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Progress Test 4: Units 7–8

Reading and Use of English

Part 1 Multiple-choice cloze

For questions **1–8**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Example:

0 **A** <u>stores</u> **B** brands **C** departments **D** counters

A new kind of 'window shopping'

The changing face of our town centres means that more and more **(0)** ____ are standing empty in the high streets these days. Their aisles are deserted and the **(1)** ____ at the checkouts are quiet. The empty shop windows are **(2)** ____ and discourage shoppers. Many people today **(3)** ____ driving to out-of-town shopping centres where all the shops are under one roof. I like going into town, but my heart **(4)** ____ when I see yet another abandoned shop. **(5)** ____, town planners now want to do something that will make towns **(6)** ____ again. An unusual idea to combine exercise and shopping is becoming popular. In Manchester recently, an empty shop became a 'pop-up' squash shop and soon there may be **(7)** ____ places like this across the UK. Squash is an ideal sport for small spaces, and it's a great sport to do for a short time. People walking by will hopefully be encouraged into these places to **(8)** ____ part themselves.

1	**A** receipts	**B** tills	**C** trolleys	**D** tins
2	**A** frequent	**B** impressive	**C** unattractive	**D** bustling
3	**A** rather	**B** choose	**C** go	**D** prefer
4	**A** drops	**B** sinks	**C** falls	**D** crashes
5	**A** However	**B** Because	**C** Although	**D** Otherwise
6	**A** prosperous	**B** industrial	**C** affordable	**D** shabby
7	**A** plenty	**B** lots	**C** numerous	**D** significant
8	**A** give	**B** put	**C** make	**D** take

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Part 2 Open cloze

For questions **1–8**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**0**). Write your answers in **CAPITAL LETTERS**.

Example: 0 *TIME*

Subject: visit to New York

Well, it won't be long before it's **(0)** _____ to get the flight to New York. It **(1)** _____ be great to see you again. It seems ages since we **(2)** _____ met up in London. Mind you, I've got lots of things to do **(3)** _____ I set off. I haven't forgotten your wish list and I'm **(4)** _____ to get you different types of teas and a T-shirt with the Tower of London on it. Remember **(5)** _____ we went to watch the Queen go past on the Thames for her Diamond Jubilee? **(6)** _____ I remember most is the cold and the rain! I hope you've ordered some good weather for my visit. And don't plan too many things for us to do while I'm in New York. Quite honestly, I would much **(7)** _____ you relaxed because I know you've had a busy time recently. I'm pretty tired too so I'm likely **(8)** _____ sleep the whole way over on the plane.
See you soon!

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Part 6 Gapped text

You are going to read a magazine article about a future space project. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A–G** the one which fits each gap (**1–6**). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

A That simple but important fact moves this idea from laughable to believable.

B Another problem is the radiation in space, which can damage organs and increase the risk of disease.

C This rare opportunity, when the planets are at their closest, will not arise again until 2031.

D And this belief just puts more pressure on Tito, who estimates the cost as being similar to that of a mission to the ISS.

E As a voyage of human discovery, it will be the most significant journey in the history of our species.

F Because of this, part of the capsule will detach before they come back into Earth's atmosphere.

G However, this time he is not intending to fly himself.

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Mission to Mars

A US millionaire who in 2001 became the first private space tourist has released ambitious plans to fund a manned mission to Mars when the planets are in the right positions in 2018. Dennis Tito, 72, a former rocket scientist who made his fortune through investments, said his Mission for America wants to encourage a new era of space exploration.

Tito, who became the first private space tourist when he paid the Russians $20m for a ticket to the International Space Station (ISS) in 2001, outlined his plans in Washington DC. 1 Instead, a man and a woman – probably a married couple – will make the journey.

The trip will take advantage of the alignment of the planets in January 2018 to fly around Mars and return to Earth in the relatively short time of 501 days. 2 Tito said he would be willing to fund the mission for a set period of time, and he hopes to raise the rest of the money from donations from private investors, media and potentially through selling scientific data to NASA. 'There is no time to lose,' he said. 'Now is the time.'

Tito has put together an excellent, experienced team, including Jonathan Clark, a former NASA flight surgeon. Keith Cowing, editor of the NASA Watch website, said: 'Unlike the large number of space commerce companies that have been on and off the news in recent months, this effort has a great deal of cash behind it – from the start. 3 '

The mission, likely to launch in January 2018, aims to take a man and woman from the US to fly within 100 miles of the Martian surface, and return them safely to Earth. 'The planned journey is known as a "free return": once fired into space, the capsule will swing around Mars and come back to Earth. 4 ,' said Anu Ojha, director of the UK National Space Academy.

However, the mission faces significant difficulties. The human body adapts to space by losing muscle and bone, and astronauts need daily exercise on machines to slow this down. Finding room for those machines is crucial. 5 How the body and mind respond to these issues of deep space travel is essentially unknown, but the mission could provide much-needed information on how human physiology copes with the environment. 'What we learn scientifically about Mars will be minimal, but what we learn about human physiology will rewrite the textbooks,' Ojha said.

Many experts say the mission will succeed or fail depending on Tito's ability to raise funds. 6 He said: 'Let me be clear, I will come out a lot poorer as a result of this mission, but my grandchildren will come out a lot richer for the inspiration it will give them.'

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Listening

Part 2 Sentence completion

You will hear a holiday representative talking to new guests at an apartment complex in Barbados. For questions **1–10**, complete the sentences.

It only takes about **(1)** ..... to reach the nearest beach.

The earliest time for breakfast is **(2)** ..... .

The tourists can buy food in the town which is **(3)** ..... from the hotel.

In a typical meal at a local restaurant **(4)** ..... courses are included in the price.

The name of the person to contact regarding problems with the apartments is **(5)** ..... .

She warns the tourists of a dangerous **(6)** ..... which can be found on the island.

The tourists are provided with a **(7)** ..... in which they can find information about regular trips.

Mandy will see the guests every **(8)** ..... and Thursday.

She advises the tourists not to bargain with sellers in **(9)** ..... .

The guests are offered the use of **(10)** ..... for protection.

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Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. You can use some of the verbs more than once.

come	put	take	get	turn	fall	go	know	break	find

1 My grandfather is eighty-five and he always _____ a nap in the afternoons.

2 You know that exercise is doing you good if you _____ into a sweat!

3 I can't imagine myself _____ on a cruise until I'm a lot older and can't travel so easily.

4 Thousands of supporters _____ out to say goodbye to the footballer who was retiring.

5 There was no one to _____ delivery of the new washing machine so it went back to the factory.

6 I failed my driving test twice so I'm not going to _____ myself through that again.

7 We _____ across some interesting information about where to go in Paris on a website.

8 You said Martin's moved to Scotland, but do you _____ that for certain?

9 It's always hard to _____ asleep the night before an important exam.

10 If I go out late on a weekday night, I _____ it difficult to concentrate the next day.

11 The teacher _____ an end to all the rumours and said she was leaving next term.

12 There aren't many cities where people still use trams to _____ about.

Writing

Part 2 Email

This is part of an email you have received from your English friend, Dan.

> I'm coming with my mum and dad for a week's break in your country next month. Unfortunately, it's when you're off on your holiday to America! Can you suggest a pretty part of your country to visit? We'd like to stay in a country hotel but we'll be in the car so we can travel around a bit and visit some interesting sights.
>
> Thanks
>
> Dan

Write your **email** in **140–190** words.

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