

# Vocabulary (8A and B) and Grammar (reported speech)

## Short

### Test Unit 8 Test A

#### Vocabulary

- 1 Match the words in A to the words in B to make compound nouns. Then complete the text with the correct form of the compound nouns.

**A** urban sewage congested city building slum

**B** site thoroughfare dweller infrastructure system tenement

#### Roman rants against urban evils

An analysis of the work of the poet Juvenal, who lived in Ancient Rome in the late first century AD, has shown that <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ then had comparable problems to people living in cities today. In his work, the poet complains about Rome's <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ – the houses and the roads, the poor quality building and the traffic jams. He moans about overcrowded <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, full of poor families in unsanitary conditions, exploited by landlords charging high rents. And he writes about the inadequate <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ that fails to carry waste out of the city. To Juvenal, the crowded streets are full of half-built buildings – more like a series of <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ than a completed project. And in the <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, the traffic is nose to tail as wealthy citizens hog the road. Ancient Rome is a city of noise pollution, road hazards and badly-built buildings.

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_ / 6

- 2 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 People in these slums are living in \_\_\_\_\_ housing with no running water and rats and dirt everywhere.  
**a** scarce   **b** squalid   **c** abundant
- 2 The badly-built, unsanitary houses near the city centre are a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ reminder that there is still a lot to be done to overcome the poverty in the city.  
**a** unprecedented   **b** stark   **c** chaotic
- 3 Overcrowding is perhaps the most \_\_\_\_\_ problem faced by our cities today. We must tackle it at once.  
**a** impoverished   **b** squalid   **c** acute
- 4 Although there are \_\_\_\_\_ mineral resources in the region, none of this potential wealth is mined for the benefit of the local people.  
**a** abundant   **b** stark   **c** acute
- 5 There were \_\_\_\_\_ scenes in the city centre today as hundreds rushed into department stores seeking bargains on the first day of the sales.  
**a** squalid   **b** abundant   **c** chaotic

- 6 Using up our increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ reserves of oil and gas is an act of irresponsibility which will leave future generations with little or no energy.  
**a** unprecedented **b** scarce **c** acute
- 7 A spokesperson said that the huge numbers of bees in the centre was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Nobody had seen the like before.  
**a** abundant **b** impoverished **c** unprecedented
- 8 Our charity aims to help \_\_\_\_\_ people around the world who struggle to afford even the most basic necessities.  
**a** impoverished **b** scarce **c** acute

**Mark: \_\_\_\_ / 8**

## Grammar

### 3 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Members of the committee promised \_\_\_\_\_ with all the preparations for the forthcoming conference.  
**a** that she helps **b** to help **c** helping **d** help
- 2 Neither of the defendants admitted \_\_\_\_\_ stolen goods.  
**a** handling **b** to handle **c** for handling **d** them handling
- 3 Anderson blamed the local authority \_\_\_\_\_ sooner to stop vandals causing so much damage.  
**a** to not act **b** if they acted **c** of not acting **d** for not acting
- 4 Anna boasted \_\_\_\_\_ completed the assignment without any help from teachers.  
**a** have **b** for having **c** about having **d** to have
- 5 The board members persuaded Harry \_\_\_\_\_ the changes suggested in the report.  
**a** to support **b** supporting **c** for support **d** he would support
- 6 All of the students refused \_\_\_\_\_ a word in Karen's defence.  
**a** say **b** saying **c** that they said **d** to say
- 7 We urge \_\_\_\_\_ your stance on this matter. Otherwise, we will take action to force you to reverse your decision.  
**a** to reconsider **b** you reconsidering **c** you to reconsider **d** reconsidering
- 8 Daniel mentioned \_\_\_\_\_ Helen while he was doing some last-minute shopping in the mall. She seemed in good spirits.  
**a** to see **b** seeing **c** of seeing **d** that he see
- 9 We demand commissioners \_\_\_\_\_ into account our recommendations when completing their report.  
**a** take **b** to take **c** that they take **d** they should take

- 10 Brian warned \_\_\_\_\_ care when playing near the river as the banks have started to erode.
- a** the kids taking    **b** that the kids take    **c** the kids to take    **d** the kids should take

**Mark: \_\_\_\_ / 10**

**4 Read the comments from a meeting that took place yesterday. Then complete the sentences using a reporting noun.**

- 1 'Children need a safe place to play in the neighbourhood,' commented a senior social worker.  
The senior social worker's \_\_\_\_\_ struck the right note with the young families living in the area.
- 2 'The council should act to improve facilities,' suggested community leaders.  
The community leaders' \_\_\_\_\_ fell on deaf ears as councillors announced they were planning budget cuts.
- 3 'Builders have cut corners and produced shoddy workmanship,' Miriam Clark accused.  
Miriam Clark's \_\_\_\_\_ has sparked controversy.
- 4 'We have done nothing illegal,' responded the construction company.  
The construction company's \_\_\_\_\_ was met with scepticism by some members of the public.
- 5 'We have never knowingly used poor quality materials,' remarked the director.  
The director's \_\_\_\_\_ failed to reassure the audience.
- 6 'We will complete the project on time,' declared the engineer.  
The engineer's \_\_\_\_\_ was seen as an unsuccessful attempt to placate the local residents with a promise.

**Mark: \_\_\_\_ / 12**

**5 Complete the second sentence using reported speech so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Include the word provided.**

- 1 'Did you have a good time in London last weekend, Paul?' asked Tom.  
**he**  
Tom asked \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 'You really should avoid the buffet lunch at this hotel,' said Clare.  
**recommended**  
Claire \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 'How does Sophia know so many English phrasal verbs?' asked Ray.  
**wondered**  
Ray \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 'The situation will get worse if nothing is done,' said the speaker.  
**predicted**

The speaker \_\_\_\_\_.

- 5 'Let's eat out tomorrow,' said Tina.

**suggested**

Tina \_\_\_\_\_.

- 6 'I'll pay for my lunch and yours,' said Miranda.

**insisted**

Miranda \_\_\_\_\_.

- 7 'Does Ed think that'll happen here?' wondered Fiona.

**whether**

Fiona wondered \_\_\_\_\_.

- 8 'I'd like the report to be placed on my desk by the end of the day,' said Ahmed.

**requested**

Ahmed \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mark: \_\_\_\_ / 8**

**TOTAL MARKS: \_\_\_\_ / 44**