

## UNIT 1: LANGUAGE TEST B

## GRAMMAR

Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

## Childhood holidays

My parents (1) ..... (never, be able to) afford much in the way of holidays in expensive places. Our holidays (2) ..... (consist) of a week or two visiting relatives. Fortunately, the relative that we usually visited was my mother's aunt, whom everybody called 'Aunt Tee'. I don't know why she (3) ..... (call) that, because her real name (4) ..... (be) Jane.

Nothing (5) ..... (compare) to the thrill of getting into the car and starting on the road. Just outside of town was a railroad siding where two old locomotives stood, and it was always very exciting to hear again how our great grandfather George (6) ..... (drive) one of them. We (7) ..... (always, wait) to reach the point where mother (8) ..... (tell) us that we were passing 'Moving Mountain', where there was such continual sliding of rock and dirt from the side of the hill onto the road, that it seemed the mountain (9) ..... (actually, move). Of course, we (10) ..... (never, see) the mountain move, but just knowing that it (11) ..... (do) was excitement enough.

After that, we knew that we were only a few miles away. All eyes (12) ..... (glue) to the landscape ahead, because it was a great achievement to be the first one to catch sight of the old castle, the most notable landmark of the town, which (13) ..... (not, use) for several decades. There, the castle (14) ..... (stand out), miles away, (15) ..... (tell) us that we were nearly there.

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## VOCABULARY

## Task 1

Complete the sentences with the correct words.

The first letter of each word is given.

16 They proposed a c..... model of change; one which was yet to become a concrete model.

17 What we are planning to use in the movie is c..... technology never seen in the UK before.

18 The memory test was looking at how well the participants were able to remember famous brands even if they looked different or had been slightly m.....

19 It is a rare piece of research focusing on long-term memory, but it is so seriously f..... that the data it provides is meaningless.

20 It is very u..... to find out someone that you know is potentially losing their memory.

21 The trio tested their new creation and found it o..... as intended.

22 She stayed i..... and only described the candidates based on their suitability for the role and nothing else.

23 A s..... amount of forgetfulness was observed. It was certainly a significant amount.

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## Task 2

Complete the collocations in the sentences.

24 Our brain usually keeps memories but sometimes tries to ..... memories that are unpleasant.

25 My goal is to raise ..... of how exercise benefits cognitive health.

26 In this course we show you how much you can do to ..... facts and figures to memory, ready to recall them later in exams.

27 I still remember how my mum used to ..... out whenever my sister came back one second after it got dark.

28 It is amazing what can ..... a memory. It could be something as simple or as powerful as a smell.

29 Working memory ..... a vital role in social, emotional functioning.

30 We loved that documentary which depicted the ..... effect of one small act of kindness and how that one small act continues on and on.

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## USE OF ENGLISH

## Task 1

Use the word given in capitals at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

**Dreams**

Dreams occur in all stages of sleep, but they seem to become (31) ..... fragmented as the night progresses. In general, they appear to be constructed out of a mishmash of prior experience. Dreams contain (32) ..... memory fragments: places we've been, faces we've seen, situations that are (33) ..... familiar. These fragments can either be pasted together in a semi-random mess or organised in a structured and (34) ..... way. Simply thinking about where these memory fragments are coming from and how they are connected together may provide an explanation for the (35) ..... between early and late-night dreams. (36) ..... of how it happens, it is clear that dreams not only replay memory fragments but also create brand-new, highly (37) ..... mixtures of memories and knowledge. Although we don't quite understand how dreams achieve this type of innovative (38) ..... of material, it seems clear that the (39) ..... brain is somehow freed of constraints and can thus create whole sequences of free (40) .....

**INCREASE****CONNECT****PARTIAL****REAL****DIFFER****RESPECT****CREATE****COMBINE, SLEEP****ASSOCIATE** 10

## Task 2

Read the text and complete the gaps with one word only.

**Solo travelling**

If I told you I wanted to travel alone in Latin America for three months, what's the first thing that pops into your head? Now imagine what my mum thought when I, her only child who doesn't speak Spanish, told her that. That was three months ago. Now I'm in Mexico, (41) ..... I've almost finished my trip and nothing bad has happened to me. So here are a couple of tips for travelling solo: Always do your research; don't just read travellers' blogs, use reliable sources and stick (42) ..... factual information so you can feel prepared. Bear in mind that there are always some articles online that discuss extreme situations, that are inaccurate or (43) ..... stuff up to scare people. For example, I was a little concerned (44) ..... Cuba before I read up on the current state of affairs and found out (45) ..... it was changing. Remember to call your family and friends (46) ..... time to time. Maybe surprise them and go old-school (47) ..... sending a postcard (it's in the mail, Mum!). Maintaining a strong connection with the people (48) ..... know you best is important. Make friends and hang around with them. Be with others at night (49) ..... than being alone. Be wise and use common sense. Once you feel safe and confident, you can focus (50) ..... the magical experiences and wonder that come with travelling.

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