

Progress test 1

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GRAMMAR

1 Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

- 1 Paola told _____ she would get a better grade if she worked harder, so she stayed home last night to study.
A yourself B herself C themselves
- 2 Visnav believed in his own ability to find a cure, so he pushed _____ to continue the lab testing even though his boss asked him to stop.
A themselves B yourself C himself
- 3 "If we pace _____, we'll be able to complete the project and have time to discuss the pros and cons," Sarah told her colleagues.
A ourselves B yourself C themselves
- 4 I sent _____ a copy of the reservation so I could easily access my flight details at the airport.
A yourself B herself C myself
- 5 Throughout history explorers have wanted to push _____, and finding new lands was a key objective for many.
A themselves B itself C herself

Score: / 5

2 Complete the sentences with a verb from the list and can to express a universal truth.

create do inspire spread switch

- 1 Some people _____ interesting pieces of art from trash.
- 2 Teachers who are enthusiastic about their subject matter _____ their students to study.
- 3 Forest fires _____ across thousands of acres in no time at all.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct future passive form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 The new design _____ (reveal) at tomorrow's meeting.
- 2 The results of the survey _____ (announce) after the last participant has given his or her answer.
- 3 The director explained that a bonus _____ (give) to the employees who perform the best and meet all their deadlines.
- 4 The remaining inventory _____ (ship) to the warehouse in Mexico City.
- 5 Any individuals who are caught setting forest fires _____ (arrest) and sent to jail.

Score: / 5

VOCABULARY

6 Match the synonyms.

rational	mistake
extinguish	main
error	put out
dispute	logical
primary	argue

Score: / 5

7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words. There are three extra words.

acknowledge beneficial categories extinguish reluctant rural threaten
tradition

- 1 The _____ of glassblowing has been passed down through the generations.
- 2 The witnesses were _____ to say who had started the fire, so they said they hadn't seen anyone.
- 3 There are different _____ to describe ways of learning; for example, some people are visual learners, while others learn through action.

- 4 Natural wildfires are _____ to the forest because they give new plants the opportunity to grow.
- 5 Tomas prefers to live in a _____ environment because he likes wide open spaces with few people.

Score: / 5

8 Choose the correct synonym for each underlined word.

- 1 Because the fire damage was so costly, we had to ask for donations to help pay for new furniture.
- A cheap
B expensive
C slight
- 2 The outcome of the study was desirable, so it wasn't difficult to convince more people to participate.
- A wanted
B surprising
C unhelpful
- 3 We finally got a concrete answer from our manager to go ahead with our design plans.
- A unsure
B logical
C definite
- 4 Many explorers did not treat the indigenous population with respect, and as a result, there are a lot of social issues in my country today.
- A native
B guest
C older
- 5 Many old buildings are being demolished downtown in order to make way for new shops.
- A remodeled
B destroyed
C transformed

Score: / 5

There they stayed in desperate conditions until finally, nearly a year and a half later, in April 1916, Shackleton led the men in three small boats to Elephant Island, off the southern tip of Cape Horn. The island was uninhabited, and the men had little hope of getting rescued and feared the worst was yet to come.

But Shackleton refused to give up, and led a team of five out on the water again, back toward South Georgia. Sixteen days later they arrived, and Shackleton was able to organize a rescue effort and amazingly rescued the remaining crew members. Unbelievably, not one of the 28 men died during the 497 days they were stranded.

Shackleton made one last journey, in an attempt to circumnavigate the Antarctic. Sadly, he had a heart attack and died on his ship. This brave man is known today as a key figure in the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration.

11 Choose the purpose of each paragraph from the reading. There is one extra idea.

- A describes how they were saved
- B tells about Shackleton's final mission
- C describes Shackleton's feelings
- D explains where they went to survive
- E describes Shackleton's first two journeys
- F tells about how disaster struck

Paragraph 1 ☐

Paragraph 2 ☐

Paragraph 3 ☐

Paragraph 4 ☐

Paragraph 5 ☐

Score: / 5

- 1 By the beginning of the 20th century, explorers had already reached the South Pole. T / F
- 2 Ernest Henry Shackleton first set off for the South Pole in 1901. T / F
- 3 Shackleton's second trip to the South Pole ended in a similar way to his first. T / F
- 4 The weather conditions on his first trip were very difficult, so he turned back. T / F
- 5 Shackleton's crew stopped in South Georgia on the way to the South Pole. T / F
- 6 The *Endurance* hit ice on the way to South Georgia. T / F
- 7 The crew stayed on the *Endurance* for nearly a year and a half. T / F
- 8 In April, they left the floating ice for Elephant Island. T / F
- 9 Shackleton led a rescue effort and saved all his men. T / F
- 10 Shackleton eventually went on to circumnavigate the Antarctic. T / F

Score: / 10

READING 2

The spring and summer of 1910 in the western U.S. were extremely hot and dry. As a result, that year saw one of the largest wildfires in U.S. history, which burned about three million acres in Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

As wildfires continued to ravage vast areas of land throughout the U.S., early fire detection became a priority within the Forest Service. Fire towers were built high up on mountaintops or other vantage points as homes for fire "lookouts," whose job was to scan the area for smoke. If smoke was seen, the lookout would communicate the news and call for help.

But with new technology in the second half of the century, the fire towers were abandoned for newer methods of watching for fires. Helicopters and airplanes became more affordable, and improvements in radio made long-distance communication easier. Later, with satellite technology and cell phones, most fire towers fell into disrepair.

Today, however, many states are returning to the old way of watching for fires. There are many plans to replace existing towers and to build new ones. The towers will be staffed by volunteers during the height of fire season, which runs from March through May. State park officials say towers are as reliable and as practical now as when they were first built, at the beginning of the 20th century.

13 Read the text. Then choose the correct word or phrase that paraphrases each underlined word.

- 1 As wildfires continued to ravage vast areas of land throughout the U.S. ...
 - A destroy
 - B exist in
 - C create
- 2 ... early fire detection became a priority within the Forest Service.
 - A discovery
 - B extinguishing
 - C starting
- 3 These towers were built high up on mountaintops or other vantage points ...
 - A place with bare rock
 - B natural landmark
 - C position with a good view
- 4 ... whose job was to scan the area for smoke.
 - A look from left to right
 - B communicate with others
 - C draw maps to show details
- 5 But with new technology in the second half of the century, the fire towers were abandoned ...
 - A destroyed
 - B no longer used
 - C transformed
- 6 ... for newer methods of watching for fires.
 - A ways
 - B jobs
 - C forests

- 7 Helicopters and airplanes became more affordable ...
- A taken to new areas
 - B able to be bought
 - C interesting for the public
- 8 ... most fire towers fell into disrepair.
- A became interesting for history
 - B were in bad condition
 - C dropped to the ground
- 9 There are many plans to replace existing towers and to build new ones.
- A standing
 - B living
 - C new
- 10 State park officials say towers are as reliable and as practical now as when they were first built ...
- A providing good results every time
 - B easy to fix
 - C clean and tidy

Score: / 10

14 Complete the summary with words from the text.

One of the (1) _____ in U.S. history burned in the western states in 1910. Huge areas of land were destroyed, and soon after, officials in the Forest Service made early (2) _____ a priority. (3) _____ were built on (4) _____ tops or other high points for people to live in. Their job was to constantly watch the area for (5) _____ and call for help if necessary.

Score: / 5

WRITING

- 15 Write a short essay about your personality. Consider adjectives that describe yourself, what you like to do, and how you think others see you. First choose a brainstorming method and make notes. Then write your essay.

Score: / 10