

Progress Test 4B

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Grammar

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

- 1 Long-distance coach connections tend to be _____ cheaper than train connections.
A by miles B a bit C marginally
- 2 My dog eats _____ more than other dogs of the same size.
A a good deal B by a long way C rather
- 3 Stuart is _____ the best candidate to take over as student council president.
A quite B easily C far and away
- 4 Starting your own business is _____ more risky than working for a state company.
A a good deal B by a long way C an awful lot
- 5 It is _____ the most enjoyable song on the album.
A easily B very C by far

Mark: ____/5

2 Combine the sentences using reduced relative clauses.

- 1 A lot of books were published in the 1950s. Many of them have gone out of print.

- 2 We stayed in a period guesthouse while on our holidays in Tuscany. It was built in 1850.

- 3 There was a forest in the area. It has been destroyed now.

- 4 I looked at the sculpture of Venus. It was made of gold and ivory.

- 5 A man was accused of murder. He is now in prison.

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

- 1 I _____ (pass) my exams easily, if I _____ (focus) on my revision timetable but I didn't have time.
- 2 I have to borrow money from my sister to buy Christmas presents. I _____ (not have) to do it if I _____ (save) more wisely last year.

- 3 We were all really lucky! If the tornado _____ (pass) a bit closer, our house _____ (not be) here now!
- 4 If I _____ (have) a younger brother or sister, I _____ (not get) so much pressure from my parents. It isn't easy being an only child.
- 5 If I _____ (finish) all my work, I _____ (be) at the party right now.

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

- 1 Mary decided to split up with Tim because he lied to her.
Had _____
- 2 I will lend you the book if you promise to return it quickly.
As long _____
- 3 When you wait for something for a long time, you appreciate it more when you get it.
The longer _____ when you get it.
- 4 We don't want to eat out in that restaurant because it's so expensive.
If the restaurant _____
- 5 He won't pass his driving test if he doesn't practise a lot.
Unless he _____

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Vocabulary

5 Complete the sentences with appropriate words.

- 1 His _____ retirement from football was due to a bad knee injury.
- 2 The teacher had a change of _____ and said we could take the test the following day.
- 3 It might be advisable to make some slight _____ to our initial plan.
- 4 After some significant _____ the costume fitted me perfectly.
- 5 New students usually need a period of _____ to get accustomed to all the rules.
- 6 Amanda and Tom have always had a _____ relationship. They argue a lot.
- 7 With new wallpaper and curtains, the _____ of my bedroom was complete.
- 8 The _____ from feet and inches to metric took me a while because I'm not very good at it!
- 9 If you were not happy at university, why hadn't you considered a change of _____?
- 10 All birds are thought to _____ from a Pterosaur.

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6 Complete the pairs of sentences with the same verb in the correct form.

- 1 A Nothing can _____ the fact that his behaviour was unacceptable.
B After 20 years he looked just the same. He hadn't _____ at all!
- 2 A The management is planning to _____ the hotel into a nursing home.
B Having lived in India for so long, he _____ from Christianity to Hinduism.
- 3 A Remember to _____ your speed to the conditions on the road.
B Cats' eyes are well _____ to seeing in the dark.
- 4 A Sarah refused to _____ her opinion despite all of Parker's arguments.
B Many crops have been genetically _____ to increase harvest.
- 5 A Seven of his books were _____ for the big screen.
B It took her a long time to _____ to living alone.

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

- 1 The greenhouse effect has been one of the most discussed _____ (ENVIRONMENT) issues of the recent years.
- 2 His eyesight deteriorated _____ (SIGNIFICANCE) with age.
- 3 During the war, the soldiers were kept in _____ (CAPTIVE) for four years.
- 4 The _____ (ABOLISH) of slavery in the 19th century is considered a milestone in the history of the United States.
- 5 Despite global _____ (CONDEMN), they decided to continue the war in Iraq.

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Use of English

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

- 1 We used to be able to drive down the High Street before it was _____ (PEDESTRIAN).
- 2 I like this design. The whole thing is very _____ (FUNCTION).
- 3 I think it is _____ (MARGIN) warmer today than it was yesterday, but there's not much in it.
- 4 Our old school looked a bit like a factory building. It was fine, I suppose, but it was a bit _____ (SOUL).
- 5 In the home movies Dad made when we were kids everything seems so _____ (IDYLL).
- 6 Some modern hotel rooms can feel a bit _____ (PERSONAL) and sterile.
- 7 Since I joined the theatre club, acting has become _____ (CENTRE) to my life.
- 8 Jamie's painting was _____ (EASY) the best in the exhibition.
- 9 When I go to university, I'll have the _____ (FREE) to do as I like.

10 Danny's style is so _____ (FASHION). I mean – all that stuff went out years ago!

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Listening

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

- 1 Success took Gary by surprise. T / F
- 2 Popularity hasn't really affected his private life. T / F
- 3 Gary doesn't mind the loss of anonymity that has come with the success. T / F
- 4 He doesn't care about the paparazzi and their false reports. T / F
- 5 Gary has always made his living as a professional musician. 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 Consequently, social networking at work is improving.
- 2 Gone are the cosy offices with chats across desktops.
- 3 Office misbehaviour has changed radically too.
- 4 However, others see these advances as something akin to magic!

- 5 Being contactable at all times can put enormous pressure on individuals and is one of the main causes of stress at work today.
- 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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