

B1 End-of-course test A

1 ▷ Listen to a woman talking about her work as a pilot. For questions 1–5, choose the best answer, a, b or c.

1 Olivia had her first flying lessons _____.
 a when she was a child
 b after she left university
 c while studying for her degree

2 Olivia got the job she does now _____.
 a by responding to an advert
 b thanks to people her flying instructor knew
 c after doing lots of interview practice with her parents

3 Olivia regularly communicated with the Senior First Officer _____.
 a by phone
 b in person
 c via the internet

4 Olivia's job as First Officer involves _____.
 a planning flight times
 b doing some paperwork
 c making decisions about the crew

5 Olivia says that, in particular, she enjoys _____.
 a working with her colleagues
 b admiring the various views
 c chatting to the passengers

2 points for each correct answer

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Listen again. For questions 6–10, decide if the statement is true (T) or false (F).

6 Olivia had to do some tests in order to get her job as a pilot. ____

7 Olivia stayed in the same location when she began working for the airline. ____

8 Olivia explains that pilots are automatically promoted after a period of time. ____

9 Both pilots check the outside of the plane before a flight. ____

10 Olivia is happy to get up early for her job. ____

2 points for each correct answer

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2 Complete the email with words in the box. You may need to make some changes to some of the words. There are three extra words that you don't need.

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| guilty | depend | leave | carry |
| middle | way | experience (n) | enjoy |
| stress | possible | can (n) | traffic |
| reliable | | | |

Hi Milan

I just want to let you know that I didn't manage to get to the solicitor's office to sign those papers. I'm really sorry, but it was just ¹_____ because I had a bad ²_____ today. I decided to drive to the office because the buses around here are so ³_____. Anyway, I left home after lunch, and I was on my ⁴_____ to the office, when I realized that there was something wrong with the car. I ⁵_____ on driving because I didn't want to be late. Then, the car suddenly stopped and I saw that there was no petrol ⁶_____. I thought I could just go to a petrol station and perhaps buy a ⁷_____ of petrol, but the nearest one was miles away. I called a taxi to take me there, but it took ages to come. The whole thing was really ⁸_____ and now I feel really ⁹_____ because I know you wanted me to go there today. I'll go first thing tomorrow morning, and I'll call you when everything's ready. Anyway, I hope your evening will be more ¹⁰_____ than my day! I'll talk to you tomorrow.

Anya

2 points for each correct answer

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3 Read the text about the benefits of music. The reading passage has six paragraphs A–F. Which paragraph contains the following information? Write the correct letter. There is one paragraph you don't need.

- 1 The health benefits of positive thinking. _____
- 2 The range of age groups that music can bring benefits to. _____
- 3 The results of a test to see how clever people are. _____
- 4 The help that music can give for some school subjects. _____
- 5 The benefits of music for society in general. _____

2 points for each correct answer

 10**The Benefits of Music**

A Much research has been done into the benefits of music. Music helps babies to develop in their mothers' wombs even before birth, and it also helps everyone from young children right up to the elderly to understand and manage everyday feelings such as happiness or sadness. Many people have favourite songs for certain situations; when they feel angry, for example, they know exactly which music to listen to in order to give them the calm they need at that moment. Music has the ability to very successfully express the exact same feelings that people have.

B As well as changing people's mood, music can also help people who are in pain. Two groups of patients took part in a recent scientific test – one group listened to music for an hour each day for a week, and the other didn't. The data was examined and a report of the results was published. This showed that people's idea of pain was reduced by up to 21%; the people who listened to music reported an improvement in their condition, compared with those who hadn't listened to music. The explanation scientists give is that as listening to music puts people in a better mood, they feel less negative. Patients experiencing negative energy almost always take longer to recover than those who don't feel like this.

C Many people listen to soft music to help them fall asleep. This practice is supported by studies in a variety of settings. The advice is to avoid listening to lively dance music before you aim to fall asleep.

However, if you're trying to wake up in the morning, go for fast-tempo music rather than lullabies.

D Music has further benefits when it comes to learning, according to some organizations. Research has shown that studying and playing music may actually help students improve their grades overall. This may be because the human brain works very much in the same way patterns do in music. How exactly this works is still unknown; what we do know, however, is that the thought patterns that people have while creating music help increase language-learning skills and maths.

E Social skills also benefit when people are exposed to music. One musician famously said that music is the language of the universe – bringing people together, and allowing people from all parts of the world to experience similar feelings. It can fill in any gaps or differences between cultures in a way that spoken language cannot.

F Some research shows that people who play music have better-developed communication between the left and right sides of their brain. Experts say that playing music helps to send messages to the brain. These messages then result in other brain activity. In fact, experiments have produced some fascinating results. When a selection of people were asked to take a well-known test to find out how intelligent they are, those who listened to a famous piece of classical music while doing the test scored considerably more points than those who didn't listen to music.

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4 Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). If there is no information about this, choose 'not given' (NG).

- 1 Romantic music can improve peoples' moods. _____
- 2 Patients who listen to music get better faster than patients who don't. _____
- 3 The best time of day to listen to soft music is early in the morning. _____
- 4 Music can help students have better relationships with their teachers. _____
- 5 Playing a musical instrument increases the size of the left side of the brain. _____

2 points for each correct answer 10

5 Complete the mini-dialogues with a suitable word. The first letter has been given.

- 1 A Stop! You can't drive there. It's a p_____ area, so it's for walking only.
B Oh, sorry. I didn't see the sign.
- 2 A Are you OK? You look worried.
B I've got my driving test later, so I'm feeling a bit a_____.
A Good luck!
- 3 A I'm so sorry about your vase. It just slipped out of my hand and smashed.
B It really doesn't matter. It wasn't v_____.
- 4 A Shall we ask Rakesh to wait for us?
B You must be joking! You know how i_____ he is – he hates waiting!

- 5 A That woman is so rude!
- B Why? What happened?
- A I introduced myself and tried to s_____ her hand and she just walked away.

2 points for each correct answer 10

6 Complete the text with a suitable word. Use one word in each space.

A New Language

You may know about some of the world's oldest languages, but have you heard ¹_____ the newest one? The latest language to join the list of the world's official languages was discovered in Australia, in a tiny community called Lajamanu, which is on the edge of the Tanami Desert. It's called Light Warlpiri, and it is ²_____ by only 350 people, all under the age of 35.

Professor Carmel O'Shannessy, ³_____ teaches at the University of Michigan in the US, has published ⁴_____ report on the language. O'Shannessy first discovered Light Warlpiri when she began ⁵_____ with students in a school in the Northern Territories in Australia, ⁶_____ traditional Warlpiri is taught. She noticed that during a single conversation, some ⁷_____ the students changed languages from English and the Kriol language to a language we now know to be called Light Warlpiri. She decided ⁸_____ do some research on Light Warlpiri, and she has studied this language ⁹_____ that time.

According to O'Shannessy, most of ¹⁰_____ verbs in Light Warlpiri come from English or Kriol, but the rest of the grammar comes from traditional Warlpiri. She believes Light Warlpiri was born in the 1970s or 1980s.

2 points for each correct answer 20

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1 **A** So it's the building on the left after the traffic lights?

B _____ . You can't miss it.

- a Turn right.
- b Is that right?
- c That's right.

2 **A** I'm afraid I can't make Tuesday because of work.

B _____ meeting on Wednesday instead?

- a How about
- b Could we
- c Would you like to

3 **A** Have you heard the news? My car was stolen yesterday.

B _____ ! I hope the police will find it.

- a How fantastic
- b I'm really happy for you
- c That's awful

4 **A** Sorry, I keep losing the phone signal.
B Yes, _____ Is that better now?

- a it's a bad connection.
- b please speak up
- c what do you mean by breaking up?

5 **A** So, what qualifications have you got?

B _____

- a I'm good at working with others.
- b I've got a degree in computer science.
- c I'm currently working for a small company.

2 points for each correct answer

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