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B2+ Achievement test 1 (Units 1–2)

Listening

1 ***Recording 1*** **Listen to an interview about a new youth centre and write true (T), false (F) or no information (NI).**

1 Building work on the youth centre has already started. _F_
2 The cinema closed down when Michael was a teenager. ___
3 No one has used the old office for a long time. ___
4 Michael expected the whole community to support the project. ___
5 The building work is likely to take several months. ___
6 The youth club will focus on a range of activities despite a lack of outside space. ___

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2 ***Recording 2*** **Listen to five people talking about their free-time activities. Match the statements with the speakers.**

1 Josh _c_
2 Isabel ___
3 Aftab ___
4 Claudia ___
5 Kelly ___

a I prefer not to do any outdoor activities.
b I've recently found more time for free-time activities.
c ~~This activity has helped me in different ways.~~
d My interest in this activity has increased over time.
e I've been doing this activity for several years.

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3 Recording 2 **Listen again and tick (✓) the correct answer, a, b or c.**

1 Josh …
a had always had an interest in Tai Chi.
b didn't know Tai Chi was a martial art.
c took up Tai Chi after he hurt himself. ✓

2 Josh …
a was injured while practising Tai Chi.
b was recommended to take up Tai Chi.
c thinks his doctor was wrong about Tai Chi.

3 Isabel …
a was left with restricted mobility after an accident.
b had always been a fan of online strategy games.
c thinks her social life is better now than before.

4 According to Aftab, …
a many people have a positive view of his hobby.
b his group usually makes useless things.
c making recycled furniture is quite difficult.

5 Aftab …
a finds it difficult working with other people.
b enjoys solving problems as part of a team.
c likes to find solutions on his own.

6 Claudia thinks …
a she should do a more competitive hobby.
b she should find more time for her hobbies.
c her friends talk too much about their hobbies.

7 Kelly …
a needs to get rid of her frustration sometimes.
b wants to have more independence.
c manages to go the gym on a frequent basis.

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Grammar

4 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

1 I / tell / understand / What / me / you / why / don't / didn't / is
What I don't understand is why you didn't tell me.

2 more / The more / her, / I spend / like / time / with her / I / the
_____
_____ .

3 better / it / home / Wouldn't / evening / to / this / stay / be / at
_____
_____?

4 thing / late / One / can't stand / is / people / I / arriving
_____
_____ .

5 longer / Don't / should / think / we / you / a bit / stay
_____
_____?

6 upsets / anymore / What / she / me / that / phones / is / never
_____
_____ .

7 doesn't know / Spanish / I / she / speak / What / that / is
_____
_____ .

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5 Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

1 I _was walking_ / *walked* along the road when I saw a 50€ note on the floor.
2 I was just leaving the flat when I remembered I *was leaving* / *'d left* the oven on.
3 I *was buying* / *was going to buy* a new laptop but I bought a tablet instead.
4 The taxi isn't *due to* / *about to* get here until 9 p.m. so we've got plenty of time.
5 We*'d already phoned* / *already phoned* the restaurant so they knew we'd be a bit late.
6 We realised we *won't* / *wouldn't* be able to finish the project by last Thursday's deadline.
7 The children *would be playing* / *had been playing* all day so they were fast asleep when I picked them up.
8 I *'d just spent* / *was just about to spend* the next eight hours on a plane, which made me nervous.

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6 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box. There are three words or phrases you do not need.

as	die	fewer	less	like	longer
~~miles and miles~~		miles away		murder	
on and on		over and over			

1 We drove for *miles and miles* before we finally spotted their house.
2 I'm really tired. I could _____ a coffee.
3 He looked _____ if he'd never had a bath.
4 The _____ guests there are, the cheaper the meal will be.
5 Jacob kept going _____ about his new car. It was so annoying!
6 The nearest shop is _____ so we'll drive.
7 The more complicated the problem, the _____ it takes to solve.
8 The _____ you tell me about your problems, the harder it is for me to help you.

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Vocabulary

7 Match the sentence halves.

1 Something has irritated my skin *c*
2 I can't believe Nora is pointing ___
3 Our top player is going to be out ___
4 It's important to let off ___
5 My arm was black and ___
6 This phone is so useless that ___
7 This flat has grown ___

a the finger of blame at me.
b blue when I woke up.
c ~~and it feels really itchy.~~
d steam at the end of the week.
e on me over the years.
f of action for a while.
g I just want to smash it into pieces.

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8 Choose the correct answer, a, b or c to complete the sentences.

1 Reading novels helps me switch *b* at night.
a in **b** off **c** out
2 I can't stand these ___ meetings. We never get anything done.
a pointed **b** pointing **c** pointless
3 My mother was ___ in the countryside because her car had broken down and she didn't have her phone.
a stranded **b** pulled over **c** let down
4 I suffer from arthritis so I often get swollen ___.
a kidneys **b** skin **c** joints
5 The old school will be ___ and a new one will be built in its place.
a declined **b** demolished **c** restored
6 I find that nothing ___ a cup of tea in the morning.
a beats **b** defeats **c** wins
7 I can't stand my ___ workers. They're always complaining.
a assistant **b** fellow **c** partner
8 The library is going to be turned ___ a luxury apartment complex.
a out of **b** away from **c** into

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9 Complete the sentences with the correct word. The first letters are given.

1 My brother is currently waiting for a kidney **t** *r a n s p l a n t*.
2 My company went **b** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ a few months ago so I lost my job.
3 My shoulder really hurts. I must have **sp** _ _ _ _ _ _ a muscle.
4 We need to focus on **s** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ development so that we don't use more resources than we absolutely need.
5 My kitchen is a bit **o** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ nowadays so I'd like something more modern.
6 We need to spend more money to reduce economic **d** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ in inner city areas.
7 He fell on his back and suffered a severe **s** _ _ _ _ _ injury.
8 Some **b** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ movies, like *The Avengers*, can earn more than a billion dollars.

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Function

10 Complete the sentences and questions with the words and phrases in the box. Then match them with the categories a–d. The categories may be used more than once.

awfully	calm down	due respect	easier	
in charge	kidding	~~nothing~~		
unacceptable				

1 Is there really *nothing* you can do? ___
2 I'm _____ sorry about all of this. ___
3 You've got to be _____ me! ___
4 You're not making this any _____ . ___
5 Could I talk to whoever's _____? ___
6 Could you just try and _____? ___
7 I'm afraid this is totally _____. ___
8 With all _____ that's your problem, not ours. ___

a Seeking compromise
b Expressing annoyance
c Apologising
d Dealing with anger

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Reading

11 Read the story and match the headings a–f with the paragraphs 1–6.

a Not in its place
b A feeling of guilt
c Little concern for others
d Unexpected assistance
e Everyone's against me
f A chance to rest

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12 Read the story again. Write true (T) or false (F).

1 The writer was hoping to sleep on the train. _T_
2 The school children were trying to be quiet. ___
3 The writer managed to go back to sleep when the children got on the train. ___
4 The writer was the first person to be asked to show his ticket. ___
5 The conductor wasn't concerned about the noise. ___
6 The writer thought he had dropped his wallet on the way to the station. ___
7 The conductor noticed that the writer seemed worried. ___
8 The writer wasn't surprised that he had lost his wallet. ___
9 The writer didn't know what to say when the children found his wallet. ___
10 The children stayed quiet for the rest of the journey. ___
11 The writer regretted having thought badly of the children. ___

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An act of kindness

1 _f_
A couple of months ago, I was taking the train to work. It was an early morning train going from Weston-super-Mare to Bristol and, as usual, I was looking forward to catching up on some sleep. I found myself a seat at the back of the carriage, made myself comfortable and closed my eyes. I soon found myself drifting into a pleasant sleep.

2 ___
However, after a couple of stops, a group of school children got on and the carriage started to fill up. The kids were everywhere, taking up the remaining seats, standing in the aisles and sitting on the floor in front of the doors. Even though it was the quiet carriage, they didn't make any effort to keep their voices down. Some of them were even shouting across the carriage to their friends. I closed my eyes and tried to go back to sleep but it was impossible. I could feel the anger building up inside me. How could these selfish kids show such a complete lack of respect for their fellow passengers?

3 ___
Not long after that, the conductor entered the carriage and started asking for our tickets. I was sure he was going to have a word with the children but he didn't say a thing. He just asked to see their tickets before moving on to the rest of the passengers. I couldn't believe it. It seemed that every single person on the train was working together to annoy me. When he finally got to me, I asked him whether he could do anything about the noise. He just shrugged his shoulders and said, 'Kids will be kids ... Can I see your ticket please?'

4 ___
That's when I realised that my wallet wasn't where it should have been. I'd definitely had it earlier, because I remembered putting my ticket in it at the station. I checked all my pockets but I definitely didn't have it. I looked around on the floor and down the back of the seat but it was nowhere to be found. Had I dropped it in the station? Had one of those kids stolen it? The conductor must have seen the look of panic on my face and said, 'Look, don't worry about it for now. I'll come back in a bit.'

5 ___
As I looked around me in, wondering where my wallet could be, I noticed that the carriage had fallen silent and the irritating kids had stopped shouting. Suddenly one of them came up to me with a concerned look on her face. 'Don't worry. We'll help you find it.' I was rather surprised with this offer so I just nodded my head and, with that, the whole lot of them got up and started searching the train for my wallet. Within minutes they'd found it and returned it to me. Still lost for words, I quietly mumbled 'thank you' and sat back down in my seat. I checked the wallet and everything was in there, even the cash.

6 ___
The school children quickly got back to their noisy conversations and I spent the rest of the journey thinking about what had happened. Although I was relieved to have my wallet back, I felt bad for having had such a negative opinion of those kids. I'd been so quick to judge them and they'd ended up saving my day. It was one of the kindest things that has ever happened to me.

Writing

13 Choose the correct options to complete the formal phrases which can be used in a report.

1 Some managers were *concerned* / *suggested* that free meals would be too costly for the company.
2 Some members of staff suggested *having* / *to have* a pay rise instead of free meals.
3 Several people *indicated* / *expected* that they were in favour of free meals for staff.
4 Certain people *expressed doubt* / *suggested* that free meals would bring any benefits to the company.
5 Most employees expected conditions at work *to improve* / *improving* in the near future.
6 A number of people commented *that* / *on* it was difficult to find time to eat a proper meal.

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