

Progress Test 4A

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Grammar

1 Which phrase **CANNOT** be used to complete the sentences?

- 1 I ate _____ more than you did at the restaurant.
A by far B a good deal C rather
- 2 It's _____ less expensive to travel by car than by train these days.
A marginally B a bit C by miles
- 3 This is _____ the most nauseating film I've ever seen.
A very B by far C easily
- 4 It's _____ more difficult to learn a completely new language when you're older.
A a good deal B by a long way C an awful lot
- 5 Cathy is _____ the entrant with the best chance to win in the whole competition.
A quite B far and away C easily

Mark: ____/5

2 Combine the sentences using reduced relative clauses.

- 1 I spoke to a person on the phone. He gave me directions to the office.

- 2 We celebrated my sister's wedding at a hotel. They've demolished it now.

- 3 I bought a load of old comics last year. A lot of them have since gone up in value.

- 4 There's a car outside your house. It used to belong to my brother.

- 5 Some presents were given to them at their wedding. They were expensive.

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct conditional form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If you _____ (wake) up at 7, you _____ (not miss) your bus but it's too late now.
- 2 Paul's parents have to sell their house. They _____ (not be) in such financial difficulties if they _____ (save) up some money before.

- 3 It was a near miss! If the fire _____ (not put) out in time, we
_____ (not sit) here now!
- 4 If my grandfather _____ (be) still alive, he _____ (be) 75 today.
- 5 If they _____ (leave) on time, they _____ (be) here now.

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4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- 1 As you get older, you need to take more care of your health.
The older _____ of your health.
- 2 We will go on a trip if the weather doesn't change.
As long _____
- 3 He missed the train because he left home too late.
Had _____
- 4 We don't want to invite them because they are very unfriendly.
If they _____
- 5 She'll fail her exams if she doesn't study hard.
Unless she _____

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Vocabulary

5 Complete the sentences with appropriate words.

- 1 Have you seen the film _____ of the final *Harry Potter* book?
- 2 Pete's dad has had a change of _____ and says we can have the party at his place.
- 3 The wedding dress just needs some minor _____ and then everything is ready for the big day!
- 4 _____ retirement because of disability can be a terrible problem for older people.
- 5 We've had to make some slight _____ to the design, but I think you'll agree with them.
- 6 Can you give me a hand with the _____ from feet and inches to metric? I'm not very good at it!
- 7 I don't think Ben's happy studying science at university. He needs a change of _____.
- 8 They say that we will continue to _____ as a species as a result of changes in our lifestyles.
- 9 Leo has always had a _____ relationship with his father. You never know whether they're talking to each other or not.
- 10 When a team gets a new coach, there's usually a period of _____ while the players get used to a new training regime.

Mark: ____/10**6 Complete the pairs of sentences with the same verb in the correct form.**

- 1 A It wasn't easy to _____ to living in Africa, but they somehow managed.
B All Agatha Christie's detective stories were _____ for the big screen.
- 2 A An eagle has excellent eyes that are well _____ to locating the prey.
B A good teacher should _____ his/her language to the level of the listeners.
- 3 A He used to be an atheist but then he _____ to Christianity.
B They are planning to _____ the building into a modern school.
- 4 A I met Mary again recently after 30 years and she looked just the same. She hadn't _____ at all!
B Nothing can _____ the fact that it was a terrible loss for us.
- 5 A Some environmentalists claim that genetically _____ food is extremely harmful.
B We had to _____ our holiday plans to go to their wedding reception.

Mark: ____/5**7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.**

- 1 He looked _____ (SIGNIFICANCE) older and exhausted after his ordeal in the jungle.
- 2 The _____ (CONDEMN) of the whole jury made the judge come to a final verdict.
- 3 I'm strongly opposed to keeping wild animals in _____ (CAPTIVE).
- 4 Abraham Lincoln was the American President who played a vital role in _____ (ABOLISH) of slavery.
- 5 Greenpeace is an _____ (ENVIRONMENT) group whose purpose is to improve and protect our world.

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Use of English

8 Complete the sentences with a word or phrase that includes the word in brackets.

- 1 I think the sequel is _____ (MARGIN) better than the first film, but there's not much in it.
- 2 The centre of town is so much nicer now that High Street has been _____ (PEDESTRIAN).
- 3 I think the new flats look very smart, but they're a bit _____ (SOUL) really – it must feel like living in a multi-storey car park.
- 4 I don't like staying in hotels – they're so _____ (PERSONAL) and sterile.
- 5 What I like about this design is that it's not fancy and frilly – the whole thing is very _____ (FUNCTION).
- 6 The judges felt that Sara's essay was _____ (EASY) the best in the competition.

- 7 When I look at the photos of my childhood, it all seems so _____ (IDYLL).
8 I can't wait to leave home, and have the _____ (FREE) to do as I like.
9 Emma thinks her style is 'retro' but I just think it looks _____ (FASHION). I mean – all that stuff went out years ago!
10 Since I joined the basketball team, it's become _____ (CENTRE) to my life.

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Listening

9 [🔊] Listen to an interview with a popular music artist. Are the statements true or false?

- 1 Popularity has come quickly for Gary. T / F
2 One thing he has changed is his appearance. T / F
3 Gary doesn't really enjoy the loss of anonymity that has come with the success. T / F
4 He gets angry with journalists who misreport him. T / F
5 He used to work in a supermarket. T / F

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Reading

10 Read the text and complete it with the correct sentences, 1–6. There is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.

No going back

We are all aware of the significance of technological advances over the last few decades, but their impact on everyday working life has yet to be fully appreciated. This is because change is gradual, and it is only when we look back that comparisons force us to evaluate what can be considered progress, and what is a sad loss.

On the plus side, technology allows us greater access to information at incalculable speeds. (A) ____ As well as saving time, this has given rise to new types of jobs and encouraged us all to develop totally new skills. With the technological world changing so rapidly, there are exciting opportunities for everyone whose working life is just beginning.

A downside to this technological revolution is the fact that the workplace has changed beyond recognition for many people. (B) ____ Employees today remain mainly fixated on their screens, and their relaxation is obtained through occasional surreptitious access to social networking sites. Communication is conducted electronically, depending less and less on face-to-face discussion or even phone contact. (C) ____ Whereas in the past employees had to be careful not to talk about the boss behind his back or mislay important paperwork, today it is the careless e-mail to the wrong person or loss of a CD or even laptop on the train, that can lead to disciplinary action.

The workplace itself has changed, and people no longer need to leave their homes and commute to work as frequently as before. Work can be done at home, or on a laptop or mobile phone while commuting, so a significant result of this is that we no longer have space and time to ourselves. (D) ____

It is inevitable that our working lives will continue to change. For some people this change is worrying and stressful. They believe that the faster life becomes, the more is demanded of us at work, and eventually we shall reach a point where we are unable to cope. (E) ____ Whatever developments are around the electronic corner, there will be those who talk about 'progress' and those who talk about 'loss', but what is certain is that it's something none of us will be able to control.

- 1 Office misbehaviour has changed radically too.
- 2 Being contactable at all times can put enormous pressure on individuals and is one of the main causes of stress at work today.
- 3 However, others see these advances as something akin to magic!
- 4 Gone are the cosy offices with chats across desktops.
- 5 Consequently, social networking at work is improving.
- 6 Through the Internet we can tap into vast amounts of data at the touch of a key.

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Writing

11 Write an essay of 200–250 words to answer this question: "The funds allocated to space research – an investment in the future or a waste of money?"

- Paragraph 1: Introduce the subject, taking into account both sides of the question.
- Paragraph 2: Present arguments for one perspective and give examples.
- Paragraph 3: Present arguments for the other perspective and give examples.
- Paragraph 4: Summarize the main themes and give a personal conclusion.

Make sure your review contains all the points listed and is written in an appropriate style for a discursive essay.

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