TESTS

UNIT 1 TEST

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the correct perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.

1 By the time the explorers reached the Pole, they _____ (cover) over a thousand kilometres on foot.
2 In recent years, council employees _____ (give) two separate pay rises.
3 _____ (design) the new national stadium, Ferguson then went on to design many other sports arenas.
4 By the end of the next quarter, the Treasury _____ (recover) over 30 million euros in unpaid taxes.
5 The city's commitment to art and culture in recent years _____ (recognise) across the world.
6 The building doesn't meet current standards, and that's why inspectors _____ (declare) it unsafe.
7 Jack became a successful businessman despite _____ (leave) school twenty years previously with few qualifications.
8 Although he _____ (not visit) the monument, he knew all about its history from books.
9 Before long, mankind _____ (work) out a way of building a space colony on Mars. I hope I'm still around to see it!
10 If we _____ (know) there was an exhibition on, we would have come to the gallery with you.

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2 Complete the text with the correct perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.

The old city of Montevideo

Montevideo, the capital city of Uruguay, lies on the north-eastern bank of the Rio de la Plata. It was founded by the Spanish in 1724. Although fortifications [1]_____ (build) in the region by the Portuguese 40 years earlier, they offered no resistance to the arrival of a rival Spanish expedition. [2]_____ (take) control of the region, the new settlers soon began establishing a city. By the end of the eighteenth century, Montevideo [3]_____ (grow) in size to become the main naval base of the Spanish Empire in the South Atlantic. A huge wall was built around the city, which is believed by many historians to have saved the city from a catastrophic attack. The Portuguese probably would have tried to capture the city if it [4]_____ (not be) so well-defended.

Today, the old city of Montevideo is just one of many barrios, or districts, of a much larger city. Millions of dollars [5]_____ (spend) in recent years on renovating the old buildings. [6]_____ (become) a run-down area during the late twentieth century, the old city was in need of a make-over. By the end of this decade, construction companies [7]_____ (complete) a transformation of the historical centre. They [8]_____ (create) an attractive district full of pedestrianised streets, theatres and restaurants. Montevideo [9]_____ (know) for its culture and beauty ever since its earliest days. It's no wonder that, since the beginning of the twentieth-century, Montevideo [10]_____ (rate) as having the highest quality of life of any city in Latin America.

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VOCABULARY

3 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

1 The pollution from cars in the city centre is so bad that people are _____ on the fumes.
a choking b dropping c crawling
2 The economy is so strong that new companies are _____ all over the country.
a showing off b springing up c coming out
3 In the evening, there's an exciting _____ about the place because the bars and restaurants are popular with students.
a trace b buzz c choke
4 Vandals have been fined _____ for damaging the city hall.
a hardly b smoothly c heavily
5 The crime _____ in the city is awful. Thousands are mugged each year.
a show b amount c rate
6 The pollution was so bad that a layer of _____ hung over the centre, and everybody had to wear masks.
a slum b smog c consumption

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4 Rewrite the sentences replacing the words in italics with a phrase of emphasis or exaggeration formed using the word in brackets.

1 From this vantage point, you can see *a very long way*. (miles)
_____
2 There were *a large number of* people waiting outside the stadium. (loads)
_____
3 Living in such a crowded city *is comparable to* being in a sardine can. (like)
_____
4 I've had this old T-shirt *a very long time*. (ever)
_____
5 The outside toilet is *very dirty*. (absolutely)
_____
6 It was *very crowded* in the nightclub. (completely)
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5 Complete the sentences using the verbs in the box in the correct form. There are two verbs you don't need.

undergo	initiate	pour	demolish	flourish
soar	impose	be neglected		

1 The local council have decided _____ the old cinema in the city centre to make way for a car park. How dare they destroy such a historic building!
2 The government intends _____ sanctions on any regime which does not accept the UN resolution.
3 During the last recession, unemployment figures _____ from 8% to 28% in some parts of the country.
4 This part of the city _____ by the authorities for decades. The lack of investment has resulted in poor housing and rising crime.
5 Last year, the city centre _____ a complete transformation. A new shopping centre was built as well as a cinema complex.
6 New businesses _____ in this positive economic atmosphere. They are all making profits.

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6 Complete the sentences with one verb from the box in the correct form which can be used in both pairs of sentences. There are two words you don't need.

calm	emerge	raise	compel	spark	grip	drug

1 a The government have _____ fears of an imminent attack by terrorists.
  b He wasn't sure, so he _____ his doubts at the meeting.
2 a This region is _____ by recession. Thousands are unemployed.
  b The nation was _____ by the soap opera. Everybody watched to find out what would happen.
3 a I felt _____ to respond to the reviewer's criticism. Why should they be allowed to be so rude?
  b Although he didn't want to speak against his friend, Jones was _____ to appear as a witness in the trial.
4 a The minister's comments _____ criticism from those he had accused of being lazy.
  b When the government banned the film, it _____ a wave of protests from people opposed to censorship.
5 a I drink herbal tea to _____ my nerves. It helps me relax.
  b Harrison tried to _____ the angry crowd by telling them that the government would listen to their demands, and take action to improve the situation.

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7 Complete the binomials in each sentence with one word.

1 Frankly, I'm sick and _____ of having to make excuses for your bad behaviour.
2 I go swimming every now and _____, but not often, I'm afraid.
3 There was a complete breakdown of law and _____ in the town.
4 We should think of how we can help ordinary working families first and _____.
5 Although there are lots of theatres, the quality of shows is a bit hit and _____. Read the reviews before you book.
6 You should think long and _____ before you take the job.
7 We went to the mountains for a bit of peace and _____.

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