

Progress Test 3A

Name: _____

Grammar

- 1 Decide which of the sentences are incorrect. Circle I (incorrect) or C (correct). Then correct the incorrect ones.

1 He's coughed a lot lately and I really think it's time he saw a consultant. I / C

2 What does this mean? I've tried to decipher his handwriting for the last hour! I / C

3 I know I've been putting on weight. I've been eating too much fast food recently! I / C

4 Since Mum's been a food critic, she's eaten some very strange food. I / C

5 He's been learning a lot through living in different countries. I / C

6 He's been smoking too much recently. I think he needs to cut down. I / C

7 Have you fixed the tap in the bathroom? I'd like to have a bath soon. I / C

8 We've been knowing the Andersons for at least ten years. I / C

Mark: ____/8

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. There are three words which you don't need to use.

attend change criticise do go happen invest move spend start

1 We can't afford _____ to the city just yet.

2 Surely you aren't contemplating _____ your job again, are you?

3 I resent _____ by someone so inexperienced.

4 The driving instructor made me _____ the car halfway up a hill.

5 I can't face _____ to the party tonight. I'm not feeling a hundred per cent.

6 My brother has just started a small company, so he can't risk _____ all his money in a shaky venture.

7 What do you expect him _____ if we don't agree to his terms?

Mark: ____/7

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first one, using the words in capitals. The word cannot be altered in any way.

1 My motorbike needs servicing, because it's making a strange noise. GET

I must _____, because it's making a strange noise.

2 The twins very rarely go away separately. USED

The twins are _____ away separately.

3 What a pity I didn't read it more carefully! REGRET

I _____ it more carefully.

4 Nora's parents don't allow her to date Chris. LET

Nora's parents _____ Chris.

5 I moved to Paris in 2001 and I'm still here. LIVING

I _____ since 2001.

Mark: ____/5

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with set phrases.

1 It was a shame to have to wake her. She was _____ asleep.

2 Shaun is _____ idle and needs to find himself a job!

3 After the accident I had to lay off the exercise but I'm _____ fit again now.

4 Where does he get his money from? That's another _____ new car he's got!

5 Leo can't complain. He walked into this situation with his eyes _____ open.

Mark: ____/5

5 Choose the correct answers.

1 Mark doesn't usually _____ an opinion in class, but today he was really talkative.

A speak B say C voice

2 The company is working hard to _____ the dispute between the workers and management.

A answer B dissolve C resolve

3 Do you mind if we _____ a detour and drive along the coast for a few kilometres?

A do B make C go

4 Luckily, the police decided not to _____ charges, but let him off with a warning.

A address B record C file

5 Emma won't talk to me, but she usually opens _____ to her cousin.

A up B in C out

6 I've _____ some good friendships at college and I hope they'll continue when we all leave.

A attracted B formed C developed

7 It's sometimes difficult to _____ attention in lectures when you're really sleepy.

A make B maintain C pay

8 Pete and Diana have fallen _____ again! This time over who's the better cook!

A off B out C down

9 If you can give me a lift today, I'll _____ the favour next week.

A return B pay C do

10 You have to _____ control of the situation now, otherwise it's just going to get worse.

A make B take C hold

Mark: ____/10

6 Complete the sentences with the correct words below. There are two extra words which you do not need to use.

picturesque affluent hilly desolate deprived bustling touristy

1 At the moment the market is quite empty, but in the morning it is _____ with life.

2 With no people around the place seemed to be lonely and _____.

3 Luxurious cars and new detached houses show that this is one of the more _____ parts of the city.

4 Children from _____ backgrounds were offered special education programmes.

5 That charming cottage is situated at the far end of a(n) _____ old-fashioned village.

Mark: ____/5

Use of English

7 Complete the text by writing one word in each gap.

It seems like everyone uses social-networking sites these days. Sites like Bebo and Facebook have a lot (1) _____ for them whether you want to share every thought and photo with a (2) _____-knit group, or whether you're a more casual, (3) _____-back user who shares the odd joke. However, it is always (4) _____ considering how much you want to share. There are friendships that (5) _____ back years, friends who know you (6) _____ out. But (7) _____ reflection, do you really want to share the same things with them as with your Granny? And what puts me (8) _____ is, if you (9) _____ out with someone, you have to break up with them on-line, too. It can get

complicated. All in (10)_____ I guess these sites are a fun way of keeping in touch, but I'd rather live my life in the real world, really.

Mark: ____ /10

Listening

8 [🔊] Listen to five people talking about marriage. Complete the sentences with the correct speaker A, B, C, D or E. There is one sentence that you do not need.

- 1 Speaker ____ is not optimistic about the future.
- 2 Speaker ____ used outside help.
- 3 Speaker ____ had expectations that weren't realised.
- 4 Speaker ____ believes it is important to change and compromise.
- 5 Speaker ____ thinks there needs to be an element of freedom.
- 6 Speaker ____ is willing to share all his/her interests with his/her partner.

Mark: ____/5

Reading

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

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY!

People can be united by the family bond to achieve great things. However, this same bond can also link family members in notorious achievements, and there can be an element of romanticism attached to the way their escapades are perceived. The stories of the exploits of family criminals sometimes capture the public imagination in a way that other criminal gangs do not. These legendary anti-heroes often engender cult followings and even campaigns for their release from custodial sentences.

One such notorious family in England was the Krays. The Kray twins, Ronnie and Reggie, controlled organised crime in the East End of London in the mid-twentieth century and they were villains on a very grand scale. A violent pair, they were responsible for intimidation and murder. However, in spite of the terrible crimes they committed and the suffering they caused, they are remembered with fondness by some because they were part of a close-knit East End family. What people remember is that they adored their mother and supported her all her life. The fact that she ruled both hard men with a rod of iron only adds to the charm of their story!

Another family of criminals that hit the headlines in more recent years, and for different reasons, is the Johnson family, travellers based in the south of England. The Johnsons did not use intimidation and murder to acquire their fortune – they were highly organised and sophisticated burglars. Like the Krays, they kept everything in the family and their team was comprised of a father, two sons, a cousin and a son-in-law. This ensured secrecy, and for over 20 years, the system worked. The police had no idea who was behind the planning and execution of some of the most daring and profitable raids on country mansions they had ever seen. Indeed, one of their break-ins is in the record books as the UK's biggest ever private house burglary. In this one raid, the Johnsons stole millions of pounds worth of antiques.

The Johnsons were professionals in the full sense of the word. They targeted the wealthiest people in the area and they would stake out their mansions for weeks beforehand to pinpoint strengths and weaknesses in the security systems. Then, they would raid the house and be in and out within a matter of minutes. They left no trace and sometimes even burgled houses while the owners were sitting in another room, completely unaware! Over the years they amassed more than £80 million.

The stories of criminal families like the Krays and the Johnsons read like fiction, and in fact both sets of criminals have featured in films. So, why are we so fascinated by people like this? Whatever the reason,

people continue to treat them as celebrities. Ronnie and Reggie Kray's paintings, done in prison, have fetched enormous sums of money, and no doubt the Johnsons' story could make a popular TV series on a par with US TV mafia family, *The Sopranos*!

- 1 The public do not always appreciate the seriousness of what some criminals do. T / F
- 2 The Kray twins were supported by many East End families. T / F
- 3 The Johnsons were pursued by the police for over 20 years. T / F
- 4 The Johnsons required a lot of preparation time for their criminal activities. T / F
- 5 All the criminals mentioned in the text were also artistic. T / F

Mark: ___/5

Writing

10 Write a tourist article of 200–250 words, describing a city or region in your country that is particularly attractive to tourists .

- Paragraph 1: Introduce general information about the selected city or region.
- Paragraph 2: Describe the attractions this city or region offers to potential visitors.
- Paragraph 3: Explain why you think the place is particularly popular with visitors to your country.
- Paragraph 4: Summarize your opinion and encourage tourists to visit the described location.

Make sure your article contains all the points listed and is written in an appropriate style for a promotional article.

Mark: ___/10

Total: ___/70