Midterm exam – October 2020

1. READING

a- Read the text and match them with statements 1-5. There is one text that matches two statements.

A ***Girl On the Move***, by Sally Coldwell

Girl On the Move is an emotional novel about the life of Destiny Jones. Destiny and her parents live in a mobile home, and they move around the country, looking for work. But many people don't want 'travellers' to move into their village or onto their farm. One day, Destiny meets a boy, and for the first time, she begins to question her life on the road. What would it be like if she could stay in one place? Soon, Destiny begins to dream of a better, more ordinary life. But her parents and a local farmer have different ideas.

B ***Home Maker: All the Secrets***, by Fiona and Scott Bradley

Following the highly-successful TV series *Home Maker*, husband and wife team Fiona and Scott Bradley have found time to produce a great book. Just like the TV series, the book is full of useful, easy-to-follow ideas, and simple building projects. Learn how to repair and decorate old furniture, how to change your garage into the brightest, most comfortable room in your house and many more great ideas. So if you would like a home to be proud of, this is the book for you.

C ***The History of your Home***, by Michael Fossepath

The History of your Home is full of interesting – and sometimes crazy – facts about houses in Britain. Did you know that a thousand years ago, most houses in Britain had only one room? People cooked, ate and slept in it. There was no privacy at all, and no bathroom either. If you wanted to wash, you went to a bath house in the city – or jumped in the local river! Fossepath's amusing book also looks at how houses have changed the English language. For example, we say 'full board' to talk about a hotel room with meals because the earliest dining tables were actually 'boards' – pieces of wood to put on your knees.

D ***The House of Broken Lives***, by Tamara Vale

When Josh and Katie Alder see a beautiful house for sale in Pacific Grove, they buy it immediately. It might be a little dilapidated, but it would look much better if they painted it and tidied the garden. And after all, it's a big house with a great view, at a very good price. But soon after buying the house, they learn the shocking truth about what happened there one hot August night in 1992. They also begin to hear strange sounds upstairs. Someone – or something – is living in their house. And it wishes they would leave.

In this book you can read about:

1) **Easy ways to make things.** ☐
2) **How some words entered the language.** ☐
3) **Frightening events in a house.** ☐
4) **The life of a teenage girl.** ☐
5) **How to change a place in your home.** ☐

2. GRAMMAR

a- Write sentences using comparative forms and the words given.

1. Jess/ play/her music/ quiet/ in the evenings.

   _____

2. The near / a house / be / to the city centre/ the expensive / it / be / to buy it.

   _____

3. Our flat / have / few / rooms / than / our old one.

   _____

4. They/ be/ worried / that their cellar/ might flood /as it's raining / heavy / now.

   _____

5. The grass/ on the lawn / is growing / high and high

   _____

b- Complete the text with future continuous or future perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

Our world in the future, by Claire Haines

Nobody knows what the world will be like in 2300, but one thing is certain – it [1]_____ (change) a lot by then. We [2]_____ (certainly / not use) the same forms of transport as today. Perhaps super-fast trains will take people from Paris to Beijing or Toronto to Bogota in a few hours.

By 2300, astronauts [3]_____ (visit) Mars, and some time in the distant future, people [4]_____ (live) there too. They certainly [5]_____ (not sunbathe) on Mars though, because the temperature on the planet is -70ºC!

c- Match the sentences. Complete with the verbs in brackets using SECOND CONDITIONAL.

1 If my dad _____ (get) a job in his home town of Rio, Brazil ☐

2 My sister and I _____ (soon make) lots of friends ☐

3 If we _____ (live) in an apartment near Copacabana Beach ☐

4 Lots of my old friends from England _____ (come) to visit me ☐

5 The weather _____ (be) much better if ☐

A if I _____ (invite) them.

B we _____ (meet) our friends there every afternoon after school.

C if we _____ (go) to school there.

D he _____ (feel) very happy.

E we _____ (not be) in cold, rainy Britain.

3. VOCABULARY

a- Complete the texts with the words from the boxes.

bookcase	patio	peaceful	solar panels	spacious	stairs

Hi Brittany,

We've finally arrived in our new house! It took us ages to put all our things into boxes before the removals van arrived, and even longer to drive to our new place. So we're all really tired, but happy. It's really quiet and [1]_____ here because our new place is a farmhouse in the countryside – from my bedroom window I can see horses in a field! The house is big and [2]_____ too – there are six bedrooms on three floors, so you have to climb a lot of [3]_____ !

Our new house has got a really big garden outside, with a green lawn, a stone [4]_____ and beautiful flower beds with lots of flowers in them. The house is old, but it was renovated a few years ago, so now it's very modern inside. There are even [5]_____ on the roof to make our electricity.

I've got a really nice big room. I don't want to put lots of furniture in it, but I've got a desk, a wardrobe for my clothes and a tall [6]_____ for all my novels and DVDs. Anyway, I must go now. I'm still tidying my room, and it looks a mess!

Rudy

b- Match the definitions 1-5 with the words a-f. There is an extra word.

1 This is a room under the roof of a house. ☐

2 This small road goes from the street to the front of your house. ☐

3 There are no stairs in this house. ☐

4 These go over the windows of a house. ☐

5 This is a very big house, with no houses next to it. ☐

A bungalow

B mansion

C drive

D attic

E hall

F shutters