Progress test 1

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first using the word given. *(10 marks)*

1 This is my first visit to the safari park.
I ..... the safari park before. **NEVER**
2 He started studying climatology three years ago.
He ..... three years. **FOR**
3 They looked hot and dirty after their long walk.
They looked hot and dirty because ..... for so long. **WALKING**
4 I lived in Britain before I moved to Greece.
Before I moved to Greece, I ..... in Britain. **USED**
5 Over the next fifty years, the number of elderly people will rise by 20%.
In fifty years time, the number of elderly people ..... by 20%. **RISEN**
6 You have to pay the entrance fee and then they will let you in.
They won't let you in ..... the entrance fee. **UNTIL**
7 It was wrong of you to shout at your sister like that.
You ..... at your sister like that. **SHOULD**
8 Under eighteens can travel on the bus for free.
Under eighteens ..... to travel on the bus. **HAVE**
9 My brother and I are not good friends.
I ..... with my brother. **GET**
10 As I was walking in the mountains, I found an eagle's nest.
As I was walking in the mountains, I ..... an eagle's nest. **ACROSS**

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in bold. *(10 marks)*

1 Big Brother was the first TV show to use real people for ..... . **ENTERTAIN**
2 Some people ..... of keeping animals in zoos as they think it is cruel. **APPROVE**
3 They lost the game because they ..... the teacher's instructions. **UNDERSTAND**
4 Many wild animals like tigers and pandas are in danger of ..... . **EXTINCT**
5 The snake didn't actually attack me but it came ..... close. **TERRIFY**
6 The job was very popular and they had over 50 ..... . **APPLY**
7 You have to study general medicine for some years before you can ..... . **SPECIAL**
8 My brother is really ....., so you never know what he's going to be like. **MOOD**
9 She's a very ..... person and is always kind to her friends. **THINK**
10 My younger sister is really ..... . My mum and dad never tell her off. **SPOIL**

3 Complete the article with one word which best fits each gap. *(10 marks)*

On April 9 2000, Judith Mencher **1** ..... standing outside her home in Oakland, California **2** ..... she saw something fall from the sky. It was a huge block of ice. When the emergency services went to investigate they found that it **3** ..... made a three-foot hole in **4** ..... earth.
This is not the first recorded example of a piece of ice falling out of the sky. Other similar "ice meteorites" **5** ..... smashed through roofs and even killed sheep. Spain has experienced about twelve such ice falls **6** ..... 2000. Some people think that this ice **7** ..... have come from aeroplanes but others believe that at least some of it is from outer space. Some scientists also believe that the ice falls **8** ..... probably become more frequent in the future **9** ..... they are a sign that the gases in our atmosphere **10** ..... changing due to global warming.

4 Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best completes the text. *(10 marks)*

Can you imagine working on a writing project for seventeen years? J.K. Rowling first **1** ..... up with the idea of Harry Potter in 1990 but it was not until 2007 that she finally completed the last book in the series. In 1990, of course she had no idea how much Harry would take **2** ..... her life, or that she would end **3** ..... as a multimillionaire. But **4** ..... then, the books have been translated into over 60 languages and also been made into films, each of which has been a **5** ..... with cinema audiences.
It is not just J.K. Rowling's life which has been transformed. The same can be said of Daniel Radcliffe, the teenage actor who **6** ..... Harry Potter. Although he made his acting **7** ..... in 1999, it was in the role of Harry Potter that he found his route to **8** .....The final film is expected to come out in 2010. By then Daniel will **9** ..... been acting in this role for ten years.
And after seventeen years, has Rowling now **10** ..... out of ideas? It seems not. She is currently writing two new books, one for adults and one for children, and is also planning to compile an encyclopaedia of the Harry Potter world.

1	**A** took	**B** went	**C** came	**D** brought
2	**A** out	**B** over	**C** up	**D** off
3	**A** in	**B** up	**C** down	**D** out
4	**A** after	**B** until	**C** for	**D** since
5	**A** blow	**B** hit	**C** knock	**D** smash
6	**A** plays	**B** performs	**C** shows	**D** makes
7	**A** debate	**B** debut	**C** debris	**D** debit
8	**A** starburst	**B** stardust	**C** stardom	**D** starlight
9	**A** has	**B** have	**C** be	**D** was
10	**A** run	**B** come	**C** gone	**D** taken

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Progress test 2

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first using the word given. *(10 marks)*

1 She didn't expect my brother to do so well in his exams.
My brother ..... in his exams. **THAN**
2 Chemistry is more interesting than physics.
Physics isn't ..... chemistry. **AS**
3 It's best not to wait until the last minute before starting your revision.
It's best not to ..... starting your revision until the last minute. **PUT**
4 You can't be a good athlete if you don't train regularly.
You can't be a good athlete ..... regularly. **UNLESS**
5 People don't like our headmaster much because he is very sarcastic.
People would like our headmaster better ..... so sarcastic. **IF**
6 She didn't go to the party because she wasn't feeling well.
If she hadn't been feeling ill, ... the party. **WOULD**
7 They didn't let us use a calculator in the exam.
We ..... a calculator in the exam. **ALLOWED**
8 When I arrived at school, they were still painting the entrance.
The school entrance ..... when I arrived. **PAINTED**
9 A team of experts can design your website for you.
You can ..... by a team of experts. **DESIGNED**
10 They advised us to write to the manager of the restaurant.
They ..... to the manager of the restaurant. **SUGGESTED**

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in bold. *(10 marks)*

1 Kids who don't like academic subjects can choose a ..... course. **VOCATION**
2 Dieting is fine as long as you do it in ..... . **MODERATE**
3 I don't find that hairstyle very ..... . **ATTRACT**
4 He might look healthy but appearances can be ..... . **DECEIVE**
5 To his ....., he found he had won first prize in the competition. **AMAZE**
6 Fruit juice is more ..... than fizzy drinks. **NUTRITION**
7 They had to go to hospital after eating ..... mushrooms. **POISON**
8 The project is intended to help ..... young people back into work. **JOB**
9 The club meets every Thursday and ..... at weekends. **OCCASION**
10 Do you think boys should be made to learn ..... in school? **COOK**

3 Complete the article with one word which best fits the gap. *(10 marks)*

Most of us probably go straight to the medicine cabinet or to the doctor **1** ..... we are feeling ill. But for small problems we can often cure ourselves just **2** ..... eating the right types of food. For example, headaches **3** ..... often caused by low blood sugar, so eating a banana or some dried fruit can help you to feel better. If you have a blocked nose, add a **4** ..... chilli to your food as this **5** ..... help to clear out your nasal passages. Ginger is effective against travel sickness, so try drinking ginger tea before you set **6** ..... on a long car journey. For sufferers from insomnia, a glass of warm milk before **7** ..... to bed is a good idea. You should certainly avoid **8** ..... coffee as this can **9** ..... you feel nervous and restless. So next time you don't feel so good, try looking at what you've got in your kitchen cupboard. **10** ..... any rate, it won't make you any worse.

4 Choose the word or form (A, B, C or D) that best completes the text. *(10 marks)*

I was born in 1946 and by 1950, I **1** ..... started primary school. Both parents and teachers were much stricter in those days **2** ..... they are now and anyone who misbehaved was **3** ..... big trouble. In most classes, we spent a lot of time **4** ..... things like dates and multiplication tables **5** ..... heart. My worst **6** ..... was maths, so my dad persuaded the teacher **7** ..... me extra work. He hoped that this would help me get **8** ..... the exam that we all had to **9** ..... at the age of eleven. Unfortunately, I still failed and I have always hated maths just because of the way that it **10** ..... taught then.

1	**A** have	**B** was	**C** had	**D** did
2	**A** than	**B** that	**C** as	**D** of
3	**A** at	**B** in	**C** on	**D** off
4	**A** to learn	**B** learn	**C** learning	**D** learnt
5	**A** at	**B** in	**C** by	**D** on
6	**A** topic	**B** material	**C** subject	**D** theme
7	**A** to give	**B** give	**C** giving	**D** gave
8	**A** over	**B** by	**C** out	**D** through
9	**A** make	**B** stand	**C** give	**D** take
10	**A** has	**B** was	**C** had	**D** has been

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Progress test 3

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first using the word given. *(10 marks)*

1 "What did you buy at the supermarket?" Brian asked Maria.
Brian asked Maria ..... at the supermarket. **WHAT**

2 "Don't forget to take your mobile phone." James said to Peter.
James ..... mobile phone. **REMINDED**

3 I'm sorry I shouted at my sister.
I ..... at my sister. **WISH**

4 I'm sorry I spent so much on those shoes.
I ..... on those shoes. **REGRET**

5 Perhaps they broke down as they left the hotel.
Their car ..... as they left the hotel. **MIGHT**

6 People say that the pirates buried their treasure on the island.
The pirates ..... their treasure on the island. **SAID**

7 She said this is the best place to watch the sunset.
This ..... the best place to watch the sunset. **SUPPOSED**

8 The film was so boring my girlfriend fell asleep.
It was ..... my girlfriend fell asleep. **SUCH**

9 He wasn't punished as it was his first offence.
He ..... because it was his first offence. **LET**

10 The robbers were not caught or punished.
The robbers were never caught so they ..... it. **GOT**

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in bold. *(10 marks)*

1 Hacking into secure computer systems is not ..... fun but a criminal offence. **HARM**

2 The jury fund him guilty and he was ..... for five years. **PRISON**

3 Before taking him to the police station, they allowed him to call his ..... . **LAW**

4 He was accused of trying to ..... the company of thousands of pounds. **FRAUD**

5 No one knows exactly where Mozart's ..... place is. **BURY**

6 The total ..... of the swimming pool is 20 metres. **LONG**

7 They need to ..... the bridge as it is in danger of collapsing. **STRONG**

8 He spent the summer on an ..... dig in Greece. **ARCHEOLOGY**

9 They uncovered the remains of an early Roman ..... . **SETTLE**

10 This is probably the most ..... waterfall in the whole park. **SPECTACLE**

3 Complete the article with one word which best fits each gap. *(10 marks)*

Ffyona Campbell was the first woman to walk around the world. In1985, she set **1** ..... from New York and walked across the United States. In 1988, she walked the 5,100 kilometres from Sydney to Perth in 95 days, **2** ..... broke the previous record for this journey. The most dangerous and demanding part of this long trek came in 1991–93, **3** ..... she walked across Africa. Then in 1994, she left Algeciras in Spain and walked across Europe before finally **4** ..... at the Northernmost point of Scotland, **5** ..... she had first started in 1983. **6** ..... Ffyona had a secret. A few years later, she **7** ..... cheating when she was in America by accepting lifts for 1,600 kilometres of the walk. She told the press herself just **8** ..... she was feeling so guilty about it. Later, she returned to the US and walked this remaining section **9** ..... that she could truthfully say that she **10** ..... achieved her goal.

4 Choose the word (A,B, C or D) that best completes the text. *(10 marks)*

On December 4 1872, Captain David Morehouse, spotted another ship. It was sailing without direction **1** ..... he approached it in **2** ..... to offer help. **3** ..... when he reached the ship he found that it **4** ..... been abandoned. **5** ..... everything was soaked with seawater, Captain Morehouse managed to sail it to Gibraltar.
The name of the ship was *Mary Celeste* and what happened to the crew remains a mystery. The ship's cargo consisted of industrial alcohol and, according to one theory, this **6** ..... have started to leak. **7** ..... that the ship was about to go up in flames, the captain **8** ..... have ordered everyone into the lifeboat, **9** ..... then became separated from the ship. However, it is unlikely that that we will ever find **10** ..... the truth.

1	**A** because	**B** since	**C** but	**D** so
2	**A** order	**B** intention	**C** purpose	**D** aim
3	**A** Therefore	**B** However	**C** Next	**D** As a result
4	**A** has	**B** was	**C** had	**D** were
5	**A** Although	**B** However	**C** Despite	**D** Because
6	**A** can	**B** may	**C** can't	**D** will
7	**A** Believed	**B** Believe	**C** Believing	**D** Belief
8	**A** can	**B** might	**C** ought	**D** should
9	**A** that	**B** who	**C** which	**D** where
10	**A** off	**B** on	**C** in	**D** out

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