3 Progress Check

Reading

1 **Read the text and match the headings A-H to the paragraphs 1-7. One heading is extra.**

1 ☐
If you hate airports, you've probably never been to Changi Airport in Singapore. Changi is the airport most often voted best in the world, and it's not hard to understand why.

2 ☐
Changi Airport has two free cinemas, free computer games, free music video and CD listening stations, and a free karaoke-style music studio. There's a roof-top swimming pool for people who fancy a swim, a two-storey indoor tropical butterfly garden to relax in, and a sports area to watch the latest sports news. There are also 500 free Internet stations; free foot- and leg-massage machines; and for transit passengers who have more than five hours to spare before their next connecting flight, there are even free bus tours of Singapore city!

3 ☐
But that's not all. Changi Airport also has a fitness centre and spas where you can get massages and beauty treatments, including 'fish pedicures' where small fish eat the dead skin off your feet! Add to this, 290 tax-free shops, 110 food outlets and a four-storey-high indoor slide for kids and you'll see why Changi Airport is a popular destination even for Singaporeans too. Indeed, many go to Changi Airport at weekends just to shop, dine and enjoy the facilities!

4 ☐
Providing travellers with the best possible travel experience has definitely paid off for the airport. Since opening in 1981, Changi has won over 370 international 'best of' awards.

5 ☐
Many travellers now deliberately choose Singapore as their transit point just because of Changi. Others deliberately arrange their flights so they will have as long a stopover there as possible.

6 ☐
In addition to its amazing range of amenities, the level of service offered at Changi is second-to-none. At Changi Airport there are freshly-cut orchids in the bathrooms. There are even touch screens beside the bathroom sinks so travellers can send text messages to supervisors when toilet paper runs out!

7 ☐
Changi has changed the way travel is done and has set the benchmark for service excellence. It is unique because it offers regular travellers the kinds of perks and first-class luxury usually given only to first-class travellers. Little wonder then that Changi is one of only a handful of airports in the world where passengers are actually happy if their flight is delayed. After all, at what other airport can you go for an open-air swim and get your feet cleaned by fish?

A Maintaining a high standard
B Better outside than in
C A true pioneer
D An airport to change your opinion
E Travel plans are carefully made
F Hugely appealing to locals
G Traveller satisfaction is paramount
H No need to stay inside

Listening

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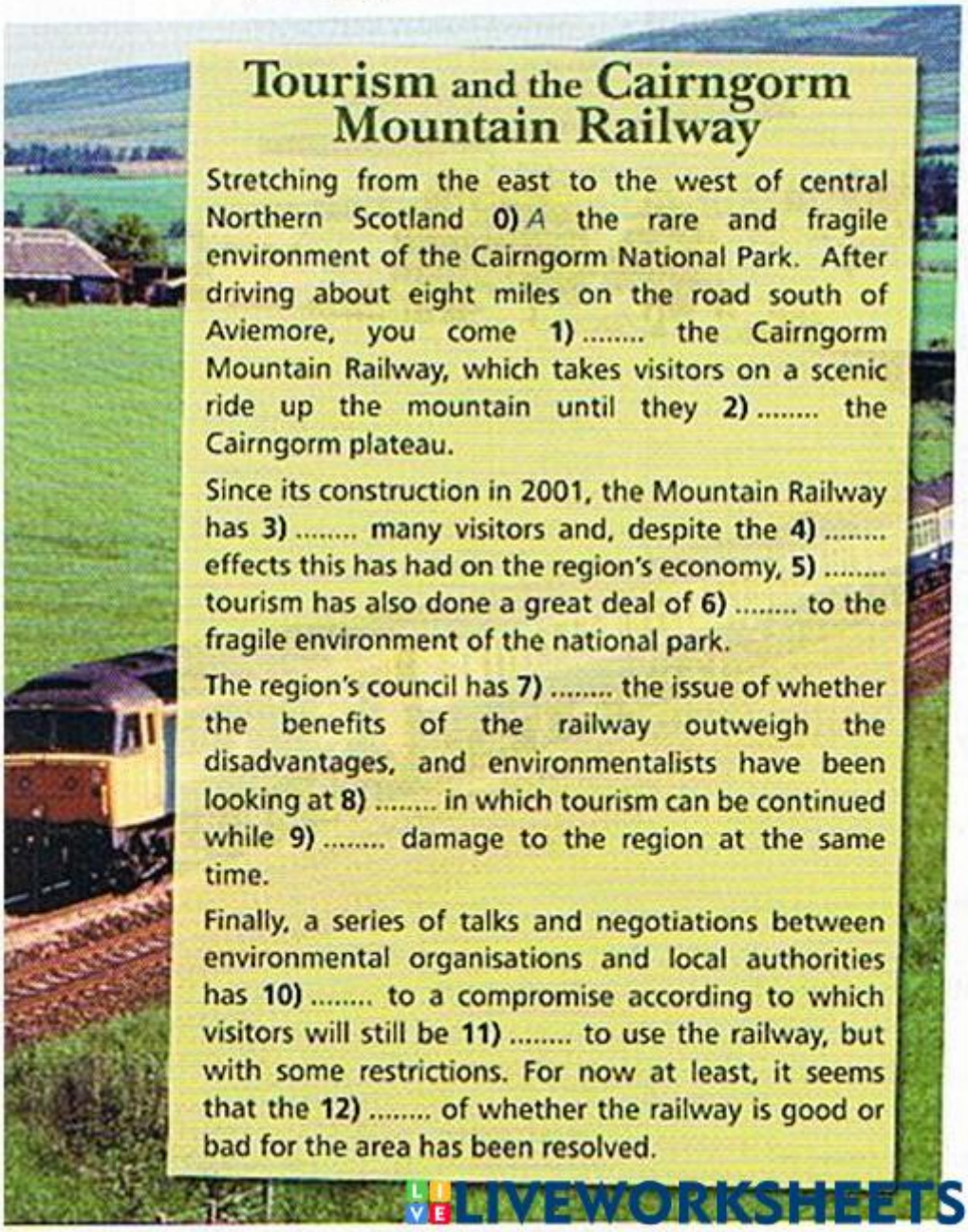
Language Knowledge 3

1 For questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C, D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).



Tourism and the Cairngorm Mountain Railway

Stretching from the east to the west of central Northern Scotland **0)** *A* the rare and fragile environment of the Cairngorm National Park. After driving about eight miles on the road south of Aviemore, you come **1)** ..... the Cairngorm Mountain Railway, which takes visitors on a scenic ride up the mountain until they **2)** ..... the Cairngorm plateau.

Since its construction in 2001, the Mountain Railway has **3)** ..... many visitors and, despite the **4)** ..... effects this has had on the region's economy, **5)** ..... tourism has also done a great deal of **6)** ..... to the fragile environment of the national park.

The region's council has **7)** ..... the issue of whether the benefits of the railway outweigh the disadvantages, and environmentalists have been looking at **8)** ..... in which tourism can be continued while **9)** ..... damage to the region at the same time.

Finally, a series of talks and negotiations between environmental organisations and local authorities has **10)** ..... to a compromise according to which visitors will still be **11)** ..... to use the railway, but with some restrictions. For now at least, it seems that the **12)** ..... of whether the railway is good or bad for the area has been resolved.

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3 Language Knowledge

Grammar

4 **Choose the correct item.**

1 "Your sweater has shrunk."
"It didn't ..... occur to me to check the label and I washed it in hot water."
A even **C** never
B still **D** somewhat

2 "Why are you all excited?"
"Jane's coming home from college ..... than we expected!"
A even early **C** very earlier
B too early **D** much earlier

3 After training for 3 years, she got a job ..... a certified nurse.
A of **B** like **C** as **D** for

4 "I don't see any reason why we shouldn't go by plane."
"Well, my ..... concern is the cost."
A most great **C** great
B greatest **D** greater

5 He boasted ..... the tournament five years in a row.
A to have won **C** from his winning
B for having won **D** about having won

6 Jonathan keeps fit ..... working out three times a week.
A by **B** with **C** from **D** at

7 The weather forecaster reported that temperatures in the area had reached 42°C and ..... by 5°.
A expected to rise
B expected that it will rise
C were expected that it rose
D were expected to rise

8 "I don't think Greg is used to working shifts."
"Actually, ..."
A neither am I **C** so am I
B me, too **D** I don't either

9 There was ..... much thick smoke that they couldn't see across the hallway.
A so **B** such **C** too **D** very

10 "Do you remember ..... the heating before you left the office?"
"Yes, first I switched off the heating and then the lights."
A turning off **C** turn off
B to turn off **D** turning off

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3 Language Knowledge

Vocabulary

5 **Choose the correct item.**

1 Please let us know if you are unable to ..... the meeting.
A intend **B** present **C** attend **D** visit

2 The mayor has made ..... for people with disabilities.
A provision **C** adjustment
B expansion **D** arrangement

3 The police said that the driver of the mini bus was at ..... .
A error **B** guilt **C** mistake **D** fault

4 It's difficult to predict the weather ..... .
A exactly **C** accurately
B evenly **D** perfectly

5 The windows of our house are all ..... with security locks.
A furnished **C** attached
B fitted **D** decorated

6 Physics, Chemistry and Maths are ..... related subjects.
A widely **B** carefully **C** heavily **D** closely

7 I bought this leather coat at a ..... of the original price.
A fraction **B** sample **C** part **D** portion

8 Nobody can ..... that Mozart was one of the best composers of his time.
A defend **B** assume **C** dispute **D** examine

9 Members of our club share a ..... interest in art.
A joined **C** cooperative
B combined **D** common

10 The kind of iPhone you buy is ..... dependent on the money you have to spend.
A quite **B** very **C** entirely **D** alone

11 Don't ..... the problem; it's not that serious and it should be easy to solve.
A extend **C** enlarge
B overestimate **D** exaggerate

12 Joshua was ..... from the quiz show after he got five answers wrong.
A eliminated **C** deported
B expelled **D** evicted

13 My parents don't ..... of me staying out after midnight.
A approve **C** agree
B prove **D** consent

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