

Progress Test 6A

Name: _____

Grammar

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

Hi Brian,

About Sandy's surprise party at the weekend: It (1) _____ (be) great if you can pick us up from the station on Saturday evening. The train (2) _____ (get) in at 6.35 on the London side so I think it (3) _____ (be) easier if you meet us outside the south entrance. We (4) _____ (wait) by the ticket machine. We (5) _____ (not have) a chance to change for the party before we arrive so (6) _____ (it be) OK to change at your place? I know that Sue (7) _____ (make) a load of sandwiches and I hope the caterers (8) _____ (deliver) the cake before 7.30. (9) _____ (you bring) the champagne? It (10) _____ (be) a fantastic evening and Sandy has no idea what (11) _____ (happen)! We (12) _____ (see) you at the station!

Jacky

Mark: ____/12

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

1 'I'll definitely be there by 1.30,' said Mark.

2 'Don't say anything to Brad or we're in big trouble,' said Fred.

3 'Do you fancy a coffee after work?' said Tina.

4 'It was you who told Dad about me losing all that money, wasn't it?' said Dave.

5 'You must try the new restaurant in Market Street. It's excellent,' said Rose.

6 'If I were you I would report the theft to the police,' said Jack.

7 'Well done for getting promoted,' said Zak.

- 8 'You must stay for dinner. I won't take 'no' for an answer,' said Kathryn.
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Mark: ____/8

Vocabulary

3 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I've _____ my heart on moving to Scotland within a year or two.
A put B made C set
- 2 Nothing much is going to change in the _____ future.
A predicted B foreseeable C next
- 3 This time tomorrow I'll be in a better _____ to advise you.
A position B place C opportunity
- 4 Teenagers often rebel _____ authority.
A in front of B at C against
- 5 What do you _____ will happen when the boss returns?
A project B forecast C anticipate
- 6 My grandfather is suspicious _____ anyone who knocks at his door.
A of B at C by
- 7 I spend ages on my assignments and _____ I never get above a B for them.
A even B yet C so

Mark: ____/7

4 Replace the words in bold with more formal ones.

- 1 Did you **get** permission from the neighbours to park outside their house? _____
- 2 It is with **deep** regret that we have to **tell** you that your uncle has passed away. _____

- 3 Should you decide to **buy** the new model, it comes with a two-year guarantee. _____
- 4 Bring up the menu and **choose** the function you **need**. _____

Mark: ____/6

5 Complete the text with the words from the box. 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

Use of English

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

1 Do you want to visit my house today after college? (OVER)

2 To be able to compete in the Olympic Games would be like an amazing achievement for me. (DREAM)

3 When Lydia said she would marry him, Gary was totally elated. (WALK)

4 I was really delighted with my exam results! (MOON)

5 When we remember our past, we can learn lessons for the future. (BACK)

6 I can't solve this last crossword clue. (OUT)

7 You've argued well, however, I still think you have missed the point. (YET)

8 Even though he was innocent, the press have ruined his reputation. (SPITE)

9 Granted it's expensive, but it's the best one available. (TRUE)

10 When Dad heard about his promotion he was thrilled to bits. (WORLD)

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 do not need.

Jobs: businessman student actor miner radio presenter supermarket worker

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

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

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