

Gold Preliminary Progress Test 2

SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

1 Choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes the sentence.

I have just (1) _____ for a Chinese course at the local college. (2) _____ my father's parents are from China, my father came to England when he was very young and only speaks a little Chinese. He and my mother, who is Spanish, made sure that I learnt English, French and Spanish (3) _____ of Chinese. I'm good at languages, but my father thinks that Chinese is easily the most difficult language to learn. As (4) _____ as these languages, I'm also studying German now. I went up into the (5) _____ last week where I found old photographs of my father's family in China. I don't know much about my father's family (6) _____ of his refusal to talk about them. In the photos, they look very miserable as their clothes are old and (7) _____ out and they were living in a really poor neighbourhood. When I was at the college this morning, I found several interesting books about China (8) _____ sale in the bookshop. I'm planning to visit China next year, so I want to discover as much as I can about the country before I go.

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|---|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 | A revised | B dealt | C registered | D performed |
| 2 | A Despite | B Instead | C However | D Although |
| 3 | A instead | B because | C in spite | D despite |
| 4 | A good | B well | C much | D soon |
| 5 | A balcony | B basement | C attic | D garage |
| 6 | A because | B instead | C in spite | D in fact |
| 7 | A fit | B worn | C tried | D torn |
| 8 | A in | B with | C by | D on |

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SECTION 2: GRAMMAR

2 Complete the statements so they mean the same as the first statement. Use no more than three words.

- Of the three subjects I'm studying, English and history are very interesting for me, but maths isn't.
Maths is the _____ subject for me.
- This exercise is more difficult than the others in the book.
This is _____ exercise in the book.
- It's too cold to go swimming today.
It's not _____ go swimming today.
- The school was so big that he got lost on the first day.
It was _____ school that he got lost on the first day.
- The second film was less exciting than the first one.
The second film wasn't _____ the first one.

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3 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

Last year, John (1) _____ (go) to Australia for the first time in twenty years. He wanted to see the place where he (2) _____ (live) as a young child. Unfortunately, he (3) _____ (have) a frightening experience while he was on holiday. He (4) _____ (swim) in the sea one day when he suddenly

(5)_____ (see) a surfboard in front of him. Surprisingly, the board (6)_____ (come) towards him very fast. It knocked him under the water. When he got back to shore, he realised that he (7)_____ (be) very lucky because it was a shark that had hit him, not a surfboard!

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GRAMMAR

3 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct past simple or present perfect form.

We (1)_____ (visit) the local museum yesterday. We (2)_____ (be) surprised at how good it was. The museum (3)_____ (collect) an amazing number of interesting objects over the years. They have hundreds of ancient knives and spears, which archaeologists (4)_____ (just / dig) up from the hill fort just outside the town. Last month, someone even (5)_____ (find) some gold coins, but experts (6)_____ (not identify) how old they are yet. I (7)_____ (have) no idea that my town (8)_____ (be) so ancient. In fact, some of the objects are more than 5,000 years old. The museum (9)_____ (have) some objects for nearly 100 years, locked away in drawers and boxes. The new head of the museum (10)_____ (discover) them a few months ago and a special exhibition of these objects (11)_____ (be) open since last Saturday and many people (12)_____ (already / see) them

Section 4: Reading

5 Read the information about holiday homes for exchange. Decide if the sentences are correct. Put a tick ✓ in the box under A for YES or a tick ✓ under B for NO.

	A	B
	YES	NO
1 The four-bedroom house is quite near a swimming pool.	☐	☐
2 The owners of the four-bedroom house have a dog.	☐	☐
3 The modern flat is in a quiet street.	☐	☐
4 A gym is located near the modern flat.	☐	☐
5 The one-bedroom apartment is on the first floor.	☐	☐
6 The owners of the one-bedroom apartment do not have any pets.	☐	☐
7 The two-bedroom flat has a balcony.	☐	☐
8 Pets are not allowed in the two-bedroom flat.	☐	☐

Holiday home exchange

Enjoy a fantastic city holiday by exchanging your home with one of these fantastic homes in London.

Four-bedroom house

We have a lovely four bedroom house away from the city centre. There's a garage, a garden and antique furniture. The location offers easy access to several beautiful historical houses by road, with a leisure centre and pool just ten minutes away on foot. We have a dog that needs looking after.

Modern flat

I live on the top floor of an old town house in a busy street in central London. It's a small but very modern flat with blinds and wooden floors. There are lots of small art galleries nearby and a bus to Camden market. Just around the corner is a gym.

One-bedroom apartment

I have a quiet one-bedroom flat in the basement of a house in central London with good security. It's just two kilometres from the central cultural sites of London, including many theatres and galleries. There's a bus stop just down the road. I have a small black cat to feed.

Two-bedroom flat

We live in a large two-bedroom flat on the third floor of a block in the centre. There's a balcony, from which you can see many famous buildings, and luxury curtains and carpets in all rooms. Several popular London theatres are just a short walk away. We'd rather not have visitors with pets.

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SECTION 5: WRITING

6 Choose the correct alternative to complete the email.

Hi Gilly,

(1) *Just / Yet* a quick (2) *remember / reminder* about our holiday next week. I haven't been camping (3) *for / since* I was ten years old. Don't forget to bring your tent as mine is (4) *enough / too* small for all of us. I was thinking about what we could do on our holiday. We could go canoeing on the river. (5) *It's / It'd* be a great experience. You're not scared (6) *of / from* water, are you?

I (7) *can't / mustn't* wait to see you on Saturday.

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SECTION 6: SPEAKING

7 Talk to your teacher about your home town. You should:

- say where it is and how big it is
- describe the entertainment facilities
- explain how the town has changed over the years
- say why you think people should visit your home town