

# TESTS

## UNIT 1 TEST

### GRAMMAR

#### 1 Complete the sentences with the correct perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 By the time the explorers reached the Pole, they \_\_\_\_\_ (cover) over a thousand kilometres on foot.
- 2 In recent years, council employees \_\_\_\_\_ (give) two separate pay rises.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (design) the new national stadium, Ferguson then went on to design many other sports arenas.
- 4 By the end of the next quarter, the Treasury \_\_\_\_\_ (recover) over 30 million euros in unpaid taxes.
- 5 The city's commitment to art and culture in recent years \_\_\_\_\_ (recognise) across the world.
- 6 The building doesn't meet current standards, and that's why inspectors \_\_\_\_\_ (declare) it unsafe.
- 7 Jack became a successful businessman despite \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) school twenty years previously with few qualifications.
- 8 Although he \_\_\_\_\_ (not visit) the monument, he knew all about its history from books.
- 9 Before long, mankind \_\_\_\_\_ (work) out a way of building a space colony on Mars. I hope I'm still around to see it!
- 10 If we \_\_\_\_\_ (know) there was an exhibition on, we would have come to the gallery with you.

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#### 2 Complete the text with the correct perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.

##### The old city of Montevideo

Montevideo, the capital city of Uruguay, lies on the north-eastern bank of the Rio de la Plata. It was founded by the Spanish in 1724. Although fortifications<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (build) in the region by the Portuguese 40 years earlier, they offered no resistance to the arrival of a rival Spanish expedition.<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) control of the region, the new settlers soon began establishing a city. By the end of the eighteenth century, Montevideo<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) in size to become the main naval base of the Spanish Empire in the South Atlantic. A huge wall was built around the city, which is believed by many historians to have saved the city from a catastrophic attack. The Portuguese probably would have tried to capture the city if it<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) so well-defended.

Today, the old city of Montevideo is just one of many barrios, or districts, of a much larger city. Millions of dollars<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) in recent years on renovating the old buildings.<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (become) a run-down area during the late twentieth

century, the old city was in need of a make-over. By the end of this decade, construction companies<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) a transformation of the historical centre. They<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (create) an attractive district full of pedestrianised streets, theatres and restaurants. Montevideo<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (know) for its culture and beauty ever since its earliest days. It's no wonder that, since the beginning of the twentieth-century, Montevideo<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (rate) as having the highest quality of life of any city in Latin America.

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### VOCABULARY

#### 3 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 The pollution from cars in the city centre is so bad that people are \_\_\_\_\_ on the fumes.  
a choking      b dropping      c crawling
- 2 The economy is so strong that new companies are \_\_\_\_\_ all over the country.  
a showing off      b springing up      c coming out
- 3 In the evening, there's an exciting \_\_\_\_\_ about the place because the bars and restaurants are popular with students.  
a trace      b buzz      c choke
- 4 Vandals have been fined \_\_\_\_\_ for damaging the city hall.  
a hardly      b smoothly      c heavily
- 5 The crime \_\_\_\_\_ in the city is awful. Thousands are mugged each year.  
a show      b amount      c rate
- 6 The pollution was so bad that a layer of \_\_\_\_\_ hung over the centre, and everybody had to wear masks.  
a slum      b smog      c consumption

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#### 4 Rewrite the sentences replacing the words in italics with a phrase of emphasis or exaggeration formed using the word in brackets.

- 1 From this vantage point, you can see *a very long way*. (miles)
- 2 There were *a large number* of people waiting outside the stadium. (loads)
- 3 Living in such a crowded city is *comparable* to being in a sardine can. (like)
- 4 I've had this old T-shirt *a very long time*. (ever)
- 5 The outside toilet is *very dirty*. (absolutely)
- 6 It was *very crowded* in the nightclub. (completely)

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**5 Complete the sentences using the verbs in the box in the correct form. There are two verbs you don't need.**

undergo initiate pour demolish flourish  
soar impose be neglected

- 1 The local council have decided \_\_\_\_\_ the old cinema in the city centre to make way for a car park. How dare they destroy such a historic building!
- 2 The government intends \_\_\_\_\_ sanctions on any regime which does not accept the UN resolution.
- 3 During the last recession, unemployment figures \_\_\_\_\_ from 8% to 28% in some parts of the country.
- 4 This part of the city \_\_\_\_\_ by the authorities for decades. The lack of investment has resulted in poor housing and rising crime.
- 5 Last year, the city centre \_\_\_\_\_ a complete transformation. A new shopping centre was built as well as a cinema complex.
- 6 New businesses \_\_\_\_\_ in this positive economic atmosphere. They are all making profits.

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**6 Complete the sentences with one verb from the box in the correct form which can be used in both pairs of sentences. There are two words you don't need.**

calm emerge raise compel spark grip drug

- a The government have \_\_\_\_\_ fears of an imminent attack by terrorists.
- b He wasn't sure, so he \_\_\_\_\_ his doubts at the meeting.
- a This region is \_\_\_\_\_ by recession. Thousands are unemployed.
- b The nation was \_\_\_\_\_ by the soap opera. Everybody watched to find out what would happen.
- a I felt \_\_\_\_\_ to respond to the reviewer's criticism. Why should they be allowed to be so rude?
- b Although he didn't want to speak against his friend, Jones was \_\_\_\_\_ to appear as a witness in the trial.
- a The minister's comments \_\_\_\_\_ criticism from those he had accused of being lazy.
- b When the government banned the film, it \_\_\_\_\_ a wave of protests from people opposed to censorship.
- a I drink herbal tea to \_\_\_\_\_ my nerves. It helps me relax.
- b Harrison tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the angry crowd by telling them that the government would listen to their demands, and take action to improve the situation.

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**7 Complete the binomials in each sentence with one word.**

- 1 Frankly, I'm sick and \_\_\_\_\_ of having to make excuses for your bad behaviour.
- 2 I go swimming every now and \_\_\_\_\_, but not often, I'm afraid.
- 3 There was a complete breakdown of law and \_\_\_\_\_ in the town.
- 4 We should think of how we can help ordinary working families first and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Although there are lots of theatres, the quality of shows is a bit hit and \_\_\_\_\_. Read the reviews before you book.
- 6 You should think long and \_\_\_\_\_ before you take the job.
- 7 We went to the mountains for a bit of peace and \_\_\_\_\_.

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