

Progress Test 1A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Decide whether the underlined structures are correct or incorrect. Circle C or I for each structure.

- 1 When my brother and I were young, we (a) weren't seeing our father that often. He (b) was always going off on business trips abroad and when he was at home he (c) would often stay late at his office.

a C / I b C / I c C / I

- 2 I (a) would love watching soap operas when I lived at home. And every night, just when my favourite soap opera was beginning, my brother (b) would start practising his drums! He (c) was forever driving the whole family crazy!

a C / I b C / I c C / I

- 3 My best friend Jan (a) is always asking me for help with her maths homework and she (b) is used to call me right in the middle of dinner! I don't really mind, but although I (c) would be quite good at maths in the past, I'm not so good now.

a C / I b C / I c C / I

Mark: ____/9

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in brackets and the prepositions below. Where necessary use an object pronoun.

up to on to up forward for up

- 1 I sent my application to the summer school, but it _____ (not pass) to the right department.
- 2 I can't remember where I put Rita's book, but I _____ (look) later.
- 3 I was worried when the damage to Dad's car _____ (bring) in conversation at dinner.
- 4 There are a lot of bullies at school these days. Children should be encouraged to _____ (stand).
- 5 I found a horrible old photograph of myself! I _____ (tear).
- 6 We're all going to the concert tonight and I'm really _____ (look).

Mark: ____/6

3 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 Leave my room! I can't stand your rudeness any longer! UP
Leave my room! I _____ your rudeness any longer.
- 2 Our grandmother wouldn't go out much in winter. USE
Our grandmother _____ out much in winter.
- 3 Sara usually has a glass of milk before going to bed. WILL
Sara _____ a glass of milk before going to bed.
- 4 My brother would take my clothes without asking. It was so irritating! TAKING
My brother _____ my clothes without asking.
- 5 Genetics alone can't explain the explosion of obesity in the world. ACCOUNT
Genetics alone _____ the explosion of obesity in the world.

Mark: ___/5**Vocabulary****4 Choose the correct answers.**

- 1 I was quite _____ when I first went to drama school. Everyone else seemed so much more talented than I was.
A overconfident B overworked C overawed
- 2 After the operation you'll feel a little _____ for a while, but this will improve quite soon.
A disorientated B distraught C discouraged
- 3 When I applied for university I was _____ by the range of courses.
A preoccupied B unnerved C bewildered
- 4 After the accident Katy became quite _____ and seemed less confident.
A withdrawn B evocative C traumatic
- 5 I've had this _____ habit since childhood!
A uneasy B inconceivable C ingrained

Mark: ___/5**5 Add a prefix to the adjectives below to complete the sentences. There are two words which you don't need to use.**

accessible advantaged charged estimate literate partial replaceable

- 1 Don't worry. The decision will be completely _____ and unbiased.
- 2 Applicants from _____ backgrounds will be given priority.
- 3 The percentage of adults who are _____ has fallen considerably in recent years thanks to adult education programmes.

- 4 The thieves stole items of sentimental value that are completely _____.
- 5 You should never _____ the value of simple human kindness.

Mark: ____/5

6 Choose the correct adverbs and rewrite the sentences to make them more emphatic.

- 1 The driver denied causing the accident. (openly / categorically)

- 2 The local people are opposed to the new development. (overtly / staunchly)

- 3 My younger brother refuses to eat green vegetables! (resolutely / promptly)

- 4 It's believed that global temperatures will rise more over the next decade. (supposedly / widely)

- 5 After crashing the stolen car, the teenagers abandoned it next to the road. (freely / promptly)

Mark: ____/5

7 Replace the word in bold with the words below. There are two extra words which you do not need to use.

terrified baffled repentant disenchanted elated uptight reluctant

- 1 Even though she knew her behaviour was unacceptable, she didn't feel in the least bit **remorseful**. _____
- 2 Come on, you're getting too **apprehensive**. I'm sure you'll pass this exam. _____
- 3 Mary looked rather **perplexed** when she read the strange text message. _____
- 4 The longer Jane stayed there, the more **disillusioned** she became with art school.

- 5 Peter was **thrilled** by the prospect of travelling around the world. _____

Mark: ____/5

Use of English

8 Choose the best answer, a–d to complete the sentences.

- 1 The debate about the safety of _____ modified food is constantly in the media.
a essentially b genetically c widely d morally
- 2 Mum and Dad's argument just doesn't _____ sense.
a see b have c make d sound

- 3 I hate discussing issues with Lisa. She always _____ things to such an extreme and gets upset.
a has to make b has to talk c has to take d has to see
- 4 Mum and I probably argue a lot because we share a lot of personality _____ – like stubbornness, for example!
a resemblance b genes c traits d wise
- 5 Come on! You can't just make a statement like that with no evidence to _____ it!
a support b hold up c see through d stand up to
- 6 Hang on, let's listen to Kelly. I think she has a(n) _____ point.
a opinion b entire c free d fair
- 7 Ellie _____ ringing her ex-boyfriend all the time. I wish she'd realise it's over.
a used to keep b will keep c would be d is
- 8 No way! You can't be _____!
a realistic b serious c agree d logical
- 9 In terms of personality, my sister definitely _____ my dad.
a looks after b spitting image c takes after d passed on
- 10 My cousins and I have got a lot _____.
a in common b similar c personality d inherited

Mark: ____ /10

Listening

- 9 [🔊] Listen to a radio interview about tracing family trees. Complete each sentence with up to three words.

- 1 The professor thinks that this interest is related to having a _____.
- 2 People need to find different ways to trace their ancestors because _____.
- 3 People might be influenced by the actions of certain _____.
- 4 It is suggested that it is people who aren't _____ who are more likely to trace their roots.
- 5 It is also felt that people might be looking for a connection with _____.

Mark: ____ /5

Reading

10 Read the text and answer the questions.

The wheel of fashion

What's in or out in the world of fashion often has its roots in the past, but how much do we really know about the true origins of some of fashion's most sought-after items?

A The shoulder pad

If asked when the shoulder pad made its first appearance on the fashion scene, most of us would say the eighties, when every glamorous soap opera star wore them – but we would be a long way out! Shoulder pads have been popular at various times throughout history, and often for quite different reasons. In the Europe of the 1500s, when Spain was asserting its dominance as a global power as well as being a centre of fashion, the shoulder pad became extremely fashionable. At this point it was seen as a reflection of cultural austerity, giving a look of solemnity to the wearer, although this austerity did not stretch to the sumptuous materials used in the clothes! World War Two saw the return of the fashion, but this time it reflected a cultural inclination for stricter lines and less decoration, echoing a military cut in a time of economic restriction. More recent trends to wear shoulder pads have reflected a different outlook – that of showing strength and dominance. In the eighties, shoulder pads were everywhere and signalled prosperity and a show of power. Back again in recent years, they have been seen as a sign of strength, and a desire to flout economic hardship.

B Platform shoes

Platforms were a product of the seventies, weren't they? No, wrong again! In fact, platforms go back a very long way indeed, to the 1400s! It seems that people have always had a yearning to appear taller than they are, and to stand out in a crowd. 'Chopines', as they were known at that time, were originally an overshoe that was slipped on over a more dainty shoe to protect it from mud. This soon became a fashion statement in itself and led to women wearing ridiculously high platforms – sometimes up to 30 inches! The impracticality of the shoes was obviously not considered as important as the elevation it gave the individual. It certainly gives a new meaning to the phrase 'The height of fashion!' For the next few hundred years daintiness in footwear prevailed – until the 1930s, when platforms made a big comeback. This time the height was much more manageable, and top fashion designers created some very elegant shoes. But platforms really came into their own in the seventies, when two-inch soles with five-inch heels became quite normal for both men and women. Designs were colourful, playful and used all types of materials. They were back again in the nineties, so it seems platforms have proved that they are here to stay in some shape or form!

11 Which fashion item ...

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| 1 | was originally intended to be practical? | A / B |
| 2 | reflects a sense of wealth and position? | A / B |
| 3 | represents changing attitudes? | A / B |
| 4 | has become appropriate for both genders? | A / B |
| 5 | made people more visibly noticeable? | A / B |

Mark: ____/5

Writing

12 Write an essay of 200–250 words on the topic: "Football – sports or show business?". Follow the paragraph plan below:

- Paragraph 1: Introduce the subject, mention both aspects of the question.
- Paragraph 2: Present one side of the argument and give examples.
- Paragraph 3: Present the other side of the argument and give examples.
- Paragraph 4: summarize the topic and draw a personal conclusion.

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

Mark: ____/10

Total: ____ /70