SKILLS TEST 5A

UNITS 9–10

Name: _____ Score: _____ / 25 points

READING SKILLS

1 **Read the texts and choose the correct answers.** (5 points)

Amazing coincidences

Lucky number

In the 1930s in New York there was a terrible accident when a train fell off a bridge. The photo that appeared in the newspaper showed one of the carriages involved in the disaster. The carriage number 932 was visible in the photo. Thousands of people who saw the photo chose that number for the next day's lottery – and to their amazement they won! If the accident hadn't happened and they hadn't seen the photo they wouldn't have chosen that number.

1 The lottery winners chose the number 932 because
- **a** that was the number of people who died in the train crash.
- **b** they had seen the number in a photo of the crash.
- **c** they thought it was lucky because all the people in that carriage escaped.
- **d** they were amazed that they could see the number of the carriage.

And this book belongs to …

Anne Parrish, an American writer, was looking at books in a second-hand bookshop in Paris when she found a book that she used to love as a child. She showed the book to her husband. Imagine their surprise when he opened it to find an inscription inside that said 'Anne Parrish, 209 N. Weber Street, Colorado Springs'. It was Anne's old copy of the book that she'd owned as a child!

2 The book that Anne Parrish found
- **a** was similar to a book she had had as a child.
- **b** was a story she'd written when she was younger.
- **c** was a book in which her husband had written an inscription.
- **d** was the book she used to have as a child.

A lucky escape

Walter Kellner, a German from Munich, had a lucky escape when the plane he was flying had engine trouble and crashed into the water. Kellner was rescued and later wrote about his lucky escape and won a writing competition held by the magazine Das Besteran in 1979. An angry Austrian man wrote to the paper and said that Kellner had copied the story because exactly the same thing had happened to him. The man's name? Walter Kellner! The magazine checked both men's stories and they were both true.

3 The Austrian Walter Kellner
- **a** complained to a newspaper.
- **b** was killed in a plane accident.
- **c** copied another man's story.
- **d** won a writing competition.

Lightning strikes… three times

If your father and grandfather had both been killed by lightning in exactly the same place in your garden, would you ever have stood there? For most people, the answer is no, especially given that the two family tragedies happened 30 years apart – his grandfather died in 1899 and his father in 1929. However, in 1949 Rolla Primarda did exactly that and he was also killed by lightning. The family has to be the unluckiest family in Taranto in Italy – or indeed anywhere in the world. If I'd been Rolla, I'd have moved house!

4 Rolla Primarda's
- **a** father and grandfather both died on the same day.
- **b** father was killed by lightning thirty years before his grandfather.
- **c** father and grandfather were both killed by lightning.
- **d** father and grandfather both died inside their house in Taranto.

It's all in the name

In 1678 three men murdered Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey, and they were caught by the police the same year. At the trial they were sentenced to death, and they were hanged on the 26th November in London. They were executed at a place called Greenberry Hill. In a curious coincidence, the murderers were called Robert Green, Henry Berry and Lawrence Hill (Green, Berry, Hill).

5 Lawrence Hill
- **a** died after Henry Berry and Robert Green.
- **b** received the death penalty in 1678.
- **c** was murdered in 1678.
- **d** murdered a man on 26th November.

2 **Read the texts again. Are the statements true (T), false (F) or is there no information (NI)?** (5 points)

1 Thousands of people were killed in the train crash. ☐
2 Anne Parrish lived in Paris when she was a child. ☐
3 The German Walter Kellner took part in a writing competition. ☐
4 Rolla Primarda moved house after his father was killed. ☐
5 Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey was murdered in November 1911. ☐

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LISTENING SKILLS

1 CD Track 6 Class CD4.31 **Listen to the conversation between Sam and Debbie about the singer Adele. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?** (6 points)

1 Adele has only won two prizes. ☐
2 Adele got a record deal after she uploaded three videos on YouTube. ☐
3 Her second album went to number one in over fifteen different European countries. ☐
4 Sam has never seen Adele perform live. ☐
5 Sam's favourite song by Adele is *Someone like you*. ☐
6 Sam and Debbie decide to go to an Adele concert. ☐

2 CD Track 6 Class CD4.31 **Listen again and complete the sentences with one word or number.** (4 points)

1 Adele's birthday is the _____ of May, 1988.
2 Adele's first album was released _____ years before her second album.
3 In the first week, Adele's second album sold 208,000 copies in _____.
4 Debbie says Adele is playing live next _____.

COMMUNICATION

1 **Complete the two conversations with sentences a–h. There are two extra sentences that you do not need.** (5 points)

a I'm sorry, I didn't get that. Could you say it again?
b Excuse me, can I say something?
c What I mean is
d Do you mean you thought it was OK?
e What do you think?
f Hold on! Let me finish!
g What I find strange is
h ~~I thought~~

A I thought the concert was absolutely rubbish. The conductor was awful and the orchestra was…
B I don't agree, I think…
A [1]_____ I think it was a disaster and the acoustics were really bad too.
B Well, maybe it wasn't very good, but it wasn't as bad as you're suggesting! [2]_____ there were parts that were really well played.
A [3]_____
B Yes, I suppose so. The conductor was awful, but the orchestra wasn't too bad.

A I think the programme for tonight's concert is really interesting. [4]_____
B I agree. I'm really looking forward to it.
A Let's go in now, the concert's about to start.
B [5]_____
A Yes, I said the concert is going to start, so we should go in.
B OK, let's go.

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