

Progress Test 2A

Name: _____

Grammar

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

- 1 _____ I said in my essay, I think that the problem is more complicated than many people realise.
- 2 I must admit, I'm very much _____ most of my friends. We watch far too much TV so they call us the couch potato generation.
- 3 Speaking _____ a friend, I really think you should put in more work at college.
- 4 I told Maddy about the test tomorrow and she was, _____, 'So what?'
- 5 I love films that show us different parts of the world, _____ *Slumdog Millionaire*.
- 6 _____ my sister, who is brilliant at tennis, I've never been that keen on sports.
- 7 My dog is _____ a baby and just loves lots of affection!
- 8 Brad was late for class today, _____ was Kelly.
- 9 Have you seen Petra's new outfit? She looks _____ a model!
- 10 Owen is looking for a part-time job _____ a DJ. He really wants to work in the music industry.

Mark: ____/10

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

When I lived in London, Matt and I (1) _____ (go) to the theatre every Friday night. One Friday we went to see *Romeo and Juliet* and as we (2) _____ (leave) the theatre the weather had become really treacherous. It (3) _____ (snow) for quite a while and there was a thick covering on the road and pavements. While Matt (4) _____ (scrape) ice off the windscreen of the car, he (5) _____ (slip) and (6) _____ (fall) in the road. I then (7) _____ (realise) he (8) _____ (not move). He (9) _____ (hit) his head and I had to take him to hospital. Luckily he was OK, as we (10) _____ (fly) to New York the following day!

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Vocabulary

3 Complete the compound words.

- 1 *Avatar*, which earned more than \$232 million worldwide, was a real block-_____.
- 2 The consequences of the flood are going to be far-_____ for the families affected.
- 3 Students and teachers who worked with Professor Smith said they lost an intelligent and quick-_____ instructor.
- 4 Johnny Depp continues to be a real heart-_____ – many women find him attractive.
- 5 Mary is seldom upset by criticism – she's rather thick-_____.
- 6 Our club exists on a shoe-_____ budget and we don't receive many donations.
- 7 The students made the most well-_____ audience we've had here. They were so quiet.
- 8 Jake's new band has a strange-_____ name which I can't remember.
- 9 Peter has been very _____-minded about his career as a writer and he really wants to succeed.
- 10 Stop being narrow-_____ and try to accept some new ideas!

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

- 1 At the students' and their parents' _____ (INSIST), the school year was shortened by a week.
- 2 When I first met Bob, he was _____ (PAIN) shy and reserved.
- 3 Oxford and Cambridge are considered the most _____ (PRESTIGE) British universities.
- 4 The only _____ (INDICATE) of his wealth was a golden ring he was wearing on his finger.
- 5 William Shakespeare is considered the most famous _____ (DRAMA) of all times.

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 plot was supposed to be based on facts, but it is not very convincing. _____
- 2 We all expected a happy ending, and in fact it happened. _____
- 3 The actor confessed that the role in the film was the craziest in his entire career. _____
- 4 You have to be over 18 to see that film. It's too violent. _____

5 The film made us think seriously about the issue of euthanasia. _____

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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 Many homeless people become involved with alcohol and drugs. (INTO)

2 Lena didn't choose to leave home. Her mum made her leave. (KICK)

3 I am different from my sister, because I don't enjoy craft projects. (UNLIKE)

4 For me, watching rubbish on TV is the best form of relaxation. (UNWIND)

5 Mum's worried because she thinks my brother is not going to his classes. (SKIP)

6 I think from her appearance she might be an art student. (LIKE)

7 I don't like seeing all the litter and graffiti on our street. It really makes me depressed. (DOWN)

8 Look at that dog. It might have run away. (WONDER)

9 Harry's in New York. It's not possible that you saw him this afternoon. (CAN'T)

10 So Amanda said, "I think you're wrong about that!" (LIKE)

Mark: ____/10

Listening

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

- 1 The new trend in location vacations
 - A brings in a good profit for the film industry.
 - B is a by-product of film-making.
 - C is an interesting niche for scriptwriters.
 - D contributes to a film's popularity.
- 2 Location vacations are of interest to
 - A holiday designers.
 - B people who want to meet film stars.
 - C people who want a different holiday experience.
 - D people who want to appear on the big screen.
- 3 Local communities
 - A disapprove of the new trend.
 - B invest a lot of money in this.
 - C attract new film-makers.
 - D often benefit from money this brings.
- 4 According to the speaker
 - A the film companies and local agencies work together.
 - B the holiday industry exploits the film companies.
 - C the parties involved are independent.
 - D each project is a new venture.
- 5 Film enthusiasts
 - A want to see exciting new places.
 - B want to follow in their idols' footsteps.
 - C want to participate in the movies.
 - D want to find out why the film location was chosen.

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

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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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