Progress Test 4

Reading

You are going to read an article about green walls. For questions 1-5, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Walls and walls of gardens

It's true that most cities need more green space. It helps us breathe cleaner air and it cheers us up. A Frenchman, Patrick Blanc, has created gardens that grow on the walls of buildings: green walls. His work is in the UK as well as the USA and Japan. People see the green walls and often ask: how do the plants grow on the walls and how to they get water?

Blanc has an interesting way of getting the plants to grow on the walls. He doesn't just throw dirt on the side of a building. He puts a special material on the wall for the plants to grow into, and this holds the plants in place. To water them, Blanc places metal pipes around the material, and water reaches the plants through these pipes. Plants also get water from rainy weather.

Green walls are a great idea because cities do not have many open spaces any more. However, there is no end to the amount of wall space, and many old buildings are not very nice to look at. When they have plants all over them, they look much better.

Green walls have become very popular. Blanc recently created one for fashion designer Stella McCartney. She used it at her fashion show in Paris when she presented her new collection. Also in Paris, Blanc placed a green wall on the art museum at Quai Branly, and he has put them on the sides of a hotel and a restaurant in London. Another one has appeared at a London shopping centre, although Blanc did not design it. This green wall goes along the side of a lane. It's quite long and visitors walk between the wall and the shops.

It shows how popular these green walls are, since other people are designing them.

In fact, for a small price, you can start your own green wall by yourself. A company has started selling small pieces of green walls for about £20. Each piece contains 16 plants and you can choose plants that are right up your alley. You can buy several pieces and cover a wall of your home. If more people like the idea of green walls, entire neighbourhoods may soon be full of them!

1 Where is Patrick Blanc from?
- A France
- B the UK
- C the USA
- D Japan

2 What does the word 'this' in paragraph 2 refer to?
- A a special material
- B the wall
- C the plants
- D dirt

3 In Paris, what did Blanc create a green wall for?
- A a hotel
- B a restaurant
- C a shopping centre
- D a fashion event

4 What is true about the green wall at the London shopping centre?
- A Blanc designed it.
- B You can buy a piece of it.
- C It's a rather long wall.
- D It covers the shops.

5 What does the company mentioned in the last paragraph do?
- A They create green walls for people.
- B They build homes with green walls.
- C They grow plants that are good for alleys.
- D They sell things to start a green wall.

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Vocabulary

1 **Circle the correct words.**

The people of the city and the countryside

People who live in the city get tired of the noise and pollution, and want to [1] **breathe / smell** fresh, clean air. That's when they decide to [2] **come by / head for** the countryside. Every weekend, thousands of people in the UK [3] **cross that bridge / hit the road** looking for a peaceful place where they can [4] **go / take** their dog for a walk, have a picnic or [5] **pick / choose** their own fruit. For many, getting away from the city at the weekend is something they look forward to all week.

On the other hand, those who live in the countryside often get bored because there isn't a lot to do there. People who live [6] **at / on** farms, in particular, have very quiet lives because they have to spend a lot of time on their land. Every day, they wake up very early. They have to [7] **eat / feed** their animals and look after them in the [8] **fields / woods**. Sometimes they are jealous [9] **for / of** city residents. They want to be [10] **fat cats / night owls**, to stay up late and have fun, just like city people! So when it's possible, they escape to the city.

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2 **Complete the words in the dialogues. The first letter is given to help you.**

1 **A:** Should we turn left or right at the c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _?
B: Hmmm ... maybe we should go straight.

2 **A:** Did you know that about 35% of Australia is d _ _ _ _ _?
B: Yes, it doesn't rain much there.

3 **A:** Where do you want to meet later?
B: How about in the t _ _ _ s _ _ _ _ _? We can go to the Italian café that is opposite the library.

4 **A:** I can't read that s _ _ _ _ _ _ _. What does it say?
B: London, 100 miles.

5 **A:** I don't want to walk down that small, dark a _ _ _ _ at night.
B: I agree. It could be dangerous.

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3 **Complete the sentences with these prepositions.**

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1 If it rains tomorrow, we will call _____ our trip to the countryside.
2 It was terrible. The forest was _____ fire and there was smoke everywhere.
3 A hill is similar _____ a mountain, but of course, it's much smaller.
4 When Ken's car broke _____ on the motorway, he didn't know what to do.
5 Farmer Brown is a strong man and he does all of the farm work _____ himself.

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4 **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in bold.**

1 It was very _____ that we got lost; we arrived at the farm very late. **FORTUNE**

2 The marathon race at the Olympic Games is _____ 42,195 kilometres. **EXACT**

3 We must make a _____ about where we want to live in the city or in the countryside? **DECIDE**

4 Aunt Kathleen's _____ from Ireland was a big event and all of her relatives went to meet her. **ARRIVE**

5 All of the _____ in Barcelona that Antoni Gaudí designed are amazing and you should visit them. **BUILD**

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Grammar

1 **Circle the correct words.**

1 You **couldn't / didn't have to** get up early today, Susan. It wasn't necessary.

2 No, you **can't / wouldn't** go to the city by yourself. You're too young to do that and I won't let you.

3 Jamie, you **should / will** spend less time in front of your computer screen. That's my advice to you!

4 **Could / Would** you like me to drive you to the shops, Grandma?

5 You **mustn't / won't be able to** drive through a red traffic light. If you do, you will be in trouble.

6 Joe **could / was able to** pick fruit when he went to the farm because his uncle hadn't picked it all.

7 It's a nice day today. We **could / will** have lunch in the garden. What do you think?

8 You **shall / need to** be more careful when you collect the eggs. Look! You've broken half of them!

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2 **Complete the dialogues with a modal verb.**

1 **A:** Please, Mum, _____ I go to the cinema in the town?
B: Yes. Have a good time.

2 **A:** _____ you drive a car when you were 18, Dad?
B: Of course!

3 **A:** You _____ remember to feed the animals!
B: I'm sorry. I won't forget again.

4 **A:** We didn't _____ walk all that way. Look. There's a bus!
B: Oh, no! We walked for nothing.

5 **A:** _____ we go to the park?
B: That's a good suggestion!

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3 **Circle the correct words.**

1 When you go to the countryside, you **enjoy / enjoyed** nature.
2 We **will see / would see** a lot of famous places if we travel through Greece.
3 If Lucy lived in Spain, she **will go / would go** swimming every day.
4 When Martin **visits / will visit** Paris, he will take a lot of photos.
5 If I were you, I **don't buy / wouldn't buy** a house in the city.
6 If you **like / liked** peace and quiet, don't go to New York!

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4 **Complete the conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

1 If drivers _____ (come) to a zebra crossing and someone is waiting, they must stop.
2 If I moved to the city, I _____ (find) more things to do at the weekend.
3 If Jackie _____ (go) to Majorca in the summer, she should take a hat with her.
4 We could drive to the mountains if our car _____ (not have) a problem.
5 When I take the bus to school, I _____ (be) always late.
6 You should go to the countryside if you _____ (want) to get some fresh air.

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Writing

You are visiting an exciting city with your family.

Write a postcard to your friend, telling him or her about the city, the things you are doing and the sights you have seen.

Write your postcard. (50-80 words)

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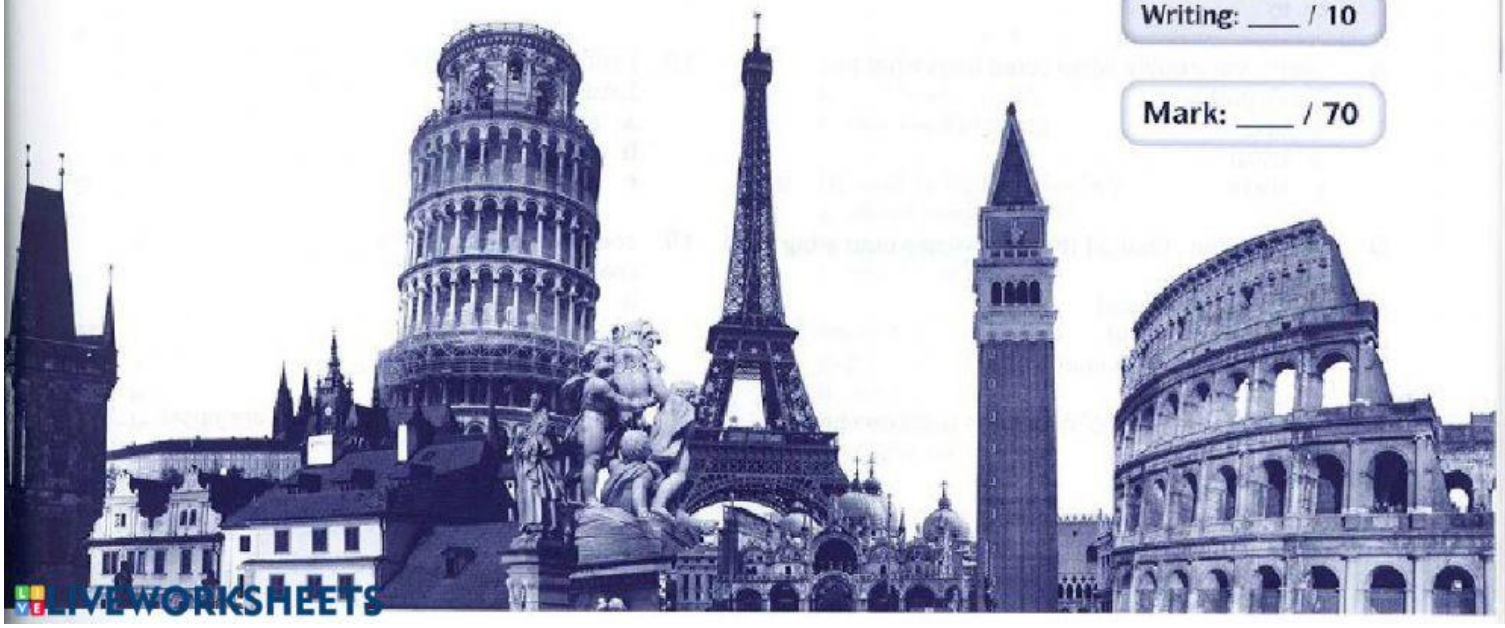

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