

Progress Test 5A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Rewrite the sentences using the structure *for* + noun/pronoun + infinitive.

- 1 It's vital that everyone arrives before 9.30.

- 2 Our aim was that the students' views should be represented at the meeting.

- 3 His proposal is that no one should have to work more than five hours a day.

- 4 The teacher is keen that all students take up at least one new sport this year.

- 5 The Prime Minister's idea was that all taxpayers should benefit from reductions.

- 6 The headmaster's plan was that students take over the sports day planning.

- 7 It is necessary that the patient should undergo another operation.

Mark: ____/7

2 Decide which of the sentences are incorrect. Circle I (incorrect) or C (correct). Then correct the incorrect ones.

- 1 I asked Amy if she'd help out at the concert and she said that she would help out. I / C

- 2 I Invited Maria to the party, but I'm not sure if I should have invited. I / C

- 3 You can come to the cinema with us if you want. I / C

- 4 The teacher thought I had been rude, but I didn't mean. I / C

- 5 I didn't do exercise 4 and I should. I / C

- 6 He is trying to beat his brother's record but I don't think he will be able. I / C

7 Pat didn't feed the dog again! It's so annoying; she promised she will. I / C

8 She supports the party now, but she didn't use to when she was at university. I / C

Mark: ____/8

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the words in capitals. The word cannot be altered in any way.

1 We should finally get down to work. US

It's time _____

2 I'm anxious for you to meet my friends. THAT

I'm eager _____

3 They don't want me to leave school. FOR

They are reluctant _____

4 I am not able to start work next month. TO

It's impossible _____

5 You shouldn't by any means forget about your relatives. NOT

It's important for _____

Mark: ____/5

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with appropriate verbs.

1 You need to _____ a risk from time to time or life gets boring!

2 Scientists have _____ a breakthrough in cancer research and discovered a drug that can stop it spreading.

3 You two should really _____ the hatchet and start talking again.

4 The politician was pelted with tomatoes, but he just _____ off the incident.

5 The driver of the car was _____ dead at the scene of the accident.

6 If Mrs Downer left, the whole business would very quickly _____ to a halt.

7 Good luck with the boss. Just _____ to your guns and everything will be fine!

8 In the crisis in the Middle East, both sides have _____ victory.

9 Do you know who is going to _____ over the failing business?

10 It's better if we leave the past in the past. I don't want to _____ old wounds.

Mark: ____/10

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words below. There are two words you don't need to use.

admire charm courage devote event sense sincere space tolerate trust
wise wit

- 1 It takes a really _____ person to fight for what he or she believes in.
- 2 The comedian thinks he's being _____, but really he isn't funny at all.
- 3 I'm full of _____ for people who achieve their ambitions.
- 4 The book is about a mother's _____ to her disabled child.
- 5 Jenny is far too _____. She believes everything people say.
- 6 I'm not sure older people naturally acquire _____. It must depend on what they've experienced.
- 7 Ron isn't very _____ of people whose opinions differ from his!
- 8 We don't need anywhere that _____. Just a house with two bedrooms and a small garden.
- 9 Lara was in floods of tears at the end of the film! I didn't know she was so _____.
- 10 Fran's new boyfriend, Mike, is a _____ boy. Everyone loves him.

Mark: ____/10

Use of English

6 Choose the best answer, A–D to complete the sentences.

- 1 He rang the hotel, but _____ to his annoyance, they had no record of his reservation.
A as B more C much D due
- 2 I don't believe there's any _____ in the argument that the paparazzi are acting in the public interest. It's clearly all about money.
A bonus B right C denial D merit
- 3 Well, I think in light of the latest facts, we can dismiss that _____ out of hand.
A dispute B argument C conflict D row
- 4 I _____ admit that I didn't think about all the consequences of my decision.
A widely B freely C virtually D eventually
- 5 _____, there will be many people to whom this sounds strange, but avoiding conflict can sometimes be more damaging than arguing.
A Doubtless B Fortunately C To my utter astonishment D Largely
- 6 Families with twins and children close in age will recognize the signs of _____.
A vie for attention B sibling rivalry C adolescent development D naturally argumentative

- 7 I was sure my sister would be really cross, but _____, she was really cool about it. I think she's hiding something!
A oddly enough B however C categorically D ironically
- 8 Well, to be perfectly _____, I think Dave is just being lazy.
A utter B surprising C honest D frankly
- 9 To _____ the main argument, I believe that the answer is education, not punishment.
A return B say C restate D admit
- 10 To me, his position is morally indefensible, but others may _____ a different view.
A make B see C take D follow

Mark: ____ /10

Listening

- 7 [🔊] Listen to four people talking about losing their temper. Complete the sentences with the correct speaker A, B, C or D. Use one sentence twice. There is one sentence that you do not need.
- 1 Speaker ____ thinks losing your temper leads to saying too much.
- 2 Speaker ____ gets angry but retains control.
- 3 Speaker ____ likes getting things out in the open.
- 4 Speaker ____ holds grudges against his/her enemies.
- 5 Speaker ____ would prefer to lose his/her temper.
- 6 Speaker ____ thinks discussing things logically achieves more.

Mark: ____ /5

Reading

- 8 Read the text. Complete the text with sentences 1–6. There is one sentence you do not need.

When should we start competing?

Alfie Kohn, an American lecturer, wrote 'Competition is to self-esteem what sugar is to teeth.' How right was his assessment of the competitive world we inhabit today? Is competition, as many believe, a vital element of life and therefore something to be prepared for from as early an age as possible? Or is encouraging youngsters to compete simply setting many up to fail, and creating a situation where a loss of confidence is inevitable, with all the consequences that this brings? It is certainly a debate that is engaging everyone from educators and government, to parents and children themselves.

On the one hand, there are those who maintain that competition comes into every aspect of our lives. (A) ____ For proponents of this idea, it is essential for children to be exposed to the trials and tribulations, and occasional joys, of competing in all areas of school life. (B) ____ In answer to critics who suggest that weaker performers may feel inferior, it is argued that rewards can be given as encouragement in less demanding categories such as punctuality. Critics would reply that children know when they're being patronised.

The subject of competitive sports in schools is also hotly debated. (C) ____ They say 'someone has to come last'. But do they? Is it really a good thing for that child's development to be seen to fail time after time? (D)

_____ But then we find ourselves considering another thorny issue – that of the pushy parent who hopes to achieve his or her lifelong ambition through the child.

(E) _____. The children can play, but no league tables can be compiled, and there are no trophies or medals given out. The aim of this move was to protect children from ambitious parents and aggressive coaches on the sidelines, from bullying and from peer pressure.

There is no doubt that we live in a very competitive world and children must at some time learn to be able to make their way through it. However, perhaps school is a time for learning to co-operate rather than to compete. That will all come later.

- 1 We all know the misery of the child who always comes last at sports day.
- 2 There will always be winners and losers and we have to be prepared for the fight.
- 3 Some parents approve unconditionally of this.
- 4 Recently, competitive football for children under eight years old was banned.
- 5 At least with after-school sports children are given the choice of whether they wish to compete or not.
- 6 The rewards system in schools that gives stars and merits for good performance is a part of this and claims to spur children on to great achievements.

Mark: ____/5

Writing

9 Write a description of 200–250 words of a public figure you think is a good role model.

- Paragraph 1: Introduce the person and mention why they are well-known.
- Paragraph 2: Describe the person's physical appearance.
- Paragraph 3: Describe his/her personality, giving examples of behaviour that illustrate their personality traits.
- Paragraph 4: Describe your feelings about this person and explain why you think they are a good role model.

Make sure your description contains all the points listed and is written in an appropriate style for a description of someone you admire.

Mark: ____/10

Total: ____/70