

Advanced Result: Progress Test 4

Units 10–12

1 Find the extra incorrect word or missing word in 1–15. Cross out the incorrect word or write in the missing word.

- 1 Whilst away on business I recently came a wonderful book about the origins of words.
- 2 I haggled the price for a while before finally buying it.
- 3 Fortunately, it didn't cost the whole earth.
- 4 Being a linguist, I like to keep with ideas about where expressions come from.
- 5 So I simply barely had to have this book.
- 6 Researchers think up new theories about word origins, or 'etymology', all at the time.
- 7 Sometimes I think the ideas that they come up to with are rather fanciful.
- 8 An example that I find fascinating is the often everyday word 'OK'.
- 9 It is hardly surprising that theories about it are not thin about on the ground.
- 10 Almost hardly anyone agrees on its derivation.
- 11 It could be from the Greek *ola kala*, or the Democratic OK Club, set up with in 1840 to promote their presidential candidate from a place called 'Old Kinderhook'.
- 12 On whole, these theories are all equally plausible.
- 13 We'll probably never run out new suggestions.
- 14 Neither will we ever be sure where on the earth this curious word comes from.
- 15 But I'm sure the OK Club candidate would have felt on top of all the world, and not just OK, to be associated with it!

(15 marks)

2 For a–f complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word in brackets in the correct form. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

- a I'd like to invite you to dinner to say sorry for forgetting your birthday. (make)
I'd like to your birthday by inviting you to dinner.
- b Joe's café has closed because it wasn't making any money. (business)
Joe's café
- c Jill and I go for a stroll in the countryside occasionally. (time)
Jill and I go for a stroll in the countryside

- d Guests are welcome to suggest any improvements at Reception. (recommendations)
 Guests are welcome to improvements at Reception.
- e I would be very happy to employ your company in future. (hesitation)
 I would have your company in future.
- f It looks like it might be sunny later. (possibility)
 There sunshine later.

(12 marks)

3 For each of 1–11, circle the option (A, B or C) which best describes the situation.

- 1 Mandy and her friends spent all afternoon looking at clothes but didn't buy anything.
 A shoplifting B window shopping C shopping around
- 2 At last the local council have got rid of those dreadful old park benches.
 A They've done away with them. B They've run out of them. C They've put up with them.
- 3 Only 52% of people voted for the new president.
 A That's highly half. B That's simply half. C That's barely half.
- 4 We watched an incredibly thrilling film last night.
 A It was awkward. B It was gripping. C It was wooden.
- 5 Two passers-by happened to be at the scene when the tragedy occurred.
 A They were witnesses. B They were viewers. C They were onlookers.
- 6 The actors are on stage, going over their lines one last time.
 A It's the first night. B It's a rehearsal. C It's the premiere.
- 7 Our accountants start working the minute they reach the office each day.
 A They get down to business. B They go out of business. C They go on business.
- 8 We apologise but the website you are trying to view is presently unavailable.
 A It's infrequently available. B It's currently unavailable. C It's intermittently available.
- 9 Does your car cost much to keep on the road?
 A Is it economic? B Is it eco-friendly? C Is it economical?
- 10 My grandfather used to write the words for songs, but not the music.
 A He wrote tunes. B He wrote lyrics. C He wrote soundtracks.
- 11 I was walking down the street when a man ran by and took my purse!
 A There was a mugging. B There was a burglary. C There was a forgery.

(11 marks)

4 Read the text below and circle the best option (A, B, C, or D) to complete gaps 1–12.

My father, a (1) regarded member of the legal profession, was not generally an early riser, but he made an exception every January 2nd for what was a(n) (2) event in our family – queueing for the January sales. At any other time of the year, my father hardly (3) shopped, and if he did, he would shop around before making any purchases, but on this one day a year he would make up (4) his normal reticence by simply grabbing bargains off the shelves at random.

My mother was always going (5) at him for buying useless things (6) because they were half the original asking price. For example, we never quite worked out why on (7) he once decided to buy an entire range of gardening (8) despite the fact we lived in an apartment with no garden. On another occasion he drew a crowd of curious (9) as he struggled to get on a bus carrying a stuffed bear. The passengers must have been utterly astonished to see such a sight boarding the vehicle.

While (10) on earth would tempt me to hang around in the cold waiting for the shops to open, I'm inclined to (11) up for my father and his odd behaviour. I think it was a form of light relief for him from his stressful job, and did him the world of (12). Not only that, but, from time to time, he did actually buy something really useful!

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|-----------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1 A hardly | B fairly | C highly | D tirelessly |
| 2 A current | B annual | C present | D constant |
| 3 A ever | B never | C often | D always |
| 4 A from | B with | C in | D for |
| 5 A out | B up | C on | D off |
| 6 A plainly | B simply | C utterly | D exceptionally |
| 7 A world | B earth | C ground | D the world |
| 8 A productions | B produce | C products | D producers |
| 9 A onlookers | B viewers | C audience | D witnesses |
| 10 A anything | B something | C nothing | D not |
| 11 A put | B stick | C set | D weigh |
| 12 A fun | B happiness | C good | D joy |

(12 marks)

Total: /50

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- 1**
- 1 came across
 - 2 haggled over
 - 3 ~~whole~~ earth
 - 4 keep up
 - 5 simply ~~barely~~
 - 6 ~~at~~ the time
 - 7 come up ~~to~~
 - 8 ~~often~~ everyday
 - 9 thin ~~about~~
 - 10 ~~Almost~~ hardly
 - 11 set up ~~with~~
 - 12 On the whole
 - 13 run out of
 - 14 on ~~the~~ earth
 - 15 ~~all~~ the world

(15 marks)

- 2**
- a make up for forgetting
 - b has gone out of business
 - c from time to time
 - d make any recommendations for
 - e no hesitation in employing
 - f is a/the possibility of

(12 marks)

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

(11 marks)

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

(12 marks)