

Progress Test 10A

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Grammar

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

- 1 Someone leaked the story to the press and even if it were someone quite important in the company, he or she will be in a lot of trouble.

- 2 Maria might call while I'm asleep, but I still want to speak to her.

- 3 Several developers are trying to get the project and all of them will include some low-cost housing in their plans.

- 4 Don't let anything make you late for the meeting!

- 5 I'm always reminding Sheila to back up her work on the computer, but she never remembers.

Mark: ___/5

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

- 1 I gave the information to a woman. She was a representative of the government. (F)

The woman _____

- 2 Everyone in the company depends on the computer system. It crashed this morning. (F)

The computer system _____

- 3 There was a large robbery last month. Three million pounds were taken during the raid. (F)

There was _____

- 4 The teacher asked us for our homework. I hadn't looked at it since she gave it to us! (I)

The teacher _____

- 5 We had some visitors to the college today. Many of them haven't been to the UK before. (F)

We _____

- 6 The 10.30 train to London might be cancelled because of the weather. If that's the case we'll drive there. (F)

The 10.30 _____

- 7 I've been dealing with that bank since I was a student. It has lost a thousand pounds from my account. (I)

The bank _____

- 8 Davina had been married to a man for twenty years. He turned out to be a fraudster. (I)

The man _____

- 9 The president had a heart attack. She'd been interviewing him only a minute before. (I)

The president _____

- 10 You expressed a lot of interest in the newspaper article. Here it is. (F)

Here's _____

Mark: ____/10

Vocabulary

3 Replace the words in bold with synonyms.

- 1 I'm **over the moon** with these results. They're far better than I expected. _____
- 2 The last meeting of the club was a very **solemn** affair. _____
- 3 It is **essential** that we slow down global warming. _____
- 4 The boy was convicted on extremely **weak** evidence. _____
- 5 The homeless man had a few **worthless** possessions in a plastic bag. _____
- 6 We have to remain **objective** when we consider the three applicants. _____
- 7 The expedition to the South Pole was **ill-fated** from the start. _____
- 8 The police found **tiny** traces of blood on the car's upholstery. _____
- 9 The feeling of relief once I'd finally passed my driving test was **enormous**. _____

Mark: ____/9

4 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 The plot is really _____ and I defy anyone to understand it.
A incongruous B ambiguous C baffling
- 2 I think the film's a bit _____ and they could have cut it by half an hour.
A bleak B upbeat C drawn-out
- 3 I enjoyed the book a great deal. I found the second meeting of the two main characters very _____.
A touching B sentimental C hackneyed
- 4 We must first _____ the situation and then consider ways of dealing with it.
A address B assess C combat

- 5 The minister _____ refused to answer any questions after his talk.
A strongly B flatly C thoroughly
- 6 I _____ remember Trent being in the same class as me when I was about seven. I think he had red hair.
A vaguely B scarcely C entirely

Mark: ____/6

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

- 1 Lucy was _____ to admit that I was right the first, but then I managed to convince her. (WILL)
- 2 Medical procedures that would have been _____ several years ago are possible now with this new technology. (IMAGINE)
- 3 An okapi is an animal which lives in the very heart of the _____ African jungle. (PENETRABLE)
- 4 The idea of a black hole in space is over a hundred years old, but some scientists still think that they are _____. (EXIST)
- 5 The police weren't informed on time because of the _____ alarm system. (FUNCTION)
- 6 I didn't find the plot interesting at all. In fact I think it was completely _____. (DESCRIBE)
- 7 After the death of her beloved husband her life seemed completely _____ for a while. (MEAN)
- 8 The news about the burglary left me literally _____ of speech. (CAPABLE)
- 9 To get to the top of the mountain in such foggy weather was a(n) _____ plan. (FEASIBLE)
- 10 The trauma from childhood was the reason why he was always _____ to society. (ADJUST)

Mark: ____/10

Use of English

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

- 1 I've just forgotten his name. (SLIP)

- 2 I'm sure I'll remember the title any second. (TONGUE)

- 3 Right now, I can't remember the exact date. (ESCAPE)

- 4 I think mobile companies should get rid of roaming charges altogether. (AWAY)

- 5 What I was trying to say was that vegetarian food isn't always healthier. (POINT)

- 6 It looks similar to a moose, but it's smaller. (BIT)

- 7 In the West we have got used to consuming too much of everything. (EXCESS)

- 8 A major problem facing the planet is the rapid increase in population. (EXPLODE)

- 9 Some people genuinely believe in the possibility that aliens will attack and colonise Earth. (INVADE)

- 10 World leaders are working on a plan to combat global warming. (CLIMATE)

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Listening

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

- 1 The interviewer says that
- A newer customs are interesting.
 - B some old traditions are disappearing.
 - C changing traditions are not a good thing.
 - D old traditions should be replaced by new trends.
- 2 Petra thinks that some people
- A exaggerate what is happening.
 - B want to protect customs.
 - C don't take any interest in the past
 - D don't know enough about traditions.

- 3 It is possible that the Quinceanera started
- A as a wedding celebration.
 - B In the time of the Aztecs.
 - C in a European country.
 - D as a celebration for mothers.
- 4 Today the Quinceanera is often
- A more religious than before.
 - B smaller than it used to be.
 - C more expensive than it was.
 - D less sumptuous than in the past
- 5 Which is NOT a traditional part of the Quinceanera celebration?
- A a dress
 - B a gift of money
 - C a doll
 - D a family gathering

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

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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