

Progress Test 2B

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with *as*, *like* or *unlike*.

- 1 _____ his brother, who likes sciences, Greg is more interested in arts and music.
- 2 Stop acting _____ a baby! You can't cry your way out of trouble!
- 3 _____ I said before in my presentation, the project is worth careful consideration.
- 4 Jake wanted to talk to his girlfriend, but she was, _____, 'Leave me alone.'
- 5 Pauline is a strong character, _____ was her mother.
- 6 Mary looks _____ a boy in those clothes. I wish she would wear a dress sometimes!
- 7 She's keen on extreme sports, _____ parachuting or rock climbing.
- 8 '_____ your mother, I also deserve some respect,' my father said.
- 9 Your mum is _____ mine in some respects; they always have to get their last word in!
- 10 Paul would like to get a job _____ a computer programmer.

Mark: ____/10

2 Complete the text with the correct past form of the verbs in brackets.

Now I have no time to exercise, but when I was younger, I (1) _____ (go) to the gym regularly. One Tuesday, me and my friend Lucy went to our weekly boxing class. When we (leave) (2) _____ the gym after two hours of training, it was already late in the evening and the weather had become treacherous. It (3) _____ (rain) for quite a while and there were puddles of water on the sidewalks. It was pitch dark and we could hardly see anything. While Lucy (4) _____ (rummage) in her bag for her car keys, she (5) _____ (trip) over the curb and (6) _____ (fall). I suddenly (7) _____ (realise) she (8) _____ (not move). She (9) _____ (hit) her head and I had to take her to hospital. Luckily she was OK, as we (10) _____ (fly) London the next day!

Mark: ____/10

Vocabulary

3 Complete the compound words.

- 1 What's the last block-_____ you saw?
- 2 I went to a restaurant with a really strange-_____ name last night.
- 3 Although it was made on a shoe-_____ budget, the film won a lot of awards.

- 4 Harrison Ford was a heart-_____ in the 1980's – in fact my mum still likes him!
- 5 It's fine to take children to restaurants, as long as they're well-_____.
- 6 The committee is going to have to make some far-_____ decisions in their next meeting.
- 7 Tom never takes offence – he's pretty thick-_____.
- 8 My brother focuses really well on whatever he wants to do – he's very _____-minded.
- 9 Jake is very narrow-_____. It's impossible to get him to accept new ideas.
- 10 Luckily the teacher was quick-_____ and got all the children out of the room before the fire took hold.

Mark: ____/10

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 William Shakespeare is considered to be one of the most famous _____ (DRAMA) of all times.
- 2 After twelve years of successful schoolwork, he was admitted to a _____ (PRESTIGE) university.
- 3 There was no _____ (INDICATE) that the weather would improve in the next 24 hours.
- 4 Progress in the matter has been _____ (PAIN) slow.
- 5 At the prime minister's _____ (INSIST), the election was delayed.

Mark: ____/5

5 Read the descriptions of some films and choose the best adjectives to describe them. There are two extra words which you do not need to use.

third-rate predictable far-fetched thought-provoking wacky x-rated flawed

- 1 The characters were both funny and crazy at the same time. _____
- 2 *The Island* made us wonder about the future of genetic engineering. _____
- 3 The plot, which was supposed to be based on facts, is rather difficult to believe. _____
- 4 Children under 18 are not allowed to see that film as it contains sex and violence. _____
- 5 The beginning of the film was quite promising, but in the end we knew well in advance what would happen. _____

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Use of English

6 Rewrite the sentences, using the words in brackets. Do not change the meaning of the sentence.

- 1 When living on the streets, some people become involved with drugs and alcohol. (INTO)

- 2 Steve's Dad made him leave home. (KICKED)

- 3 John is different from Peter, because he enjoys playing computer games. (UNLIKE)

- 4 I think that listening to music is the best form of relaxation. (UNWIND)

- 5 My best friend is in trouble for not going to his classes. (SKIP)

- 6 I think from his appearance he might be going to a football match. (LIKE)

- 7 It really makes me depressed to see litter on our street. (DOWN)

- 8 Look at all the photographers. Perhaps that man is famous. (WONDER)

- 9 It's not possible that you saw Sally this morning. She's been in London all day. (CAN'T)

- 10 Then Mike said, "And that isn't even a real word is it?" (LIKE)

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Listening

7 [🔊] Listen to someone talking about location vacations. Choose the best answers.

- 1 The new trend in location vacations
- A contributes to a film's popularity.
 - B is an interesting niche for scriptwriters.
 - C is a by-product of film-making.
 - D brings in a good profit for the film industry.
- 2 Location vacations are of interest to
- A people who want to appear on the big screen.
 - B holiday designers.
 - C people who want to meet film stars.
 - D people who want a different holiday experience.

- 3 Local communities
- A invest a lot of money in this.
 - B disapprove of the new trend
 - C often benefit from the money this brings.
 - D attract new film-makers.
- 4 According to the speaker
- A the parties involved are independent.
 - B each project is a new venture.
 - C the film companies and local agencies work together.
 - D the holiday industry exploits the film companies
- 5 Film enthusiasts
- A want to follow in their idols' footsteps.
 - B want to participate in the movies.
 - C want to find out why the film location was chosen.
 - D want to see exciting new places.

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Reading

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

THE BOOK OR THE FILM?

A top newspaper recently published a list of what it called the 50 best film adaptations of all time, and in doing so, sparked a vigorous debate on whether film adaptations of books can ever be better than the books themselves.

This is of course a matter that has provided food for discussion for a very long time.

(A) ____ And there are others who maintain that films like *The English Patient* are far more accessible than the book and more than do justice to it.

(B) ____ Many insist that it is impossible to attempt to put on the screen the essence of what has been created on the page. (C) ____ Film gives us just one environment and one interpretation. The author of a book can go inside the characters' heads and bring us their thoughts, worries and emotions, whereas in film we depend on the actor's ability to convey this in speech and expression. Many people believe that film adaptations will always fall short, and that they simply provide a lazy alternative for those who like to be spoon-fed their entertainment.

Of course, film buffs have a different argument. According to them, film opens up the scope of the book. (D) ____ Another argument is that film takes a story to a much wider audience than the book and therefore in the long run, more people are touched by it.

But can we really compare the two? (E) ____ We can't say one is better than the other because we aren't comparing like with like. There are good books and bad books; there are bad films of good books and good films of bad books. However, it is probably true to say that seeing a film before reading the book may impair the enjoyment, as it is impossible not to bring preconceptions to the reading. The actor from the film will forever be fixed as the main character in your mind! Conversely, seeing the film after reading the book can spoil any enjoyment a surprise ending might have!

Maybe the answer is to forget the bad book if there's a good film of it and forgo the film if the book is your favourite!

- 1 Soundtracks, special effects, good acting and directing all work together to bring the writer's world to life and to extend it.
- 2 They see reading a book as entering a world of the imagination where readers build their own pictures and make their own interpretations.
- 3 There are those who insist that classics such as *1984* should never have been adapted for the big screen.
- 4 But writers don't necessarily have a film in mind when they create their books.
- 5 Aren't film and print completely different media?
- 6 So, why are the 'purists' so fervently against adaptations?

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Writing

9 Write a book review of 200–250 words of a book that you think is worth recommending to your peers.

- Paragraph 1: Give the title, author, and type of book and other general information about the work.
- Paragraph 2: Briefly summarize the plot and present the main characters.
- Paragraph 3: Evaluate the book as a whole, referring to different aspects of the work.
- Paragraph 4: Make a recommendation to other readers, focusing on the key features of the work.

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

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Total: ____/70