

Progress Test 6B

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Report these statements using the most appropriate introductory verb and making other necessary changes.

- 1 'If I were you I would go to the doctor for a proper diagnosis,' said Liz.

- 2 'Well done for winning the match. We're really proud of you,' said Harry.

- 3 'Don't touch the oven or you'll get burned!' Dad said to Frances.

- 4 'I will combat corruption,' the President said.

- 5 'Shall we go out at the weekend?' Lisa said.

- 6 'The Italian restaurant on the corner is brilliant! You must go there!' said Jake

- 7 'It was Alice who told Mum about me damaging the car, wasn't it?' said Bill.

- 8 'I didn't copy my homework,' Sam said.

Mark: ____/8

2 Complete the text with the correct future forms of the verbs in brackets.

Hi Joe,

Only three days to go before Derek's surprise party! My train (1) _____ (arrive) at 4.15 so it (2) _____ (be) great if you can pick me up from the station then. I think it (3) _____ (be) best to meet at the north entrance. I (4) _____ (wait) at the escalators.

About the food and drinks: (5) _____ (you bring) the champagne? I know that Kate (6) _____ (make) a load of sandwiches and I hope the caterers (7) _____ (deliver) the cake before 7.30. There is just one more thing. I (8) _____ (not have) a chance to change for the party before I arrive so (9) _____

_____ (it be) OK to change at your place? It (10) _____ (be) a fantastic evening and Derek has no idea what (11) _____ (happen)! I (12) _____ (see) you at the station!

Joan

Mark: ____/12

Vocabulary

3 Complete the text with the words below. There are three extra words which you do not need to use.

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The UK (1)_____ of four member states, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The English and Scottish parliaments (2)_____ laws called the Acts of Union which created the United Kingdom of Great Britain in 1707. In 1801 Ireland (3)_____ the union, and by 1927 it had (4)_____ into the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as it is officially known today.

However, in the late 1990s National Assemblies were created in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Over time, Parliament has (6)_____ certain powers of governance to the individual states.

There is a growing call, particularly in Scotland for full independence from London. Although many Scots believe that remaining within the UK brings clear economic and political (6)_____, the Scottish government intend to hold a (7)_____ on complete independence in 2014. There are factions in both Northern Ireland and Wales who would like to see the same there.

Mark: ____/7

4 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Some religious sects _____ that the world would end in 2012.
A projected B prophesied C permitted
- 2 My cousin had to change her job as she was unable to cope _____ the stress.
A of B with C by
- 3 It is highly unlikely that the school will cease to exist in the _____ future.
A foreseeable B next C predicted
- 4 Talent and hard work are the key _____ success.
A to B at C of
- 5 Mike's _____ his heart on becoming a doctor and he's studying hard for his entrance exams.
A put B made C set
- 6 I'm sorry, but I don't think I'm in a _____ to help you.
A place B opportunity C position

- 7 He's spent the whole year on writing the book and _____ he hasn't finished it.
A yet B so C even

Mark: ____/7

5 Replace the words in bold with more formal ones.

- 1 Why don't we write to the travel agency and **ask** for a brochure?

- 2 When we were **told** about our classmate's illness, we all felt a **deep** sympathy.

- 3 I **promise** you'll be satisfied with our company's service.

- 4 The tourists managed to keep control of their situations until the rescuers were able to find them.

Mark: ____/6

Use of English

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

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- 1 Even though she is ambitious, she is careful to think of others. (SPITE)

- 2 I agree that it's cramped, but it was the only room that they had left. (TRUE)

- 3 A group of us is going to spend time at Susie's house after practice. (OVER)

- 4 Driving Formula 1 cars for a living would be like an amazing achievement for me. (DREAM)

- 5 I take your point, however, I just can't agree with your main argument. (YET)

- 6 When Kelly got accepted to drama school she was totally elated. (WALK)

- 7 Mum as totally delighted with the flowers we gave her! (MOON)

8 If you remember your childhood, you can see experiences that shaped your personality. (BACK)

9 When we won the basketball tournament we were thrilled to bits. (WORLD)

10 Finlay couldn't solve the equation, so I helped him. (OUT)

Mark: ____ /10

Listening

7 [🔊] Listen to a radio phone-in programme. Match the callers and the occupations. Then match the reasons for their sleep problems. There is one job and one reason you don't need.

Jobs: student miner businessman radio presenter supermarket worker actor

Reasons: uncomfortable surroundings inconsistency socialising work patterns unreliability of something else fear

Caller 1 _____

Caller 2 _____

Caller 3 _____

Caller 4 _____

Caller 5 _____

Mark: ____ /5

Reading

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

The Bakersfield Sleep Clinic

The Bakersfield Sleep Clinic is a research and treatment centre for problems associated with sleeping, and its reputation puts it at the very top of its field. (A) _____. So, would you like to take part in some cutting-edge research into the causes of, and treatments for, these problems? Read further to learn about some of the sleep disorders we investigate here at the clinic.

Sleep apnoea

This is a potentially life-threatening condition where the muscles at the back of the sleeper's throat relax so much that the airway becomes blocked and the sleeper stops breathing for up to 25 seconds. (B) _____. In severe cases this can happen up to 350 times a night! Obviously this condition causes extreme fatigue in sufferers, and is also linked to heart problems. Sometimes, behavioural changes such as losing weight or cutting down on alcohol can help, but often specific treatment is required.

Snoring

Snoring is the subject of many jokes and considered a trivial problem by many, but for a lot of people it is a very big problem and it can affect people's lives and relationships in several ways. The reason for snoring is similar to that of sleep apnoea. When the muscles at the back of the throat relax, the soft tissue obstructs the entrance to the throat and as air tries to pass through, the tissue vibrates and produces the snoring sound. Once

again, behavioural changes may help the snorer. People are asked to lose weight, avoid excessive alcohol or heavy meals before bedtime and to sleep on their sides. All these things can help the problem. (C) _____. Here at the clinic, we are investigating other ways to help sufferers.

Restless leg syndrome

This condition affects about 5.6% of the UK population. It is a strange condition where the sufferer experiences odd sensations in the lower limbs. These sensations require the sleeper to move their legs to find relief and therefore constantly interrupt sleep. (D) _____. Again, there are some simple solutions that can alleviate the symptoms such as massage, warm baths and so on, but more research needs to be done into the problem to find a real answer.

(E) _____. Click on to Contacts and you'll find phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

- 1 This forces the sleeper to wake.
- 2 Do you have a severe sleep problem?
- 3 This can cause problems socially and at work.
- 4 However, there are some cases which do not respond to changes like these.
- 5 If you suffer from any of these sleep disorders and need our advice, or are willing to participate in research, please contact us.
- 6 Little is known about the problem, but it is thought to be genetic.

Mark: ____/5

Writing

- 9 Write a story of 200–250 words ending with this sentence: "... I was left alone, staring at the red lights of the car as it disappeared into the night."**

- Paragraph 1: Describe the background scene (time, place, characters and actions).
- Paragraph 2: Write about what happened before the main event.
- Paragraph 3: Describe the main event.
- Paragraph 4: Describe the reactions of the characters and the consequences of the event.

Make sure your story contains all the points listed and is written in an appropriate style for a short piece of fiction.

Mark: ____/10

Total: ____/70