

File Test 3  
Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation B

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the email with *a*, *an*, *the*, or – (no article).

Hi Isobel,

We're having a great time here in Florence. I think <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Italian cities are all beautiful, but I can't believe what <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lovely city Florence is!

We got here yesterday afternoon so we had time to find <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ lovely hotel and relax after <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ journey. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hotel isn't far from <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ city centre, but it's very quiet.

We got up early because <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ sun was shining in through our window. We had <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very nice breakfast (fantastic coffee!) and looked around <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ city.

Later, Claire's friend Marco is taking us to <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ best pizzeria in Florence! He's <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ art student at a college here.

We'll get back home <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ next Sunday. See you soon!

Love,  
Gillian

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2 Write the comparative or superlative form.

Example: The people in Ireland are some of the friendliest (friendly) in the world.

- 1 This car is \_\_\_\_\_ (economical) than my last one.
- 2 That was probably \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) meal I've ever eaten!
- 3 The subway in Beijing is \_\_\_\_\_ (modern) one I've ever seen.
- 4 I think she looks much \_\_\_\_\_ (good) with longer hair!
- 5 Are trains in your country \_\_\_\_\_ (expensive) as they are here?
- 6 What's \_\_\_\_\_ (quick) way to get to the city centre?
- 7 Jill speaks \_\_\_\_\_ (slowly) than I do, so she's easier to understand.
- 8 My new bedroom is \_\_\_\_\_ (tiny) as my old one, unfortunately.

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### VOCABULARY

#### 3 Complete the phrasal verbs in the sentences.

Example: Slow **down!** You're going way too fast!

- 1 Watch **o**\_\_\_\_\_ for speed cameras on this road – you don't want to get caught.
- 2 I didn't have my satnav with me and I **e**\_\_\_\_\_ up in the wrong part of the city.
- 3 You should **s**\_\_\_\_\_ off for the station at 9.00 if your train is at 9.45.
- 4 If you need a lift back, I could **p**\_\_\_\_\_ you up here at about 8.00.
- 5 You'll **r**\_\_\_\_\_ out of petrol soon. There isn't much left.

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#### 4 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

Example: Are you listening to me?

- 1 This café reminds me \_\_\_\_\_ the one we went to in Lille.
- 2 Paula is arriving \_\_\_\_\_ Barcelona on Friday night.
- 3 Try not to laugh \_\_\_\_\_ me when I speak Spanish – my accent is terrible!
- 4 She used to be married \_\_\_\_\_ my oldest brother.
- 5 It can take a long time to get to the station – it depends \_\_\_\_\_ the traffic.
- 6 I don't think I'm really afraid \_\_\_\_\_ anything.
- 7 My husband is fed up \_\_\_\_\_ his long journey to work.

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#### 5 Complete the compound nouns in the sentences.

Example: Watch out for the speed camera when you drive out of town.

- 1 It's dangerous when drivers go through a red traffic \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 This taxi \_\_\_\_\_ always has a long queue when a train arrives from London.
- 3 We only like riding our bikes in towns with cycle \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 I try to drive to work after the \_\_\_\_\_ hour because there's less traffic then.
- 5 In many city centres in Britain the speed \_\_\_\_\_ is now 20 mph.
- 6 Do you know where the nearest petrol \_\_\_\_\_ is?
- 7 Not all drivers wore seat \_\_\_\_\_ in the past.
- 8 The \_\_\_\_\_ transport in this city is good, but it's very expensive.

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Vocabulary total		20
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### PRONUNCIATION

#### 6 Underline the stressed syllable.

Example: scoo|ter

- 1 fa|mous
- 2 a|fraid
- 3 pe|de|stri|an
- 4 per|so|nally
- 5 un|der|ground

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#### 7 Match the words with the same sound.

accident	coach	bridge
seat	<del>limit</del>	rush

Example: fish limit

- 1 jazz \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 computer \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 tree \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 shower \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 chess \_\_\_\_\_

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Pronunciation total		10
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**File Test 3**  
**Reading and Writing B**

**READING**

**1 Read the opinions about cycling in cities and tick (✓) A, B, or C.**

**Pieter – Utrecht, The Netherlands**

I cycle to work every day because it is faster than driving. By bike, I can be at work in 16 minutes. By car, I have to use a longer route that takes around 37 minutes. I know that the bike culture in the Netherlands is very different to, say, the USA. Here, everyone learns to cycle from a very young age. There's an old Dutch expression: 'You're not made of sugar.' It means 'the rain won't hurt you, so go outside and get on with things!' In Utrecht we don't see bikes as fashion items, or a way to save the planet, they're just a way to get from A to B. Most people don't wear helmets, and that's fine. Personally, though, I think things can still be improved. For example, the company where I work doesn't provide any cycle parking with a roof, which can be annoying. And the car parks in the city centre are too cheap.

**Rosa – Madrid, Spain**

Madrid is the worst city in Spain for cyclists. Part of the problem is the hills, but also there is no cycling culture. There aren't many cycle lanes and drivers aren't used to seeing bikes. It can be scary! Did you know it's only compulsory to wear a cycle helmet in two countries in the whole world? Anyway, in the spring, I try to cycle to work once or twice a week. But in the summer it is too hot, and I'm too worried about the traffic to cycle in the winter when the evenings are darker. Most of the time I drive to work. I tried the metro, but the tickets were quite expensive and I have free parking at work, so .... I would like Madrid to be a better cycling city. Perhaps we can close some roads during the rush hour so that only cyclists can use them.

**Artem – Copenhagen, Denmark**

I'm a town planner here in bike-friendly Copenhagen. Since 2016 more bikes have been entering the city centre each day than cars. In my profession, we want to keep traffic moving. In the twentieth-century, the focus was on cars: 'How many cars can we get into the city centre?' Now, we concentrate more on the number of people, which means we think more about bikes and public transport. For example, in Copenhagen 62% of people commute to work or school by bike and only 9% use a car. But even here, 54% of the physical space for transport is given to the car. In my opinion, the 'look' of cities in the future will be very different. For most people, how fast they can reach their destination is the most important thing. That's why it's a mistake to promote the 'green' benefits of cycling. But for town planners, the environment is hugely important.

Example: Pieter's journey to work is \_\_\_\_\_ if he drives.

A 16 minutes  B twice as long  C about an hour

- 1 Pieter says \_\_\_\_\_ have different ideas about bikes.  
A older people  B younger people  C people in the USA
- 2 Pieter uses a Dutch expression about \_\_\_\_\_.  
A children  B the weather  C roads
- 3 Pieter doesn't think it's \_\_\_\_\_ to wear a helmet.  
A important  B compulsory  C fashionable
- 4 Pieter thinks the \_\_\_\_\_ at his workplace should be improved.  
A bike parking  B cycle lane  C car parking

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- 5 For Rosa, cycling is \_\_\_\_\_ than driving.  
A slower  B cheaper  C more dangerous
- 6 Rosa doesn't mind cycling \_\_\_\_\_ .  
A in the evenings  B in the spring  C up hills
- 7 Rosa would like to change \_\_\_\_\_ for part of each day in Madrid.  
A the metro  B the roads  C the law
- 8 In the past, town planners like Artem focused on the number of \_\_\_\_\_ moving around the city.  
A cars  B vehicles  C people
- 9 In the future, Artem thinks cars will have \_\_\_\_\_ in cities.  
A less space  B more expensive parking  C lower speed limits
- 10 Artem says cycling is \_\_\_\_\_ way to commute in his city.  
A the best  B a friendly  C the most common

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### 2 Write *P* for Pieter, *R* for Rosa, *A* for Artem.

Example: My commute is shorter if I cycle. *P*

- 1 I worry about cycling when it's dark. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I am interested in how people move through cities. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 In my city, drivers don't watch out for cyclists. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The 'green' benefits of cycling aren't very important to me. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 For most people, speed is the most important thing about their journey. \_\_\_\_\_

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### WRITING

**A foreign exchange student is coming to stay. Write an email to welcome him / her and send some information about where you live. (140–180 words)**

**Begin the email with this introduction:**

I'm really looking forward to seeing you. Let me tell you about my town.

- How big is it?
- What is interesting about it?
- What do you like best about it?
- What is the transport system like?

Writing total		10
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Reading and Writing total		25
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## File Test 3 Listening and Speaking B

### LISTENING

#### 1 Listen to an interview and complete the sentences. Write a number, one word or two words only.

- 1 The Draw-A-Scientist Test is considered reliable by academic \_\_\_\_\_ around the world.
- 2 Today, around \_\_\_\_\_ % of young girls draw a female scientist.
- 3 Young children's drawings show a \_\_\_\_\_ percentage of female scientists than teenagers' drawings.
- 4 Children from around the world draw very \_\_\_\_\_ scientists.
- 5 Georgia believes \_\_\_\_\_ can help to change the stereotype.

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#### 2 Listen to five conversations. Tick (✓) A, B, or C.

- 1 What is more difficult in the city now?  
A Cycling.  B Parking.  C Taking the bus.
- 2 What is similar about the two motorbikes?  
A The speed.  B The sound.  C The cost.
- 3 What does Jess say about Melbourne?  
A It's amazing.  B It's very interesting.  C It's very relaxing.
- 4 What does Maggie say is the worst part of her journey to work?  
A The traffic.  B The dirt.  C The people.
- 5 What was the children's favourite part of the museum?  
A The café.  B The Tube.  C The old trams.

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Listening total	10
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### SPEAKING

#### 1 Answer your partner's questions.

Now make questions and ask your partner.

- 1 prefer / get up early / go bed late? Why?
- 2 What / most relaxing way / travel? Why?
- 3 Who / get on best with / in your family? Why?
- 4 any / activities / afraid of?
- 5 What music / most keen on?

#### 2 Listen to your partner talking about public transport. Do you agree with him / her?

#### 3 Talk about the statement below, saying if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

'Men are better at multitasking than women.'

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Listening and Speaking total	25
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