Name _____ Class _____

Gold Preliminary Progress Test 2

SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

1 Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentence.

I have just **(1)**_____ for a Chinese course at the local college. **(2)**_____ my father's parents are from China, my father came to England when he was very young and only speaks a little Chinese. He and my mother, who is Spanish, made sure that I learnt English, French and Spanish **(3)**_____ of Chinese. I'm good at languages, but my father thinks that Chinese is easily the most difficult language to learn. As **(4)**_____ as these languages, I'm also studying German now. I went up into the **(5)**_____ last week where I found old photographs of my father's family in China. I don't know much about my father's family **(6)**_____ of his refusal to talk about them. In the photos, they look very miserable as their clothes are old and **(7)**_____ out and they were living in a really poor neighbourhood. When I was at the college this morning, I found several interesting books about China **(8)**_____ sale in the bookshop. I'm planning to visit China next year, so I want to discover as much as I can about the country before I go.

1	**A** revised	**B** dealt	**C** registered	**D** performed
2	**A** Despite	**B** Instead	**C** However	**D** Although
3	**A** instead	**B** because	**C** in spite	**D** despite
4	**A** good	**B** well	**C** much	**D** soon
5	**A** balcony	**B** basement	**C** attic	**D** garage
6	**A** because	**B** instead	**C** in spite	**D** in fact
7	**A** fit	**B** worn	**C** tried	**D** torn
8	**A** in	**B** with	**C** by	**D** on

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SECTION 2: GRAMMAR

2 Complete the statements so they mean the same as the first statement. Use no more than three words.

1 Of the three subjects I'm studying, English and history are very interesting for me, but maths isn't.
Maths is the _____ subject for me.

2 This exercise is more difficult than the others in the book.
This is _____ exercise in the book.

3 It's too cold to go swimming today.
It's not _____ go swimming today.

4 The school was so big that he got lost on the first day.
It was _____ school that he got lost on the first day.

5 The second film was less exciting than the first one.
The second film wasn't _____the first one.

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3 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

Last year, John **(1)**_____ *(go)* to Australia for the first time in twenty years. He wanted to see the place where he **(2)**_____ ***(live)*** as a young child. Unfortunately, he **(3)**_____ *(have)* a frightening experience while he was on holiday. He **(4)**_____ *(swim)* in the sea one day when he suddenly

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(5)_____ *(see)* a surfboard in front of him. Surprisingly, the board **(6)**_____ *(come)* towards him very fast. It knocked him under the water. When he got back to shore, he realised that he **(7)**_____ *(be)* very lucky because it was a shark that had hit him, not a surfboard!

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3 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct past simple or present perfect form.

We **(1)**_____ *(visit)* the local museum yesterday. We **(2)**_____ *(be)* surprised at how good it was. The museum **(3)**_____ *(collect)* an amazing number of interesting objects over the years. They have hundreds of ancient knives and spears, which archaeolgists **(4)**_____ *(just / dig)* up from the hill fort just outside the town. Last month, someone even **(5)**_____ *(find)* some gold coins, but experts **(6)**_____ *(not identify)* how old they are yet. I **(7)**_____ *(have)* no idea that my town **(8)**_____ *(be)* so ancient. In fact, some of the objects are more than 5,000 years old. The museum **(9)**_____ *(have)* some objects for nearly 100 years, locked away in drawers and boxes. The new head of the museum **(10)**_____ *(discover)* them a few months ago and a special exhibition of these objects **(11)**_____ *(be)* open since last Saturday and many people **(12)**_____ *(already / see)* them

Section 4: Reading

5 Read the information about holiday homes for exchange. Decide if the sentences are correct. Put a tick ✓in the box under A for YES or a tick ✓ under B for NO.

		A	B
		YES	NO
1	The four-bedroom house is quite near a swimming pool.	☐	☐
2	The owners of the four-bedroom house have a dog.	☐	☐
3	The modern flat is in a quiet street.	☐	☐
4	A gym is located near the modern flat.	☐	☐
5	The one-bedroom apartment is on the first floor.	☐	☐
6	The owners of the one-bedroom apartment do not have any pets.	☐	☐
7	The two-bedroom flat has a balcony.	☐	☐
8	Pets are not allowed in the two-bedroom flat.	☐	☐

Holiday home exchange

Enjoy a fantastic city holiday by exchanging your home with one of these fantastic homes in London.

Four-bedroom house

We have a lovely four bedroom house away from the city centre. There's a garage, a garden and antique furniture. The location offers easy access to several beautiful historical houses by road, with a leisure centre and pool just ten minutes away on foot. We have a dog that needs looking after.

Modern flat

I live on the top floor of an old town house in a busy street in central London. It's a small but very modern flat with blinds and wooden floors. There are lots of small art galleries nearby and a bus to Camden market. Just around the corner is a gym.

One-bedroom apartment

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I have a quiet one-bedroom flat in the basement of a house in central London with good security. It's just two kilometres from the central cultural sites of London, including many theatres and galleries. There's a bus stop just down the road. I have a small black cat to feed.

Two-bedroom flat
We live in a large two-bedroom flat on the third floor of a block in the centre. There's a balcony, from which you can see many famous buildings, and luxury curtains and carpets in all rooms. Several popular London theatres are just a short walk away. We'd rather not have visitors with pets.

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SECTION 5: WRITING

6 Choose the correct alternative to complete the email.

Hi Gilly,

(1) *Just / Yet* a quick **(2)** *remember / reminder* about our holiday next week. I haven't been camping **(3)** *for / since* I was ten years old. Don't forget to bring your tent as mine is **(4)** *enough / too* small for all of us. I was thinking about what we could do on our holiday. We could go canoeing on the river. **(5)** *It's / It'd* be a great experience. You're not scared **(6)** *of / from* water, are you?

I **(7)** *can't / mustn't* wait to see you on Saturday.

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SECTION 6: SPEAKING

7 Talk to your teacher about your home town. You should:

– say where it is and how big it is

– describe the entertainment facilities

– explain how the town has changed over the years

– say why you think people should visit your home town

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