

Progress Test 10B

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Rewrite the sentences using a word ending in -ever (e.g. *whatever*) and make other necessary changes.

- 1 You are not allowed to disturb the pilots under any circumstances.

- 2 Mum always reminds Dad to put away the gardening tools in the shed, but he never remembers.

- 3 They don't know who leaked the information to the newspaper yet but the person will be severely reprimanded.

- 4 Three candidates are trying for the governor's seat. Each of them will reduce state expenditure if they win the election.

- 5 I'm always ready to help. Don't hesitate to call me if you need me.

Mark: ____/5

2 Combine the sentences with a relative pronoun. Make your sentences formal (F) or informal (I).

- 1 I finally found the painting. I had been looking for it in galleries all over the country! (I)

I _____

- 2 We sold the technology to the man. He runs the most modern laboratory in the country. (F)

The man _____

- 3 The critics praised us highly in the review. Here it is. (F)

Here's _____

- 4 Shane is sharing a flat with two girls. They've come to Britain to study at university. (I)

The girls _____

- 5 Uncle Tom had a car accident. I'd been talking to him only an hour before. (I)

Uncle Tom _____

- 6 We have been cooperating with the company for several years. It employs 3000 people. (I)

The company _____

- 7 The staff meeting may be cancelled because of the head teacher's illness. If that's the case, the timetable will be discussed at a later date. (F)
The staff meeting _____
- 8 There was a fight at the stadium. Five football fans got seriously injured during the incident. (F)
There was _____
- 9 All the bank's operations depend on the computer system. It is being updated at the moment. (F)
The computer system _____
- 10 My aunt Joan has a collection of stamps. Most of them come from letters exchanged with her pen-pals. (F)
My aunt Joan _____

Mark: ____/10

Vocabulary

3 Replace the words in bold with synonyms.

- 1 When the laboratory examined the glass, it turned out that it contained **minute** traces of arsenic.

- 2 The glowing review of the restaurant came at an **opportune** moment. _____
- 3 The journalist wrote an article that was **biased** against the Labour Party candidate. _____
- 4 This matter is really **immaterial**. Let's not argue over it. _____
- 5 Although the German team seemed **unbeatable**, they lost the final match. _____
- 6 Peter was **as miserable as sin** when he heard that he had failed the exam. _____
- 7 A good chef at the wedding reception is **worth his weight in gold**. _____
- 8 There is still an **immense** distance to be covered by nightfall. _____
- 9 He told us a **comical** story about his adventures in Africa. _____

Mark: ____/9

4 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 The decision to _____ a large amount of vaccine against swine flu proved to be both premature and extremely costly.
A stockpile B assess C decommission
- 2 The results of my experiments _____ differ from what we believed true so far.
A vaguely B significantly C hotly
- 3 I didn't enjoy the dialogues in the least – they were full of _____ phrases and totally predictable.
A touching B overblown C hackneyed

- 4 The musical ends with a really _____ finale with everyone singing and dancing.
A coherent B upbeat C baffling
- 5 Many people were _____ injured after the disaster.
A strongly B seriously C thoroughly
- 6 I think the film presents rather _____ prospects for our planet's future.
A bleak B overblown C drawn-out

Mark: ____/6

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 She was always emotionally unstable and _____ to living in society.
(ADJUST)
- 2 The reforms suggested by the government are _____ in these circumstances. (FEASIBLE)
- 3 The book was not thought-provoking at all. To my mind, it was dull and _____. (DESCRIBE)
- 4 Instead of concentrating on what was important, he focused his attention on _____ gossip and intrigue. (MEAN)
- 5 My father was at first _____ to give me permission to go to a camp with my friends but later he agreed. (WILL)
- 6 These shy bears are believed to have their habitats in the middle of _____ forest. (PENETRABLE)
- 7 Crime is virtually _____ in this area as the local police work extremely efficiently. (EXIST)
- 8 That was a cruel, _____ crime committed on the civilians. (IMAGINE)
- 9 The _____ computer system was blamed for the travel chaos at the airport this weekend. (FUNCTION)
- 10 I'm sorry but I feel completely _____ of persuading him to join our organisation. (CAPABLE)

Mark: ____/10

Use of English

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

- 1 The bird looked similar to a hawk, but it was bigger. (BIT)

- 2 Advertising is often criticised for encouraging people to consume too much of everything. (EXCESS)

- 3 I know I'll remember his name any moment. (TONGUE)

- 4 Parts of India are experiencing a rapid increase in population. (EXPLODE)

- 5 In the 1950s there was a real fear of aliens attacking and colonising Earth. (INVADE)

- 6 I'm sorry, just now, I can't remember the book's title. (ESCAPE)

- 7 One of the biggest problems threatening our planet is global warming. (CLIMATE)

- 8 I've just forgotten my password. (SLIP)

- 9 Some supermarkets are trying to get rid of plastic shopping bags completely. (AWAY)

- 10 What I'm trying to say is that organic food is too expensive for most people. (POINT)

Mark: ____ /10

Listening

7 [🔊] Listen to a writer talking about traditions. Choose the best answers.

- 1 The interviewer says that
A old traditions should be replaced by new trends.
B changing traditions are not a good thing.
C some old traditions are disappearing.
D newer customs are interesting.

- 2 Petra thinks that some people
- A don't know enough about traditions.
 - B exaggerate what is happening.
 - C want to protect customs.
 - D don't take any interest in the past.
- 3 It is possible that the Quinceanera started
- A in a European country.
 - B as a celebration for mothers.
 - C as a wedding celebration.
 - D in the time of the Aztecs.
- 4 Today the Quinceanera is often
- A less sumptuous than in the past.
 - B more religious than before.
 - C smaller than it used to be.
 - D more expensive than it was.
- 5 Which is NOT a traditional part of the Quinceanera celebration?
- A a gift of money
 - B a dress
 - C a family gathering
 - D a doll

Mark: ___/5

Reading

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

Good Riddance Day

How wonderful it would be if we could magically make unwanted memories disappear, or get rid of things in our lives that have caused us unhappiness! (A) _____. The Times Square Alliance in New York, a business group dedicated to promoting and improving the neighbourhood, decided to give people the opportunity to shred images or papers that represented the worst aspects of their lives from the previous year. They called this 'Good Riddance Day' and the event was held in Times Square itself on 28 December 2007. (B) _____. The idea was actually based on an old Latin American tradition in which New Year's revellers put hated objects into giant dolls and burn them.

So, how exhilarating is it to shred pictures of ex-fiancés, bad school reports and so on? (C) _____. Paul Caine was one person who took the opportunity to get rid of his most unpleasant memory of 2007. 'It's just fantastic to see it disappear!' said Paul. 'It really feels that that particularly nasty part of my life is completely gone! I suppose it's what you call 'closure'.' And what was Paul's memory? A photo of his ex with her new husband! (D) _____. One woman made a collage of an old demonic boss who had made her life a living misery. There was enormous satisfaction on her face as she watched it being sliced. A recovering alcoholic had written on a

piece of paper the words ‘My obsession with drink’ and happily watched that disappear too. Perhaps the most gruesome item was a photo of a person’s appendix which had been removed that year. ‘It gave me a really bad time,’ its previous owner commented, as he said goodbye to the memory forever.

So, will this ‘Day’ catch on and encourage people the world over to ceremonially say ‘Good Riddance’ to their bad memories? Personally, I feel there is something a little suspect and even slightly sinister about cutting up photos of other people, however badly they have treated you. (E) _____. I recently ripped a picture of an old boyfriend to pieces in a fit of temper!

- 1 Predictably it proved very popular and attracted large numbers of people from far and wide – all with a yearning to get rid of something!
- 2 Most of the items shredded in the huge industrial shredder were photos or old bills, but some were more creative.
- 3 A few years ago an idea was dreamed up that went some way to assuaging that desire – at least symbolically.
- 4 Apparently it really cheers you up!
- 5 I didn’t actually shred anything myself, but I watched others enjoy the activity.
- 6 But as they say, it takes all sorts to make a world – and who am I to talk?

Mark: ____/5

Writing

- 9 Write an opinion essay of 200–250 words to discuss the following statement: With the development of modern technology, traditional schools will cease to exist.**

- 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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Total: ____/70