

# UNIT TEST 3

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## Section I

### Reading

**1** Read the article about unusual hobbies. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-F the one which fits each gap (1-5). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

- A Nearly everybody has a hobby, don't they?  
B She says that it all started when she had her thirteenth birthday.  
C Now, you may think that's crazy and you could be right.  
D Activities such as stamp collecting, fishing or dancing are typical examples.  
E Her bedroom is full of them.  
F What makes it exciting, though, is the fact that it's rather dangerous.

## Unusual hobbies

We've all had a hobby at some time or other and if we really enjoy the hobby, it can become a lifetime interest. Most people's hobbies are quite normal. (1) ..... However, for some people these hobbies aren't exciting enough and they look for something more exciting.

One hobby, which is becoming more popular and is definitely exciting, is Parkour. A French teenager, David Belle, started it about 15 years ago. It's a kind of gymnastics. (2) ..... If you want to be safe when doing a hobby, this one is not for you! You may have seen young people on TV doing it. Basically, Parkour involves finding new ways of moving across a city – jumping and climbing – often from high buildings. You need to have good balance to do it and it takes a lot of training to learn. As part of the learning process, you are taught how to do Parkour safely and sensibly.

Collecting things may seem to be quite an

ordinary hobby, but it can be unusual, depending on what you collect. One example of a unique collection is Joe Orville's cheese collection! At the moment, he has collected over 300 kinds and the number is growing quickly. (3) ..... How can somebody collect something which will smell so bad after a while? Joe has the answer – he has a very large freezer, where he keeps all the different kinds of cheeses. He says that he will never open or eat any of them; he just wants to try and find as many different cheeses as possible.

Another collector who you would probably agree has an unusual collection is Janet Waite. She likes pigs and collects any kind of toy pig or anything that has a picture of a pig on it. (4) ..... Janet's painted it pink too, so that it really is the best place to keep the collection. On her shelves there must be about 50 pigs – small ones, fat ones, big ones and funny ones. By her bed there is a pig lamp and her bed

cover has a large picture of a black and white pig. If you stay in Janet's room for too long, you'll probably start to dream about pigs!

One last example of an unusual hobby is Josie Curley's. She makes special party hats for her friends and family. (5) ..... She wanted to make her party special and came up with the idea of making a hat for everybody she invited. She chose the number thirteen as the theme for her hats and made small paper hats with a large thirteen in different colours on the top. Her friends liked them so much that she has made hats for quite a few parties. She's even thinking about starting a hat business.

So you see hobbies may just be for fun or a good way to exercise your body, but who knows? Your hobby may make you money in the future, too!

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### Listening

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**2** You will hear five different people talking about their hobby. For Speakers 1-5, choose from the list (A-F) the reason why they do their hobby. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

- Speaker 1 .....  
Speaker 2 .....  
Speaker 3 .....  
Speaker 4 .....  
Speaker 5 .....

- A It will help me get a well-paid job.  
B It stops me forgetting special times.  
C It teaches me to think carefully before doing something.  
D It is a good way to meet people.  
E It makes me a better student.  
F It is a creative thing to do.

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## Section 2

## Grammar and Vocabulary

## 3 Choose the correct option in each sentence.

- 0 Jane has a good ..... of rhythm and that is why she dances so well.  
 A sense B way  
 C taste D feel
- 1 Catherine has been ..... ballet since she was six years old.  
 A playing B doing  
 C having D dancing
- 2 They are professional ice skaters and don't have much free time to ..... doing other things.  
 A spend B waste  
 C lose D make
- 3 The horse broke its leg in the race and the vet had to ..... it down.  
 A let B take  
 C sit D put
- 4 I've had an idea! To ..... time, why don't you do half the exercises and I'll do the other half?  
 A kill B save  
 C borrow D waste
- 5 Sally's not here; she's ..... camping with some friends.  
 A gone B been  
 C played D done
- 6 I work very hard twelve hours a day, six days a week, so my spare time is very ..... to me.  
 A poor B rich  
 C expensive D valuable
- 7 If you want to learn something well, you have to ..... your time and do it slowly.  
 A make B waste  
 C take D spend
- 8 She looks down ..... anyone who isn't as rich and pretty as she is. She's very spoilt.  
 A in B up  
 C from D on

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## 4 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Over the years, (0) ..... lots of hobbies, some were strange and some really weird, but the only hobby that I (1) ..... for many years is dancing. I (2) ..... lessons about seven years ago and (3) ..... since then. You have to wear special shoes with high heels and we (4) ..... some nice clothes, too. We do Latin dances most of all, but we (5) ..... some Tango and Rock-and-Roll. My favourite dance is the Rumba, which is very slow and romantic. I (6) ..... with the same partner, Chris, who is my teacher, for three years and he (7) ..... me some really difficult steps. We're taking part in a competition next month and (8) ..... like crazy for weeks now. I hope I don't make any mistakes because I want us to win!

- 0 A I've had B I've been having  
 C I have D I had
- 1 A do B did  
 C have been doing D done
- 2 A have started B start  
 C have been started D started
- 3 A didn't stop B haven't stopped  
 C don't stop D stopped
- 4 A wearing B have been wearing  
 C wear D wore
- 5 A have also learnt B also learnt  
 C learnt also D learning also
- 6 A dance B danced  
 C been dancing D have been dancing
- 7 A has taught B teaches  
 C have taught D hasn't taught
- 8 A practise B have been practising  
 C have practise D practised

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**5 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words.**

- 0 Jack is too short to reach the cupboard.  
**enough**  
Jack *isn't tall enough* to reach the cupboard.
- 1 She refused his offer of free theatre tickets.  
**turned**  
She ..... of free theatre tickets.
- 2 Her leg hurts because she fell over when she was ice skating.  
**balance**  
Her leg hurts because she ..... when she was ice skating and fell over.
- 3 Don't worry, Mary is never late. She won't miss the train.  
**on**  
Don't worry. Mary is always ..... miss the train.
- 4 I don't feel very well. I think I'm catching the flu.  
**coming**  
I think I'm ..... because I don't feel very well.
- 5 What really makes me feel depressed is watching the news.  
**gets**  
What really ..... is watching the news.
- 6 I wish I hadn't eaten all that cake – I feel sick now.  
**regret**  
I ..... all that cake because now I feel sick.
- 7 I really can't wait until the holidays.  
**forward**  
I'm ..... the holidays.

- 8 I'm sorry, but I don't want to go dancing tonight.  
**feel**  
I'm sorry but I ..... dancing tonight.

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**6 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.**

- 0 My family is going to the America this summer.  
*My family is going to America this summer.*
- 1 Now that she has a lot of time on her hands, she wants to learn a piano.  
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- 2 It's my birthday today. I'm having party tonight.  
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- 3 When are you going on the holiday?  
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- 4 My new hobby this month is a stamp collecting.  
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- 5 Little girl was crying because she lost her teddy bear.  
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- 6 To kill a time, she's been reading lots of books.  
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- 7 I regret wasting so much time when I was at the school.  
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- 8 I love cooking and at one point I even wanted to become chef.  
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### Writing

**A friend of yours, Anne, wants some ideas about what she can do in her spare time during the summer holidays, but she doesn't have very much money. Write two paragraphs, giving her some ideas.**

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**Final Score: ...../70**