Grammar

Passive – all verb tenses

1 Read the sentences. Write *P* for passive and *A* for active.

1 ☐ Companies use artificial intelligence to analyse data and make informed decisions.
2 ☐ Treatment plans are developed by hospitals using advanced technology.
3 ☐ Customer service is provided by retailers using AI-powered chatbots.
4 ☐ Quality control is improved by manufacturers using robots.
5 ☐ Financial institutions use machine learning to detect and prevent fraudulent activities.
6 ☐ Transportation companies use computer systems to choose the best routes and schedules.
7 ☐ User-generated content is moderated by social media platforms using intelligent agents.
8 ☐ Educational institutions use deep learning to personalise learning experiences for students.
9 ☐ AI-generated images are now often used in advertising and social media.
10 ☐ Some robots work in restaurants, doing simple tasks like clearing plates.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct active or passive form of the verb in brackets.

1 Teenagers can _____ (access) the Internet from their smartphones.
2 Photos can _____ (attach) to social media posts easily.
3 Gaming experiences _____ (share) online.
4 Nick and Jonas _____ (upgrade) their gaming devices to play the latest games.
5 Social media accounts _____ sometimes _____ (hack into) for fun.
6 The girls like _____ (hang out) with their friends at the mall.
7 Gaming consoles can _____ (hook up) to the TV to play games.
8 _____ the school _____ (put up) posters to raise awareness about cyberbullying?
9 Did you know you can _____ (scroll) up and down to read your chat history?
10 They never _____ (shut down) their laptops when they're done with their homework.
11 Teenagers love _____ (sign up) for online courses to learn new skills.
12 Coding _____ (take up) as a hobby by many students.
13 Expensive smart phones _____ (buy) by all types of people.
14 Deejay _____ (read) about nanotechnology every day after class.

3 Rewrite the sentences in the passive voice.

1 The system will back up the data immediately.
2 The user accesses the database by entering a valid username and password.
3 You need to charge your phone.
4 The teacher attached the document to the email and clicked the send button.
5 Email from an unknown sender go to the spam folder.
6 The students ask questions in the group chat.
7 The class invited Sam to hang out after school.
8 An ex-student had hacked into the school database.
9 The IT department has upgraded the software to the latest version.

4 ERROR CORRECTION Read the text. Decide if the underlined verbs are correct or incorrect. Put a tick (✓) next to the correct verbs. Correct the incorrect ones.

Artificial intelligence (AI) (1) ☐ <u>has been changed</u> the way we live and work, but human creativity (2) ☐ <u>can't replace</u> by AI. Some repetitive jobs (3) ☐ <u>will be done</u> by AI. However, for the time being this will mainly be in large companies. It could take years for AI (4) ☐ <u>to be implemented</u> into work processes in smaller businesses since changing systems (5) ☐ <u>is been</u> very expensive. In some countries, education systems (6) ☐ <u>are being changed</u> to include more training on AI, since this will be so important for jobs in the future.

Impersonal passive

5 Reorder the words to make sentences.

1 he / is / super robot / that / said / a / invented / it
2 is believed / it / she / lives / school / the / near / that
3 any / was / there / hoped / that / it / problems / be / won't
4 students / on / arrive / that / was / expected / it / time / all
5 it / that / claimed / close / will / school / the / is
6 is / artificial / thought / that / the / is / intelligence / future / it
7 study / hoped / students / was / it / time / that / the / to / have
8 arrive / morning / in / Mradula / expected to / the / is / at / laboratory / the

Writing

Part 2 – Article

1 **Read the exam task below. Answer the questions.**

1 What will you write about?
2 Who will read your article?
3 What is the best style for this kind of writing?

You have seen the following post on an English-language website.

Articles wanted!

Space exploration and sustainability

How can space exploration save the planet?
What are the chances of colonising other planets?
Would young people like to live in other planetary systems?

Write us an article answering these questions.

We will publish the best articles on our website and social media profile.

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

2 **Read this sample answer to the task in exercise 1. Answer the questions.**

1 How does the writer try to interest the reader?
2 Do you think the article is interesting?
3 What do you think the style is? Formal or informal? Serious or humorous? Personal or impersonal?
4 What descriptive language does the writer use?

3 **Put a tick (✓) next to essential characteristics of an article. You can tick more than one.**

1 ☐ It is informal.
2 ☐ It always has a clear organisation.
3 ☐ It has a title.
4 ☐ It can be humorous and thought-provoking.
5 ☐ It contains neutral language.

The future of space exploration

Space exploration has been a hot topic for decades, and for good reason. But can space exploration really save the planet?

While space exploration can help us understand our planet better, it can't turn back the damage we've already done. However, it can give us the knowledge and tools we need to prevent further damage and make the world a more sustainable place.

As for colonising other planets, the chances are pretty slim at the moment. It's a massive undertaking that would require enormous resources and technology that we don't yet have. While the idea of exploring new worlds is exciting, leaving behind everything we know and love on Earth is a frightening prospect. But who can say what the future holds? Maybe one day we'll be able to call another planet home.

So, while space exploration might not save our planet or offer us an easy way out, it does provide us with a sense of hope and possibility. Who knows what we might discover out there in the vast expanse of space? There are so many possibilities, and that's something worth exploring.

4 **Read the exam task in exercise 1 again. Write your own article in 140–190 words.**

Summative practice

1 Read the blog and choose the correct alternative.

Fascinating scientific studies

When some players (1) *give / were given* twice as much money as the other players, they acted more rudely towards their opponents. They also argued that they (2) *had won / had been won* through strategy and skill.

In one study, it (3) *claimed / was claimed* by 68% of participants that their phone was buzzing.

In fact, it wasn't buzzing at all. This (4) *calls / is called* 'phantom vibration syndrome'.

It (5) *is believed / is believing* that walking can increase creativity. A study showed that people felt 60% more creative when they (6) *were walked / were walking* than sitting.

Facebook (7) *has been / will be* blamed for many things. Now some scientists say that depression can (8) *cause / be caused* by Facebook. Participants in the study felt less satisfied with their lives after spending a lot of time on the social networking site.

2 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

We asked young people on the street, 'What area of (1) _____ or technology would you like to study?'

Sophie: I'm fascinated by our DNA, and I'd like to study (2) _____.

Lea: I'm a (3) _____, so I'd have to say robotics.

Dan: I'm quite interested in (4) _____ reactions, but I find it so interesting to think about how we (5) _____ kept on the ground by gravity. So perhaps (6) _____ would be a better choice for me.

Polly: Probably computer science. I managed to fix our Wi-Fi (7) _____ when it (8) _____ hacked into, so I'm pretty good with that kind of stuff.

Marc: Oh, I already know that I want to be a (9) _____. I love learning about why we behave in different ways.

Speaking
Part 4

1 Complete the questions with the words in the box.

> artificial • back • chatbot • improved • scientific • Wi-Fi

1 What new _____ development are you excited about right now?
2 What are some potential dangers of _____ intelligence?
3 How can education be _____ by technology?
4 Have you ever used a _____ to get customer service online?
5 How often do you _____ up your photos and important files?
6 Have you tried using the _____ hotspot at the library?

2 Now answer the questions in exercise 1.

Useful expressions

Buying time to think
That's an interesting question.
I've never really thought about this, but I'd say…
Let me think…