

Progress Test 9A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with the correct passive form of the verbs below. There are two more words than you need.

access build check expand extend interview invade send take tell update

- 1 Hundreds of new houses (a) _____ in this area recently, but the road system (b) _____ to cope with the increase in traffic.
- 2 Information about the road works (a) _____ to every household last week, but the dates (b) _____ and so they weren't correct.
- 3 Passport details (a) _____ when guests check in at reception. However, the computer system (b) _____ at the moment which means that reservations (c) _____ electronically until the new system is in place.
- 4 The politician (a) _____ on a TV news programme when the studio (b) _____ by a group of protesters.

Mark: ____/9**2 Complete the sentences with the correct present passive form of one of the verbs given.**

- 1 1 _____ that cash will be used less and less frequently in the future.
A regard B see C accept
- 2 Tolkien _____ by many as the greatest fantasy writer of the twentieth century.
A believe B consider C regard
- 3 Phrasal verbs _____ as one of the most problematic areas for learners of English.
A see B accept C report
- 4 _____ that lavish state celebrations are not appropriate in these times of economic difficulty.
A regard B feel C tell
- 5 White Bengal tigers _____ to be extinct in the wild.
A believe B see C feel
- 6 Wearing very high-heeled shoes _____ very fashionable at the moment.
A regard B consider C see

Mark: ____/6

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the words in capital. The word cannot be altered in any way.

- 1 The falling branch injured a little girl. A doctor examined her thoroughly. **WAS**
Injured _____
- 2 It is known that he is opening another retail store. **TO**
He _____
- 3 The chief executive is expected to resign next year. **THAT**
It _____
- 4 I don't like people laughing at me. **BEING**
I _____
- 5 Who brought the parcel? **BY**
Who _____

Mark: ___/5**Vocabulary****4 Complete the figurative expressions with the correct words.**

- 1 It was such a surprise that it simply took my _____ away.
- 2 Money _____ so rich people definitely get the best treatment.
- 3 Jennifer had a terrible relationship with her first husband and it _____ her for life.
- 4 Is Martine OK now? She was in _____ of tears after the interview.
- 5 It's just _____ on me that you must be the new assistant.
- 6 We're having a few _____ with the building work, but everything will be finished by 24 March.
- 7 The news of the celebrity's secret wedding was _____ all over the newspapers.

Mark: ___/7**5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below. There are two more words than you need.**

break crop drop get go keep leak let run take

- 1 I promise – if you tell me, it _____ no further!
- 2 It mustn't _____ back to Petra that we've been talking about her.
- 3 I don't know why we started talking about it. It just _____ up in conversation.
- 4 Danny _____ slip that he was intending to break up with Emily.
- 5 We won't be able to _____ the lid on this news for much longer.
- 6 Our teacher has just _____ the news that they're going to sell off the school sports grounds.
- 7 Has Karen _____ any hints about when they're planning to get married?

8 Someone in the government _____ information about the election to the press.

Mark: ____/8

6 Complete the text with the words below. There are three words that you do not need.

conspiracy free opinions devastating security censorship freedom
attributes

The Internet, apart from numerous other advantages, seems to be one of the most powerful forums for (1) _____ speech, where virtually everyone can express their personal (2) _____ on any subject of interest. Some websites, however, are highly controversial and can have (3) _____ effects on the lives of individual Internet users or even be a threat to national (4) _____. Therefore, a project to introduce state (5) _____ to control the contents of the most dangerous pages is being widely discussed.

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Use of English

7 Choose the correct option A–D to complete the sentences.

- 1 OK – but _____ a word to anyone, OK? It's a secret.
A not B don't C isn't D no
- 2 I'll _____ you a ring later on and let you know.
A do B make C call D give
- 3 I think this would _____ to the fact that it's a hoax.
A judge B point C suggest D take
- 4 OK, looking at your letter, I _____ it you're a student here, is that right?
A make B guess C think D take
- 5 Sorry? _____ hear you very well. Reception's terrible around here.
A Don't B Can't C Not D —
- 6 The undamaged door _____ investigators to think that the burglar had a key.
A pointed B suggests C assumed D lead
- 7 Look, you don't have to decide now. Why don't you _____ think about it?
A have a B take a C do some D make a
- 8 I can't come to the cinema, I really need to _____ revision.
A have a B make some C do some D do a
- 9 Well, since he's not here, I think we can _____ that he's missed the train.
A judge B suggests C take that D assume

10 Jenny _____ the conclusion that she needed a change of scene.

A arrived to B came to C took D made

Mark: ____ /10

Listening

8 [🔊] Listen to someone talking about privacy. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 The speaker thinks that the authorities should do more to protect personal information. T / F
- 2 The speaker is talking about the habits of people on public transport. T / F
- 3 The speaker enjoys listening in to people sitting near her who are talking. T / F
- 4 According to the speaker, phone users sometimes give away secret information. T / F
- 5 The speaker thinks many phone users like to boast. T / F

Mark: ____/5

Reading

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

THEY'RE WATCHING US

How much privacy do we still have in our day-to-day lives, and for how much longer are we likely to be able to enjoy it? It's a question that should be concerning us far more than it apparently is. The 'Big Brother' of 1984 alerted us to the way surveillance techniques were developing, but no one could have envisaged the speed at which our privacy laws are being eroded. What is extremely worrying is the fact that, according to surveys in both the USA and the UK, about 75% of us want more, not less surveillance.

This is due in no small part to the fear of terrorism, and the perceived necessity to track and observe suspicious individuals who may threaten us. Understandably, it involves the development of ever-more sophisticated tracking devices, and the ability to record increasing amounts of data. Some of the more recent advances made in surveillance technology are both impressive and quite frightening in their scope. No one denies the value of this work in fighting terrorism, and crime prevention and investigation, but how easy might it be to abuse the powers that it gives to those in authority?

In Maryland, just outside Washington D.C., a team has invented the next generation of citizen surveillance, which involves matching facial images to gait, height, weight and other elements, so that a person can unsuspectingly be identified and tracked through a crowd.

Another development is a computer that is able to simultaneously translate a whole range of languages, to enable non-speakers to understand conversation around them in a foreign place. Then there is the unmanned aeroplane that will be able to stay aloft for up to five years, responding to camera focus instructions! Perhaps the most frightening development of all is the one that most closely approaches the Big Brother concept – the technology that will enable surveillance to enter the final safe refuge, our homes. This sense-through-the-wall technology currently exists to tell us whether someone is standing on the other side of a wall, and even goes so far as to give breathing and heart rate.

Perhaps the idea from science fiction of monitoring people through screens in their homes is not here yet, but the technology to do it is. And scientists themselves say that technology will soon exist which could lead to the scanning of people's thoughts! How's that for an invasion of privacy?

- 1 People saw their fears about surveillance reflected in the book 1984. T / F
- 2 The majority of people want fewer privacy laws. T / F

- 3 The writer is concerned that the power surveillance gives may be misused. T / F
- 4 Secret crowd screening involves matching physical characteristics in order to observe someone.
T / F
- 5 Our homes and minds may one day be subject to surveillance. T / F

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Writing

10 Write an opinion essay of 200–250 words on the following topic: Does the media have the right to interfere in the private lives of famous people from the world of politics and culture?

- 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