Speak out 3RD EDITION

C1–C2

UNIT 2 TEST | Version C

Part A • Grammar, Vocabulary and How to …

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences with the correct words for comparing.

0 The hotel was nothing **___like___** any hotel we'd ever stayed in before.

1 The higher test was a challenge but, in my opinion, the lower level was equally _____ difficult.

2 Unfortunately, the dish was _____ spicy as to be practically inedible.

3 Sunbathing in the garden yesterday was a bit _____ being in the Caribbean, it was so hot.

4 When the letter came it wasn't so _____ a disappointment as a complete shock to the system.

5 The second novel by the author is _____ near as complex as his first.

6 The effects of the storm were not _____ devastating as had been predicted.

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2 Circle the correct words.

0 No one could be any healthier **as** / **than** Ahmed, but he still came down with a bad case of flu.

1 The speed of my new car isn't a **part** / **patch** on that of my previous one, but it does have a smaller engine.

2 The second witness's report is **by** / **at** complete variance with what the first witness stated.

3 I'm afraid I can't train **that** / **any** more often than I do, as I've got a lot of work on right now.

4 They couldn't have built the houses **more** / **any** closer together. We can practically hear the neighbours snoring.

5 I'm **sadder** / **more sad** than angry about the decision.

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3 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. Use the word in brackets. Use NO MORE THAN FOUR words.

0 As he had already commented, he said that complaining about the service would be ineffective.

⇨ He **reiterated his comment** that complaining about the service would be ineffective. **[REITERATED]**

1 It's a shame that no further action can be taken.

⇨ I _____ that no further action can be taken. **[REGRETFUL]**

2 She couldn't believe that any colleague would have made such a mistake.

⇨ She _____ that any colleague would have made such a mistake. **[PROFESSED]**

3 We will certainly resolve the matter within a few days.

⇨ We _____ the matter will be resolved within a few days. **[CONFIDENT]**

4 The opening hours of the museum will change according to what was said at the meeting.

⇨ As _____, the opening hours of the museum will change. **[MENTIONED]**

5 She was dismissed because she said she thought the manager wasn't telling the truth.

⇨ She _____ integrity, which led to her dismissal. **[QUESTIONED]**

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VOCABULARY

4 Match (1–4) with (A–F) to make sentences. There is ONE ending you do not need.

0 Increased tourism will definitely have tangible **D**

1 If I don't do this assignment tonight, I'll end up ___

2 Closing the car park in the city centre will have a detrimental ___

3 A significant increase in funding will facilitate ___

4 The planned exhibition will showcase ___

A stuck with an enormous amount for the weekend.

B the building of new cultural centres across the city.

C the talents of local artists.

~~**D** benefits for the whole region.~~

E effect on the high street businesses.

F boost for young people in the area.

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5 Complete the sentences with the adjectives (A–F). There is ONE adjective you do not need.

0 The sense of identity is **B** in the history of the neighbourhood.

1 Everyone is expected to participate ___ of their age or gender.

2 Misusing commas is ___ in my students' work, and I highlight them every time.

3 We have a(n) ___ agreement with our neighbours to check each other's property when on holiday.

4 As far I know, our birthday tradition of giving hand-drawn cards is ___ to our family.

A commonplace

~~**B** deeply-rooted~~

C irrespective

D long-standing

E peculiar

F stereotypical

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

0 My sister talked me **_into_** getting a totally new hair style and now I regret it.

1 Someone tipped _____ the press and the celebrity's flight was met by a lot of reporters.

2 Can you fill me _____ on what happened while I was on leave?

3 The teacher reeled _____ the answers so quickly I couldn't keep up with what he said.

4 The college is calling _____ volunteers to help with the charity event this weekend.

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7 Circle the correct words.

0 Walking through the bustling marketplace is a real **fight** / **assault** on the senses.

1 My favourite dessert came **mounted** / **topped** with a delicious chocolate sauce.

2 It's important to give new bands a **blast** / **shot** as you might be missing out on something amazing.

3 The meal was a modern **make** / **take** on a classic and we absolutely loved it.

4 The café has a **sole** / **unique** atmosphere which is partly down to its lighting and décor.

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HOW TO …

8 Complete the sentences with the missing words.

0 I think there's a **f l a w** in your argument. You haven't considered all the points.

1 Maybe we're talking at **c _ _ s _** purposes here? I meant today, not next Monday.

2 **F_ i _** enough. That's a good reason for thinking about other options.

3 It's an interesting point, but I'm afraid I **b _ _** to differ.

4 Your comment about the timeline was very interesting. I'd never **c _ n _ _ d _ _ e _** that.

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9 Circle the correct words.

0 You're looking at things the wrong way **about** / (**round**). Think of it from my point of view for a moment.

1 That's an excellent way of **making** / **putting** it. I wish I'd thought of that myself.

2 Regarding the plans for the new park, I'm definitely **beside** / **with** you there.

3 I **take** / **agree** your point about the cost of the plane tickets. We could always consider driving.

4 You make a good point, and I couldn't agree **further** / **more** about delegating some of the responsibility.

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TOTAL: ___ / 40

x 1.25 = ___ / 50

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Part B • Listening, Reading and Writing

LISTENING

1 [Audio UT2.01] Listen to an extract from a talk about voice banks. Tick [✓] the points (1–4) that are mentioned and put a cross [x] beside those which are not.

0 the double meaning of a common phrase ✓

1 Stephen Hawking winning an international award ___

2 the causes of Motor neurone disease ___

3 the type of voice the scientist's device gave Hawking ___

4 examples of famous voices recorded in the Voicebank ___

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2 [Audio UT2.01] Listen again. Complete the sentences with UP TO THREE WORDS or a NUMBER.

0 A person can lose their voice when their **___muscle control___** is weak or has disappeared.

1 A famous scientist started using a special speech device in _____.

2 In the first stages of its development, the Voicebank needed as many as _____ sentences to be specially recorded to craft a voice.

3 Where motor control is very weak, or non-existent, _____ can be used to trigger speech conversion.

4 The first crafted voices were exclusively _____.

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READING

3 Read a blog about London. Tick [✓] the points (1–4) that are mentioned and put a cross [x] beside those that are not.

0 the most popular sights for tourists in London ✓

1 the popularity of visiting many cities in a short time ___

2 some famous memorials to visit ___

3 a fashionable road in London ___

4 ways of travelling across London ___

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Alice's Blog – The Real City

I've heard this comment (or something similar) time and time again when I **say I'm from London – 'London? Yes, I know it well. Spent a weekend** there a few years ago. Great place.'

So, they 'know' it well? Really? What it most likely means is that this person's seen the flashy, tourist side of the city. They've been to Tower **Bridge, shopped along Oxford Street, maybe dropped into a museum** or two and possibly ogled art installations in the Tate Modern. They probably **have photographs galore of buildings like the Shard and the Houses of** Parliament and selfies of themselves by the lions in Trafalgar Square. Right, **so they 'know' London?**

The truth is that people like these have just skimmed the city's highlights. As **part of the current trend for some tourists to see as many cities as** possible in a short time – it's difficult to understand what perception of a city **might linger after such a rapid stopover. I feel a sadness for what** these tourists are missing out on.

A city is so much more than its sights. Most big cities have grown, changed and developed over centuries and the traumas and triumphs of their **history are etched in their buildings and streets. For a city dweller to** really know their own city would take dedication and time; for a tourist it's an **impossibility.**

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However, tourists can make even a short visit more memorable and **enriching but it takes research and planning. It's the hidden gems,** many of which are within reach of the main sights, that can give a flavour of **a particular city and its culture. If we take London as an example, near** St Paul's cathedral is a tiny square with a small monument commemorating **those who lost their lives attempting to save others. Or a visit to trendy** Brick Lane will put you close to the area haunted by Jack the Ripper. A **guided tour can take you down those streets, giving visitors a taste of** the real city.

London is my city, and I still can't say that I 'know' it even though I've travelled its length and breadth and uncovered many of its secrets. Its **history is rich with both disasters and unparalleled innovations which** can be seen and felt in every corner.

And something, that for me is the real essence of London, is the coming together of so many different cultures, now and in the past – all **leaving their mark on the city in various ways. The juxtaposition of so** many cultural elements – the smells of different foods, the sounds of **different accents, dialects and languages, the colours of different** clothes – informs a vibrant tapestry that showcases this bustling metropolis. **If a visitor can take away just a small sense of that, the memory will** linger long after all the sights of one city have melded into a dozen others.

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4 Read the blog again. Circle the answer (A or B) that best completes each sentence.

0 In the first paragraph, the blogger believes that

A tourists are given the wrong information in guidebooks.	B tourists think they know more about London than they actually do.

1 What is the blogger's attitude to short visits to a range of cities?

A She regrets being unable to do it herself.	B She cannot imagine what benefits there might be.

2 According to the blogger,

A cities reflect all aspects of their past.	B city inhabitants usually know their city well.

3 The blogger's advice to tourists is that

A they should not choose a specific company to organise their tours.	B they do not need to go very far to see interesting parts of a city.

4 The blogger feels that the beating heart of London is in

A its history and architecture.	B its variety of cultures.

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