

## REVISION FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> MID-TERM TEST – IGCSE FIRST YEAR

**Task 1.** Put the verbs into the correct tenses.

1. Andy is tired because he (work) \_\_\_\_\_ all day.
2. By 1960 most of Britain's old colonies (become) \_\_\_\_\_ independent.
3. David broke his leg when he (ski) \_\_\_\_\_ last week.
4. (you/have) \_\_\_\_\_ a nice time in Rome?
5. (you/finish) \_\_\_\_\_ your homework yet?
6. He (be) \_\_\_\_\_ at his computer for six hours.
7. How long (she/have) \_\_\_\_\_ that car?
8. How many people (die) \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire yesterday?
9. I (not/know) \_\_\_\_\_ much about art, but I like some artists.
10. I (wait) \_\_\_\_\_ for ages when finally, the bus arrived.
11. I (receive) \_\_\_\_\_ a postcard from Jane yesterday.
12. I (correct) \_\_\_\_\_ all morning, I'm exhausted.
13. I (never/be) \_\_\_\_\_ sailing, what's it like?
14. It was late. Most of the shops (close) \_\_\_\_\_.
15. It (rain) \_\_\_\_\_ when I got up this morning.
16. Janet (start) \_\_\_\_\_ a new job in September.
17. Nelly (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a great time in New York at the moment.
18. She was cooking dinner when we (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_.
19. She (just/come) \_\_\_\_\_ back from a Mediterranean cruise.
20. My husband (be) \_\_\_\_\_ free for most of the afternoon.
21. The children were tired because they (swim) \_\_\_\_\_ in the pool all afternoon.
22. They (go) \_\_\_\_\_ to spend six weeks in the USA.
23. We can use the car, I (repair) \_\_\_\_\_ it.
24. We were tired because we (be) \_\_\_\_\_ to a party the night before.
25. We (be) \_\_\_\_\_ too late for the train, it had just left.
26. When I got the airport I realized I (forget) \_\_\_\_\_ my passport.

27. As soon as they (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_, we had dinner.
28. When they were driving home last night they (see) \_\_\_\_\_ a terrible accident.
29. Where (Robert/live) \_\_\_\_\_ now?
30. Who (Mandy/talk) \_\_\_\_\_ to?

**Further practice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Task 2.** Complete each sentence with the correct **comparative** form of the adjective in parentheses.

Add **than** when necessary.

1. New cars are much \_\_\_\_\_ (quiet) old cars.
2. Do you think money is \_\_\_\_\_ (important) good health?
3. This coat is \_\_\_\_\_ (nice) that one.
4. My old laptop was a lot \_\_\_\_\_ (big) my new one.
5. Gas is so expensive! I want a \_\_\_\_\_ (efficient) car.
6. Many people think modern life is \_\_\_\_\_ (good) life in the past.
7. Communication is a lot \_\_\_\_\_ (easy) it was 50 years ago.
8. The pollution in my city is much \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) it used to be.
9. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ (hot) temperatures. That's why I love summer.
10. My new school is a little \_\_\_\_\_ (far) my old one.

**Task 3.** Use the words in parentheses to complete each sentence. Use the comparative form of the adverb and the correct form of the verb.

0. This computer **works more efficiently than** (work / efficiently) that computer.
1. My new watch \_\_\_\_\_ (keep time / accurately) my old watch.
  2. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (call / often) my brother.
  3. My phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring / loudly) your phone.
  4. Tara \_\_\_\_\_ (shop / frequently) Lori.
  5. Brad \_\_\_\_\_ (type / quickly) Lynn.
  6. Kate \_\_\_\_\_ (sing / badly) Deb.
  7. Lila \_\_\_\_\_ (study / hard) Nora.

**Further practice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Task 4.** For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

Use **no more than three words**.

1. He has never scored so highly in a test as he did in this one.

This ..... score he has received in a test.

2. The shop is not very busy today compared to yesterday.

The shop is not ..... it was yesterday.

3. We were told that the show was not very entertaining but it was.

The show ..... than we had been told.

4. I've never had to wait this long for a bus before.

This ..... I have ever had to wait for a bus.

5. We had the same meal tonight and last night.

Dinner tonight ..... as it was last night.

6. I don't think I have ever had such a bad haircut.

This ..... haircut I have ever had.

**Task 5.** Give the correct forms of the words.

1. The Sultan spent over fifty million dollars making the capital city's main hotel the most \_\_\_\_\_ in the country. **luxury**

2. Police working on solving the bank robbery have by chance \_\_\_\_\_ a plan to murder a leading politician. **cover**

3. We should go and eat at "Franco's" which is \_\_\_\_\_ a great little restaurant. **suppose**

4. I left the house at 8am and stared at the empty garage in \_\_\_\_\_. My car was nowhere to be seen. Someone had stolen it! **believe**

5. If you have any problems finding things, just ask Roger. He is very \_\_\_\_\_ and will tell you where to find what you want. **help**

6. You paid \$25 for a simple breakfast?! They have certainly \_\_\_\_\_ you! You should go back and complain. **charge**

7. The gang robbed three banks in the same city and all at about the same time. Not \_\_\_\_\_, they were caught by the police during the fourth attempt. **surprise**

8. Sarina is only my half sister because we have \_\_\_\_\_ mothers. **Differ**

9. It isn't very \_\_\_\_\_ that Paula is at home, is it? She usually works at this time. **like**
10. Megan was told by her dietician that she was becoming \_\_\_\_\_ thin and should eat more. **danger**
11. \_\_\_\_\_ is the spice of life, says the proverb and everyone should try and do new things and meet new people to avoid becoming bored. **vary**
12. Harry had a difficult \_\_\_\_\_ and was brought up by an aunt and uncle living in the country. **child**
13. The whole dispute began after a small \_\_\_\_\_ over the money needed to finance the new company. **agree**
14. The introduction of insecticides in the 20th Century \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture across the world. **revolution**
15. All the coastal towns in this area are \_\_\_\_\_ by strong tradition of dance and there is a festival of dance that takes place every August. **character**
16. My company has spent a lot of money building a new, \_\_\_\_\_ factory which will nearly double production. **computer**

**Task 6.** Give the correct forms of the given words.

After the recent floods, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (**CONSERVE**) are calling for beavers to be reintroduced to Britain. You may wonder how animals that build dams prevent floods when (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (**SURE**) the opposite is true. However, beavers construct dams in upland areas, creating small pools and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (**DIVERT**) that retain water and release water to lowland areas much more (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (**GRADUAL**).

Until the 16th century, Beavers lived wild in parts of Britain, but they were hunted to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (**EXTINCT**) for their fur. However, recently (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (**VARY**) British wildlife organisations have applied to reintroduce beavers to the countryside. Along with their potential value in flood (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (**PREVENT**), they would create wetland habitats and promote (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (**TOUR**). But such measures are (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (**CONTROVERSY**). Beavers recently reintroduced to Estonia have flooded large areas of forest and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (**AGRICULTURE**) land, and this, in turn, has damaged crops. As a result, it has been necessary to cull beavers when the population becomes too large. Many people think it (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (**ETHIC**) to reintroduce a species which will then be killed.

**Further practice:** \_\_\_\_\_