

MINI TEST – UNIT 2

PART 1 – PHONETICS**I. Circle the option whose underlined part is pronounced differently.**

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| 1. A. <u>d</u> ust | B. <u>b</u> ury | C. <u>h</u> urricane | D. <u>n</u> umb |
| 2. A. <u>e</u> scape | B. <u>e</u> xpedition | C. <u>e</u> quipment | D. <u>e</u> ventually |
| 3. A. <u>c</u> onquer | B. <u>d</u> rought | C. <u>m</u> ountaineer | D. <u>s</u> urround |
| 4. A. mem <u>o</u> rable | B. torn <u>a</u> do | C. <u>f</u> rozen | D. <u>l</u> onely |
| 5. A. <u>c</u> onfused | B. <u>c</u> annibal | C. <u>c</u> oncerned | D. <u>c</u> ruel |

II. Find the word with a different stress pattern from the others in each line.

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| 1. A. relieved | B. blizzard | C. summit | D. heatwave |
| 2. A. thunderstorm | B. furious | C. avalanche | D. discover |
| 3. A. prosperous | B. disaster | C. benefit | D. miracle |
| 4. A. ordeal | B. desert | C. survive | D. attack |
| 5. A. impossible | B. expedition | C. apologise | D. emergency |

PART 2 – VOCABULARY**I. Fill in: *hit, survive, bite, get, take, fall* and *cut* in the correct form.**

- The doctors had to off the patient's arm in order to save his life.
- A shark may accidentally a surfboard if it mistakes it for a seal.
- Some athletes taking part in the desert marathon lost when a sandstorm struck.
- Andrew Mark to the hospital as he was suffering from severe stomach pains.
- The fire destroyed the building but, luckily, all the people inside with only minor injuries.
- Ben was driving through a canyon when a huge rock on the street and blocked his way.
- A tsunami is a huge sea wave that sometimes a coast after an earthquake.

II. Match the extreme weather conditions to the newspaper headlines.

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| 1 | blizzard |
| 2 | heatwave |
| 3 | hurricane |
| 4 | drought |
| 5 | dust storm |
| 6 | thunderstorm |

A EXTREME TEMPERATURES TO HIT THE NORTH NEXT WEEK

B SNOWSTORM CLOSES ALL AIRPORTS

C LIGHTNING AND HEAVY RAIN SPOILS HOLIDAY WEEKEND

D FARMERS WORRY ABOUT LACK OF RAINFALL

E PEOPLE WARNED TO STAY INDOORS DUE TO HEAVY STORM WITH STRONG WINDS

F MASSIVE CLOUD OF DUST AND SAND HITS CITY

III. Phrasal verbs. Fill in: up (x2), in and out.

- 1 Mel had to give cycling after injuring her knee.
- 2 Have you given your project, yet? It's Friday.
- 3 I had been trying to fix my car all morning until I finally gave and called a mechanic.
- 4 They are giving free samples of a new chocolate bar at the supermarket.

IV. Prepositions. Choose the correct preposition.

- 1 Barry was **on/at** a business trip when his mum called with the good news.
- 2 Andrew ran **over/after** the woman who had left her purse in the café.
- 3 Our boat leaves **at/in** dawn, so we need to get up really early.
- 4 Gina was so deep **in/on** thought, she didn't hear me calling her name.
- 5 We looked for your phone everywhere, **through/ without** luck. You must have dropped it in town.
- 6 You can always call me **to/for** help if you need anything.
- 7 I was on the phone when I looked **around/back** and realised I was lost.

PART 3 – READING

Read the text. For each question, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Living on the Ledge

You probably know the name of the highest mountain in the world, but have you heard of 'anti-Everest'? Meru Peak is actually three peaks, the central of which is called the 'Shark's Fin'; and if you saw it, you'd know why. It's considered one of the toughest and most dangerous peaks in the world to climb and includes a massive 1,400 metre wall of granite that goes almost straight up. To reach the top of this enormous wall, climbers must drag their gear up behind them on ropes and spend their nights sleeping on a portaledge*. Some of the greatest mountaineers in the world attempted the feat, but all failed.

That was until 2011, when three close friends finally managed it. Conrad Anker, Jimmy Chin, and Renan Ozturk had made a previous attempt in 2008, but that ended in heartbreaking failure when they got to within 100 meters of the summit before turning back. They got stuck in severe snow storms and had to take shelter inside their portaledge for four days, which used up much of their food. After nineteen days on the mountain and suffering from hunger, frostbite¹ and trench foot², they finally had no choice but to give up. However, the trio would not be defeated and returned to Meru to take on the Shark's Fin once more.

Although the men had suffered greatly on the first expedition, they weren't frightened to repeat the risk. As Chin says, "Mountaineers have the worst memory." This time, they brought warmer boots and sleeping bags and kept the weight of their equipment to a minimum, even removing the labels from their clothing and cutting the handles off their toothbrushes.

In the end though, it was not just their preparation and courage that was put to the test, but also their friendship. "On Meru, trust was everything," said Chin. These three brave men refused to give up on their dream, and this time, they succeeded. On the eighth day, they reached the summit and celebrated becoming the first to conquer the deadly Shark's Fin – the greatest prize in Himalayan big-wall climbing.

¹ a condition where damage is caused to skin and tissue due to extreme cold

² a painful skin condition of the feet caused by long periods of being cold and wet

- 1 What is the purpose of the text?
 - A to describe an unusual landscape
 - B to advertise a documentary film
 - C to warn people about dangerous sports
 - D to describe an extraordinary achievement

- 2 What does the writer say about the 2008 attempt to climb the Shark's Fin?
 - A It was the team's first climbing expedition.
 - B The attempt was nearly successful.
 - C The team ran out of food after four days.
 - D The last part is impossible to climb.

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