

Vocabulary (8A and B) and Grammar (reported speech)

Short

Test Unit 8 Test A

Vocabulary

1 Match the words in A to the words in B to make compound nouns. Then complete the text with the correct form of the compound nouns.

A urban sewage congested city building slum

B site thoroughfare dweller infrastructure system tenement

Roman rants against urban evils

An analysis of the work of the poet Juvenal, who lived in Ancient Rome in the late first century AD, has shown that ¹ _____ then had comparable problems to people living in cities today. In his work, the poet complains about Rome's ² _____ – the houses and the roads, the poor quality building and the traffic jams. He moans about overcrowded ³ _____, full of poor families in unsanitary conditions, exploited by landlords charging high rents. And he writes about the inadequate ⁴ _____ that fails to carry waste out of the city. To Juvenal, the crowded streets are full of half-built buildings – more like a series of ⁵ _____ than a completed project. And in the ⁶ _____, the traffic is nose to tail as wealthy citizens hog the road. Ancient Rome is a city of noise pollution, road hazards and badly-built buildings.

Mark: ___ / 6

2 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 People in these slums are living in _____ housing with no running water and rats and dirt everywhere.
a scarce **b** squalid **c** abundant
- 2 The badly-built, unsanitary houses near the city centre are a(n) _____ reminder that there is still a lot to be done to overcome the poverty in the city.
a unprecedented **b** stark **c** chaotic
- 3 Overcrowding is perhaps the most _____ problem faced by our cities today. We must tackle it at once.
a impoverished **b** squalid **c** acute
- 4 Although there are _____ mineral resources in the region, none of this potential wealth is mined for the benefit of the local people.
a abundant **b** stark **c** acute
- 5 There were _____ scenes in the city centre today as hundreds rushed into department stores seeking bargains on the first day of the sales.
a squalid **b** abundant **c** chaotic

6 Using up our increasingly _____ reserves of oil and gas is an act of irresponsibility which will leave future generations with little or no energy.
a unprecedented b scarce c acute

7 A spokesperson said that the huge numbers of bees in the centre was _____. Nobody had seen the like before.
a abundant b impoverished c unprecedented

8 Our charity aims to help _____ people around the world who struggle to afford even the most basic necessities.
a impoverished b scarce c acute

Mark: ___ / 8

Grammar

3 Choose the correct answers.

1 Members of the committee promised _____ with all the preparations for the forthcoming conference.
a that she helps b to help c helping d help

2 Neither of the defendants admitted _____ stolen goods.
a handling b to handle c for handling d them handling

3 Anderson blamed the local authority _____ sooner to stop vandals causing so much damage.
a to not act b if they acted c of not acting d for not acting

4 Anna boasted _____ completed the assignment without any help from teachers.
a have b for having c about having d to have

5 The board members persuaded Harry _____ the changes suggested in the report.
a to support b supporting c for support d he would support

6 All of the students refused _____ a word in Karen's defence.
a say b saying c that they said d to say

7 We urge _____ your stance on this matter. Otherwise, we will take action to force you to reverse your decision.
a to reconsider b you reconsidering c you to reconsider d reconsidering

8 Daniel mentioned _____ Helen while he was doing some last-minute shopping in the mall. She seemed in good spirits.
a to see b seeing c of seeing d that he see

9 We demand commissioners _____ into account our recommendations when completing their report.
a take b to take c that they take d they should take

10 Brian warned _____ care when playing near the river as the banks have started to erode.
a the kids taking b that the kids take c the kids to take d the kids should take

Mark: ___ / 10

4 **Read the comments from a meeting that took place yesterday. Then complete the sentences using a reporting noun.**

- 1 'Children need a safe place to play in the neighbourhood,' commented a senior social worker.
The senior social worker's _____ struck the right note with the young families living in the area.
- 2 'The council should act to improve facilities,' suggested community leaders.
The community leaders' _____ fell on deaf ears as councillors announced they were planning budget cuts.
- 3 'Builders have cut corners and produced shoddy workmanship,' Miriam Clark accused.
Miriam Clark's _____ has sparked controversy.
- 4 'We have done nothing illegal,' responded the construction company.
The construction company's _____ was met with scepticism by some members of the public.
- 5 'We have never knowingly used poor quality materials,' remarked the director.
The director's _____ failed to reassure the audience.
- 6 'We will complete the project on time,' declared the engineer.
The engineer's _____ was seen as an unsuccessful attempt to placate the local residents with a promise.

Mark: ___ / 12

5 **Complete the second sentence using reported speech so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Include the word provided.**

- 1 'Did you have a good time in London last weekend, Paul?' asked Tom.

he

Tom asked _____.

- 2 'You really should avoid the buffet lunch at this hotel,' said Clare.

recommended

Claire _____.

- 3 'How does Sophia know so many English phrasal verbs?' asked Ray.

wondered

Ray _____.

- 4 'The situation will get worse if nothing is done,' said the speaker.

predicted

The speaker _____.

5 'Let's eat out tomorrow,' said Tina.
suggested
Tina _____.

6 'I'll pay for my lunch and yours,' said Miranda.
insisted
Miranda _____.

7 'Does Ed think that'll happen here?' wondered Fiona.
whether
Fiona wondered _____.

8 'I'd like the report to be placed on my desk by the end of the day,' said Ahmed.
requested
Ahmed _____.

Mark: ___ / 8

TOTAL MARKS: ___ / 44