TEST 3

TRANSPORT

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the sentences. Use the comparative or superlative form of the words in brackets.

Example: This is *the tallest* (tall) building in the world.

1 The subway in Seoul is _____ (modern) one I've ever been on.
2 What's _____ (quick) way to get around Moscow?
3 Are trains here _____ (expensive) as in Britain?
4 I think my old car was _____ (economical) than my new one.
5 Nice! You look much _____ (good) with shorter hair.
6 Unfortunately, my new office is just _____ (tiny) as my last one.
7 That was probably _____ (bad) coffee I've ever drunk!
8 Maria speaks _____ (slowly) than Isabella, so she's easier for me to understand.

2 Complete the email with *a*, *an*, *the*, or – (no article).

Dear Paula,
We're having a wonderful time here in Rome. We arrived yesterday afternoon, so we had time to find 1_____ nice little hotel and relax after 2_____ journey. 3_____ hotel is in 4_____ city centre, but it's not too noisy.
We woke up early this morning because 5_____ sun was shining in through the window. We had 6_____ quick breakfast (great coffee!) and then went out to explore 7_____ city.
Later, we're meeting Kathy's friend Pietro, who's 8_____ engineering student at university here. He's going to take us to 9_____ best pizzeria in Rome (at least he says it is!). I think 10_____ Italian cities are all wonderful, but I can't believe what 11_____ fabulous city Rome is!
We'll be back home 12_____ next Friday. See you soon!
Love,
Julie

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VOCABULARY

3 Complete the compound nouns in the sentences.

Example: Watch out for the speed *camera* when you drive out of town.

1 I never drive during the _____ hour because the traffic is so bad.
2 Can you believe that drivers didn't wear seat _____ in the past?
3 Excuse me, is there a petrol _____ near here?
4 I don't like riding my bike in towns with no cycle _____.
5 The _____ transport is excellent here. You don't need a car at all.
6 The queues at this taxi _____ are always long on Saturday nights.
7 It's annoying when cyclists go through a red traffic _____.
8 The speed _____ in many British towns is now as low as 20 mph.

4 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

Example: Are you listening *to* me?

1 Is there anything that you're really afraid _____?
2 I'm fed up _____ my job. I need a change.
3 Don't laugh _____ Billy when he's speaking French! He's trying really hard!
4 It can take ages to get to the city centre – it depends _____ the traffic.
5 This restaurant reminds me _____ the one we went to in Paris.
6 He used to be married _____ Petra.
7 Jenna is arriving _____ Cardiff on Saturday evening.

5 Complete the phrasal verbs in the sentences.

Example: Slow **d***own*! You're going way too fast!

1 We need to **s**_____ off for the airport at 6.00 if the flight is at 9.00.
2 We're going to **r**_____ out of petrol soon. There's very little left.
3 Watch **o**_____ for speed cameras on this road – you don't want to get caught.
4 My satnav wasn't working and I **e**_____ up in the wrong part of town.
5 If you want a lift home, I could **p**_____ you up outside the supermarket.

READING

1 Read the opinions about cycling in cities and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

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Pieter – Utrecht, The Netherlands

I cycle to work every day because it is faster than driving. By bike, I can be at work in 16 minutes. By car, I have to use a longer route that takes around 37 minutes. I know that the bike culture in the Netherlands is very different to, say, the USA. Here, everyone learns to cycle from a very young age. There's an old Dutch expression: 'You're not made of sugar.' It means 'the rain won't hurt you, so go outside and get on with things!' In Utrecht, we don't see bikes as fashion items or a way to save the planet, they're just a way to get from A to B. Most people don't wear helmets, and that's fine. Personally, though, I think things can still be improved. For example, the company where I work doesn't provide any cycle parking with a roof, which can be annoying. And the car parks in the city centre are too cheap.

Rosa – Madrid, Spain

Madrid is the worst city in Spain for cyclists. Part of the problem is the hills, but also there is no cycling culture. There aren't many cycle lanes and drivers aren't used to seeing bikes. It can be scary! Did you know it's only compulsory to wear a cycle helmet in two countries in the whole world? Anyway, in the spring, I try to cycle to work once or twice a week. But in the summer, it is too hot, and I'm too worried about the traffic to cycle in the winter when the evenings are darker. Most of the time, I drive to work. I tried the metro, but the tickets were quite expensive and I have free parking at work, so…. I would like Madrid to be a better cycling city. Perhaps we can close some roads during the rush hour so that only cyclists can use them.

Artem – Copenhagen, Denmark

I'm a town planner here in bike-friendly Copenhagen. Since 2016, more bikes have been entering the city centre each day than cars. In my profession, we want to keep traffic moving. In the 20th century, the focus was on cars: 'How many cars can we get into the city centre?' Now, we concentrate more on the number of people, which means we think more about bikes and public transport. For example, in Copenhagen, 62% of people commute to work or school by bike and only 9% use a car. But even here, 54% of the physical space for transport is given to the car. In my opinion, the 'look' of cities in the future will be very different. For most people, how fast they can reach their destination is the most important thing. That's why it can be a mistake to promote the 'green' benefits of cycling. But for town planners, the environment is hugely important.

Example: Pieter's journey to work takes _____ if he cycles.

A 37 minutes ☐ B half the time ☑ C half an hour ☐

1 Pieter says _____ have different ideas about bikes.

A older people ☐ B people in the USA ☐ C younger people ☐

2 Pieter uses a Dutch expression about _____.

A the weather ☐ B children ☐ C roads ☐

3 Pieter thinks some people see bikes as _____.

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A dangerous ☐ B an accessory ☐ C for fit people only ☐

4 Pieter thinks the company where he works should have _____ for employees.

A less car parking ☐ B free bikes ☐ C better bike parking ☐

5 For Rosa, driving is _____ than cycling.

A faster ☐ B more expensive ☐ C safer ☐

6 Rosa worries about cycling _____.

A during rush hour ☐ B in the dark ☐ C up hills ☐

7 Rosa would like to change _____ to encourage more cyclists in Madrid.

A the metro system ☐ B the law ☐ C the roads ☐

8 According to Artem, there are _____ entering Copenhagen each day.

A more people than before ☐ B fewer cars than bikes ☐

C more commuters ☐

9 Today, town planners focus on the number of _____ moving around the city.

A cars ☐ B vehicles ☐ C people ☐

10 For most people, _____ doesn't affect their decision to cycle.

A the environment ☐ B speed ☐ C cost ☐

2 Write *P* for Pieter, *R* for Rosa, *A* for Artem.

Example: My city doesn't have a great bike culture. ***R***

1 Most children in my country learn how to cycle. _____

2 I am interested in the way cycling benefits the planet. _____

3 In my city, cycling is the most common way to commute to work. _____

4 Personally, I don't think helmets should be required by law. _____

5 For my journey to work, public transport is not the cheapest option. _____

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