, you have usually discovered what you are capable of and what you're good at. The second and, for me, the most valuable asset is being less embarrassed. Situations which would have been highly embarrassing in your twenties are no longer an issue because you care far less what others think. If for some reason I feel like combining pink, red and purple in one outfit, I'll just go right ahead.

Last but not least, by your early fifties, it's likely that you'll have developed specific preferences. This is a double-edged sword because it can lead to becoming set in your ways and unwilling to embrace new experiences or challenges. On the whole, though, I'm glad to have realised that I don't have to like jazz and can put my energy into pursuing things that I love, such as having my nails done every month or going to the theatre. Of course turning 50 shouldn't put an end to learning new things. Indeed, there are countless things I can imagine trying and, unlike when I was younger, I'm now largely able to afford them.

With all these advantages, how is it that a recent UK survey of over 300,000 adults revealed that the highest levels of unhappiness were among those aged 50-53? Further investigation suggests that for many this could be due to the combined pressures of looking after ageing parents at the same time as working and also trying to bring up children. There's no time or energy left for yourself.

Being time-poor has a detrimental effect on taking up something new, especially for those who are middle-aged. For instance, in my twenties I used to be able to pick up languages very quickly and easily. I remember teaching myself German mainly by socialising and watching TV box sets. But I couldn't manage it now without hours of serious study, which I simply don't have at my disposal.

Even something as basic as keeping fit requires more time and dedication than it used to. Fortunately, I don't have a problem with being committed because I'm addicted to the gym so I like nothing better than lifting weights for hours but I simply can't go as often as I'd like. All in all, my advice would be to enjoy your youth but not to fear ageing because it is unavoidable anyway and the downsides are probably not as bad as you imagine. There are some real benefits to maturity.

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- 1 The target readers of this article are _____.
 - A professors and tutors. ☐
 - B students. ☐
 - C middle-aged people. ☐
 - D the elderly. ☐
- 2 The most positive aspect of being middle-aged for the writer is _____.
 - A not caring about other people's opinions. ☐
 - B knowing yourself well. ☐
 - C building your career. ☐
 - D understanding your likes and dislikes. ☐
- 3 The writer says _____.
 - A she is set in her ways. ☐
 - B she can't think of any new things to learn. ☐
 - C she has more money now than when she was young. ☐
 - D you ought to stop learning new things when you're 50. ☐
- 4 The writer's example about language learning shows _____.
 - A the reason for her unhappiness. ☐
 - B that she believes she has completely lost the ability to learn. ☐
 - C that everyone can learn without joining a course. ☐
 - D that it would take her more time than in the past. ☐
- 5 On the topic of going to the gym, the writer states that _____.
 - A she can think of better things to do. ☐
 - B is rather expensive. ☐
 - C it is something she loves. ☐
 - D she goes more often than she really wants to. ☐

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WRITING

Write an essay giving your opinion on the following topic (140–180 words).

'Young people spend too much time on screens.'

Include the following information:

- say what kinds of screens people use
- describe the kinds of activities young people enjoy while using screens
- explain whether you agree or disagree with the statement and give reasons for your opinion

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Reading and Writing total		25
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End-of-course Test Listening and Speaking B

LISTENING

1 Listen to Harry Weston talking about two of his favourite photographers. Choose the correct answer.

- 1 According to Harry, the choice of his favourite photographers ____
 A was not difficult to make. ☐
 B meant he only considered Americans. ☐
 C was limited in number. ☐
- 2 When Ansel Adams was young, ____
 A he never went to school. ☐
 B he loved being outdoors. ☐
 C he played piano to earn money. ☐
- 3 Harry says Adams's photography is impressive because ____
 A he manipulated his photos very well. ☐
 B he understood how to use natural light. ☐
 C he used bold colours in his photos. ☐
- 4 Ansel Adams and Dorothea Lange both ____.
 A shared a love of the countryside. ☐
 B went to the same art college. ☐
 C lived in San Francisco. ☐
- 5 Harry states that Lange's photos of people in the Great Depression ____
 A have had an impact on today's photojournalists. ☐
 B attracted attention from the government that the people didn't want. ☐
 C show families who look happy. ☐

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2 Listen to five conversations. Match the conversations (1–5) with what the speakers were talking about (A–E).

- A found university got them ready for work
- B wanted to get a job, but found their tutor unhelpful
- C didn't want to leave home to go to university
- D found it hard to work and study
- E didn't have a positive experience of starting work
- F wasn't keen to borrow money to study

- Speaker 1 ☐
 Speaker 2 ☐
 Speaker 3 ☐
 Speaker 4 ☐
 Speaker 5 ☐

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SPEAKING

1 Make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 / you / watch news and current affairs / TV? Why / Why not?
- 2 How often / you / take / photos? What / you / take them of?
- 3 What kind / things / you / pack / when / go / on holiday?
- 4 / you think / people / spend too much money / looking after / appearance? Why / Why not?
- 5 Tell / about / best live entertainment / ever / see.

Now answer your partner's questions.

2 Listen to your partner. Do you agree with him / her?

3 Talk about one of the statements below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

'Practical exams are more useful than written exams.'

'Governments ought to do more to deal with the problem of rubbish.'

'Online shopping is preferable to shopping on the high street.'

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