

Progress Test 9B

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs below. There are two more words than you need.

access build check expand extend interview invade send take tell update

- 1 The notice about exams (a) _____ to all final year students, but some of the details (b) _____ and were incorrect.
- 2 Usually, credit card details (a) _____ at the time of booking. However, the computer system (b) _____ at the moment and, consequently, your bank account information (c) _____ electronically until the new system is in place.
- 3 The council members (a) _____ on a local radio news programme when the studio (b) _____ by a group of political activists.
- 4 A whole new district (a) _____ on the outskirts of the city lately, but the road system (b) _____ and the traffic is terrible.

Mark: ____/9**2 Complete the sentences with the correct present passive form of one of the verbs given.**

- 1 An excessive amount of sun _____ extremely harmful to your skin.
A see B consider C regard
- 2 _____ widely that smoking cigarettes causes serious health problems.
A regard B see C accept
- 3 Olives _____ to contain anti-cancer properties.
A believe B feel C see
- 4 _____ that joking about such sensitive topics is inappropriate.
A say B feel C regard
- 5 Global warming _____ as one of the most challenging problems nowadays.
A report B accept C see
- 6 Pelé _____ as the best footballer of all time.
A consider B believe C regard

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 She doesn't like people staring at her. BEING
She _____
- 2 Who made the mess? BY
Who _____
- 3 Clint Eastwood directed *Gran Torino* in 2008. The critics praised it very highly. WAS
Directed _____
- 4 It is known that they are making a big profit. TO
They _____
- 5 The president is expected to reach a decision soon. THAT
It _____

Mark: ___/5**Vocabulary****4 Complete the text with the words below. There are three words that you do not need.**

conspiracy free opinions devastating security censorship freedom
attributes

The Internet, apart from numerous other advantages, seems to be one of the most powerful forums for (1) _____ speech, where virtually everyone can express their personal (2) _____ on any subject of interest. Some websites, however, are highly controversial and can have (3) _____ effects on the lives of individual Internet users or even be a threat to national (4) _____. Therefore, a project to introduce state (5) _____ to control the contents of the most dangerous pages is being widely discussed.

Mark: ___/5**5 Complete the figurative expressions with the correct words.**

- 1 The false accusation came _____ as truth and deterred his professional career for a long time.
- 2 The sudden inspiration to give it all up and try a completely new lifestyle came to us in a _____.
- 3 They have a rather _____ relationship but they seem to enjoy it.
- 4 A long time passed before it _____ on me that he was deceiving us all the time.
- 5 The view was so spectacular that it simply took my _____ away.
- 6 There were a few _____ with implementing the new technological projects, but they are all over now.

7 Patricia was in _____ of tears after her cat's death.

Mark: ____/7

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

break crop drop eavesdrop get keep leak let run take

- 1 They tried not to _____ slip what they knew about the surprise party.
- 2 The policeman _____ information about the investigation to the press.
- 3 Alexia was upset when the gossip about her personal life _____ back to her.
- 4 The children were _____ on their parents' conversation from behind the door.
- 5 We were all enjoying the concert when the news _____ that the band were breaking up after it finished.
- 6 When we were discussing the dinner party, his name just _____ up in conversation.
- 7 However hard they tried, they were unable to _____ the lid on this news.
- 8 Have they _____ any hints about what presents they want to receive for their housewarming?

Mark: ____/8

Use of English

7 Choose the correct option A–D to complete the sentences.

- 1 Pardon? _____ hear what you're saying. Too much noise from the road.
A Not B Don't C Can't D —
- 2 The text messages on her phone _____ Jerry to think Amamda was in love with someone else.
A lead B pointed C suggests D assumed
- 3 Right, the party's a surprise, so _____ a word to anyone, OK?
A isn't B no C not D don't
- 4 Your parcel hasn't arrived yet, but we'll _____ you a ring as soon as we get it.
A give B do C make D call
- 5 You could have passed the test if you had just _____ revision.
A done some B done a C had a D made some
- 6 Since Danny has gone to the theatre , I _____ he's switched his mobile off. You'll have to leave him a message.
A judge B assume C suggests D take that
- 7 This ridiculous message woud _____ to the fact that someone's hacked your email account.
A judge B suggest C take D point

- 8 Excuse me, Sir, I _____ it this is your car, is it?
A guess B think C make D take
- 9 My brother _____ the conclusion that he was on the wrong degree course, so he's going to change to medicine.
A came to B took C made D arrived to
- 10 Personally, I suggest you _____ think about it. Don't rush into a decision.
A take a B do some C have a D make a

Mark: ____ /10

Listening

8 [🔊] Listen to someone talking about privacy. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 The speaker mentions two different sorts of privacy. T / F
- 2 The speaker is talking about how some people behave on public transport. T / F
- 3 According to the speaker, other passengers hate overhearing telephone conversations. T / F
- 4 The speaker thinks many phone users like to boast. T / F
- 5 The speaker wants to try and give up listening in to private phone conversations on the train.
T / F

Mark: ____ /5

Reading

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

THEY'RE WATCHING US

How much privacy do we still have in our day-to-day lives, and for how much longer are we likely to be able to enjoy it? It's a question that should be concerning us far more than it apparently is. The 'Big Brother' of 1984 alerted us to the way surveillance techniques were developing, but no one could have envisaged the speed at which our privacy laws are being eroded. What is extremely worrying is the fact that, according to surveys in both the USA and the UK, about 75% of us want more, not less surveillance.

This is due in no small part to the fear of terrorism, and the perceived necessity to track and observe suspicious individuals who may threaten us. Understandably, it involves the development of ever-more sophisticated tracking devices, and the ability to record increasing amounts of data. Some of the more recent advances made in surveillance technology are both impressive and quite frightening in their scope. No one denies the value of this work in fighting terrorism, and crime prevention and investigation, but how easy might it be to abuse the powers that it gives to those in authority?

In Maryland, just outside Washington D.C., a team has invented the next generation of citizen surveillance, which involves matching facial images to gait, height, weight and other elements, so that a person can unsuspectingly be identified and tracked through a crowd.

Another development is a computer that is able to simultaneously translate a whole range of languages, to enable non-speakers to understand conversation around them in a foreign place. Then there is the unmanned aeroplane that will be able to stay aloft for up to five years, responding to camera focus instructions! Perhaps the most frightening development of all is the one that most closely approaches the Big Brother concept – the technology that will enable surveillance to enter the final safe refuge, our homes. This sense-through-the-wall

technology currently exists to tell us whether someone is standing on the other side of a wall, and even goes so far as to give breathing and heart rate.

Perhaps the idea from science fiction of monitoring people through screens in their homes is not here yet, but the technology to do it is. And scientists themselves say that technology will soon exist which could lead to the scanning of people's thoughts! How's that for an invasion of privacy?

- 1 People tend to underestimate the problem of surveillance. T / F
- 2 Only the minority of people claim that surveillance should be reduced. T / F
- 3 The writer doesn't disapprove of surveillance entirely. T / F
- 4 Secret crowd screening involves matching physical characteristics in order to observe someone.
T / F
- 5 Our homes and minds may one day be subject to surveillance. T / F

Mark: ____/5

Writing

10 Write an opinion essay of 200–250 words on the following topic: Does the media have the right to interfere in the private lives of famous people from the world of politics and culture?

- Paragraph 1: Introduce the subject and briefly state your own view.
- Paragraph 2: Introduce your first argument and provide justification.
- Paragraph 3: Introduce your second argument and provide justification.
- Paragraph 4: Introduce an opposite point of view and provide justification.
- Paragraph 5: Summarize the argument and then restate your opinion.

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

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