

# Progress Test 7A

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Grammar

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

- 1 I get very tired when I have to go football training straight after college. **HAVING**  
It \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 As soon as I left the building, it started to snow. **WHEN**  
Hardly \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Ben broke the DVD player – not me! **WHO**  
It \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 He won a Golden Globe and an Oscar for his performance. **DID**  
Not \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 There is no point in inviting her to the party. She won't come. **USE**  
It \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 You'll enjoy the film when you see it. It's excellent. **WORTH**  
The \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 I really think Venus Williams may win the finals. **CHANCE**  
Venus Williams \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Nobody wants to lose their job. **THOUGHT**  
People hate \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Her main concern is that her son may fall ill. **ABOUT**  
She is worried \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 They need quality, not quantity. **IS**  
What \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark: \_\_\_\_/10**

**2 Rewrite the sentences to add emphasis, starting with the underlined phrases.**

- 1 Prior to this visit, I had never stayed in a five-star hotel.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 My father rarely eats breakfast before work.  
\_\_\_\_\_

3 The soldiers walked up the hill.

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4 They lost the thread completely. That's the truth.

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5 Karen hardly ever went abroad.

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**Mark: \_\_\_/5**

**3 Decide whether the underlined structures are correct or incorrect. Circle C or I for each structure. Then correct the incorrect ones.**

1 He didn't pay for the taxi but he did pay for dinner. I / C

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2 I must go now. It's been nice talking to you. I / C

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3 No sooner I had left the house than it started raining. I / C

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4 There is no good doing something just because other people expect you to. I / C

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5 On the doorstep stood a policeman. I / C

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**Mark: \_\_\_/5**

## Vocabulary

**4 Choose the correct answers.**

1 An accident on the motorway this morning held \_\_\_\_\_ the traffic for hours.

A down B on C up

2 We ran \_\_\_\_\_ Bree at the café yesterday. She's looking really good.

A up B into C by

3 It isn't \_\_\_\_\_ to expect the results by tomorrow morning. You've had time to check everything.

A irrational B unreasonable C incomprehensible

4 Can I run something \_\_\_\_\_ you? It won't take a moment and I value your advice.

A by B to C at

5 After the accident Fran \_\_\_\_\_ for about three weeks.

A limped B staggered C stumbled

6 Sue lets Jack walk all \_\_\_\_\_ her. She needs to be more assertive.

A at B on C over

7 There's a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ that I might be late for the meeting this evening.

A opportunity B fear C possibility

8 I'd be grateful if you could drop me \_\_\_\_\_ at the chemist's.

A off B down C in

9 I got home quite late and had to \_\_\_\_\_ up the stairs.

A creep B stroll C trudge

10 He didn't arrive in time for the start of the exam \_\_\_\_\_ to a hold-up on the motorway.

A because B owing C consequent

**Mark: \_\_\_\_/10**

**5 Complete the compound nouns with the correct prepositions.**

1 There's been a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ surge in violence since the start of the year.

2 The band made a successful come\_\_\_\_\_ in 2009.

3 Run\_\_\_\_\_s often take refuge in empty buildings.

4 The tennis match was halted by a sudden \_\_\_\_\_ pour.

5 There hadn't been a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ break of this disease for a hundred years.

**Mark: \_\_\_\_/5**

**6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words below. There are two more words than you need.**

admit confer emit exist extend guide persecute

1 No one has yet confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new species.

2 Students need a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ when choosing a career.

3 Many people left the country trying to escape \_\_\_\_\_.

4 The police finally got a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ of guilt from the criminal.

5 The government is trying to reduce car \_\_\_\_\_ still further to combat air pollution.

**Mark: \_\_\_\_/5**

## Use of English

### 7 Complete the text by writing one word in each gap.

If you asked a selection of people in an airport why they are travelling, you might get a range of answers: "It's a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of a treat, really. We've been working so hard." Or, "I just (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of wanted to get some sun, you know?" But do we think enough before booking that low-cost city break or last-minute package tour? We know that an increase in tourism can (3) \_\_\_\_\_ in economic growth and there are clear benefits (4) \_\_\_\_\_ this kind of stimulus. However, the consequences (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the environment cannot be ignored. Emissions from aviation are having a detrimental (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on our planet's atmosphere, and this in turn will have a negative (7) \_\_\_\_\_, both environmentally and economically. Crop failures due to climate change (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a great deal of harm to a struggling economy. And bad or unpredictable weather will ultimately drive tourists away, too. Climate change should be a major (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to all of us, and we should perhaps consider our (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for travelling a bit more carefully in future!

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_ /10

## Listening

### 8 [🔊] Listen to four people A–D talking about their travelling habits. Match the speakers and what they are talking about. Use one of the topics twice. There is one topic you do not need.

- 1 Reliability: Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Comfort: Speaker \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Convenience: Speaker \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Cost: Speaker \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Environment: Speaker \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Cleanliness: Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_ /5

## Reading

### 9 Read the text. Are the sentences true or false?

#### NATURE'S GREAT EVENTS

Imagine travelling thousands of miles every year to return to your birthplace, with only your instinct to guide you. The journey is fraught with danger at every turn. You have to deal with extreme weather conditions and predators at different points on your route. Yet still that instinct is urging you on, and eventually, when you make it through everything that is conspiring against you and arrive at the precise location of your birth, you reproduce and then you die. This is the great journey undertaken by the Pacific salmon every year and it is just one of an amazing set of journeys that feature in the latest spectacular wildlife series to hit our screens:

*Nature's Great Events.*

The series, filmed over a period of 25 months, takes us, the viewers, on an amazing journey too. We witness the epic spectacles brought about by seasonal changes and the effects these have on the wildlife. We follow some incredible journeys. Rare whales travel to the Arctic to feed on the rich supplies of fish which are

accessible when the ice melts. This dangerous journey through the cracking ice is filmed by intrepid underwater cameramen. Another seasonal event, the dry season in the Serengeti, forces millions of wildebeest to travel thousands of miles following the rains to the north and back again. The east coast of Africa is the scene of the annual sardine run, where the movement of cold water currents encourages enormous shoals of fish to swim vast distances close to shore and directly into the hunting grounds of dolphins, sharks and whales! And perhaps the most amazing journey of all is that of the salmon, who exhibit spectacular determination in swimming up rivers, jumping rapids and attempting to avoid grizzly bears, which often catch and eat the fish. Where, we wonder, does all this knowledge come from?

The series is excellent and will, no doubt, be up for many awards. It is compelling viewing and what is encouraging is the balance that it achieves. We all know the effects that global warming is having on animals in every part of the world, but this programme, unlike many others, does not preach. Yes, we see the polar bears in their shrinking ice territory and we learn that the sardine run hasn't happened for several years because of warmer waters. However, the sadness this brings is balanced against the heart-warming sight of the beluga whales dancing a water ballet in shedding their old skins and the wonder at the homing and migratory instincts of animals the world over.

For many reasons, this is a superb series and well worth watching.

- 1 The series explains about the instincts that cause animals to go on incredible journeys. T / F
- 2 The series focuses mainly on water mammals. T / F
- 3 It has a strong and rather biased environmental message. T / F
- 4 The events filmed occur because of natural climatic changes. T / F
- 5 The series took a year to film. T / F

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_/5

## Writing

**10 Write a letter of 200–250 words to complain to the manager of the hotel where you recently spent two weeks' vacation.**

- Explain the purpose of your letter and enter the dates of your stay.
- Express your disappointment with the location of the hotel and the room in which you stayed. Be specific.
- Give two examples of incompetent behaviour by the staff.
- Explain what you want the manager to do and express hope for a quick solution to the problem.

Make sure your letter contains all the points listed and is written in an appropriate style for a formal letter.

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**Total:** \_\_\_\_/70