

Unit 4 Progress Test B

Grammar

1 Complete the comparative sentences so that they are true. Use the correct form of the adjectives in brackets and add any other necessary words.

- 1 A mouse is _____ (big) a rat.
- 2 Summer is _____ (warm) spring in the UK.
- 3 Midnight is _____ (early) noon.
- 4 A snake is _____ (long) a worm.
- 5 A tiger is _____ (dangerous) than a cat.
- 6 Ice is much _____ (cold) water.
- 7 A bicycle is _____ (expensive) a car.

Mark: ____ / 7

2 Read the fact file and complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives below. There is one extra adjective.

FACT FILE: Did you know?

- ◆ **The film *Avatar*:** made 2,787,965,087 US dollars
- ◆ **The Burj Khalifa in Dubai:** 830 metres
- ◆ **The blue whale:** up to 190 tonnes
- ◆ **The Mariana Trench, Pacific Ocean:** 10.994 km from the ocean surface to the bottom
- ◆ **Usain Bolt:** runs at 27.44 miles per hour over 100 metres
- ◆ **Chandra Bahadur Dangi from Nepal:** height 54.64 cm
- ◆ **Bologna University, Italy:** founded in 1088

deep fast high heavy old short successful tall

- 1 *Avatar* is _____ film ever.
- 2 The Burj Khalifa in Dubai is _____ building in the world.
- 3 The blue whale is _____ animal on the planet.
- 4 The Mariana Trench is _____ point in the Earth's oceans.
- 5 Usain Bolt is _____ man in the world.
- 6 Chandra Bahadur Dangi is _____ person on record.
- 7 Bologna University in Italy is _____ university in the world.

Mark: ____ / 7

3 Complete the answers to the questions. Use *too* or *enough* and the word in brackets.

- 1 Why didn't you make a cake last night? (flour)
Because there wasn't _____ left.
- 2 Did you pass your geography exam? (difficult)
Probably not. The questions were _____.
- 3 Can we go camping this weekend? (warm)
No, we can't. It isn't _____ for camping.
- 4 Would you like this desk in your bedroom? (space)
I would, but I haven't got _____.
- 5 Are we going by bus or by train? (slow)
I prefer the train. The bus is _____.
- 6 Shall we climb to the top of that hill? (tired)
Not now, we walked all day and I'm _____.

Mark: ____ / 6

Vocabulary

4 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I love flying my kite when it's ____ .
a icy b windy c misty
- 2 I don't mind wet weather because I like watching ____ run down the window.
a clouds b raindrops c storms
- 3 It was very cold last night and the car windows were covered with ____ this morning.
a frost b shower c cloud
- 4 I often take my umbrella with me when I go out in case it ____ .
a storms b rains c shines
- 5 Be careful going for a walk in the winter as it's easy to slip on ____ .
a rain b mist c ice
- 6 If there's a ____ , it's a good idea to stay indoors.
a sun b snow c storm
- 7 People often say that ____ makes them happy.
a sunshine b lightning c thunder
- 8 Children love playing out in ____ weather if they are wearing warm clothes.
a snowy b sunny c cloudy
- 9 It was difficult to see in the ____ , but then he noticed her walking towards him.
a wind b mist c snow
- 10 In the winter, I love watching ____ fall. It's amazing that each one is different.
a showers b winds c snowflakes

Mark: ____ / 10

5 Read the definitions of natural disasters and write the correct words.

- 1 These often happen in places where it is very hot and there are lots of trees. _____
- 2 A violent storm with very strong winds that move in a circle. _____
- 3 This happens when many people catch an illness and it is difficult to control. _____
- 4 This is a huge wave which comes in, destroys buildings and floods an area. _____
- 5 This happens when there is a lot of rain and wet earth moves down a hill or mountain. _____

Mark: ____ / 5

6 Write the adjectives next to the temperatures. There is one extra adjective.

below zero cold cool freezing mild sweltering

- 1 17°C _____
- 2 11°C _____
- 3 5°C _____
- 4 0°C _____
- 5 -3°C _____

Mark: ____ / 5

Use of English

7 Complete the description with the words below.

both but common contrast difference first second shows unlike whereas

You can see one person in ¹ _____ photos surrounded by a group of people. Celebration is the ² _____ theme in the two photos. In the ³ _____ photo, you can see a very old man at the centre, ⁴ _____ the person in the second photo is a young woman in her twenties. The first photo ⁵ _____ the old man sitting in front of a birthday cake, so it must be his birthday. The other people must be members of his family because they are all different ages. ⁶ _____ the first photo, the people in the second photo must be the woman's friends as they are all roughly the same age as her. Also, the people in the first photo are wearing party clothes, ⁷ _____ the people in the ⁸ _____ photo are just wearing jeans and T-shirts. One big ⁹ _____ is that the woman isn't sitting down – she is walking through a door into a house. Judging by the expression on her face, she wasn't expecting to find everyone there. So, in ¹⁰ _____ to the first photo, it must be a surprise celebration.

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

8 4 Listen to five extracts about the weather. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 In England, people
 - a always complain about the rain.
 - b talk about the weather a lot.
 - c only talk about good weather.
- 2 What caused the most problems to businesses on Sunshine Island?
 - a the earthquake
 - b the tornado
 - c the flooding
- 3 Why isn't Gary painting in his garage at the moment?
 - a It's freezing in winter.
 - b The heating's broken.
 - c It isn't warm enough.
- 4 The man couldn't sleep because of
 - a the lightning.
 - b the wind.
 - c the rain.
- 5 What does the woman say about the weather on holiday?
 - a It was what she expected.
 - b It wasn't as hot as usual.
 - c It wasn't very comfortable.

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

9 Read the text. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

Singing in the rain

You wake up in the morning and there's snow on the ground, but on the walk to school the sun comes out and it feels like summer. You go outside at lunchtime because it's still sunny, but you get caught in a thunderstorm. On your way home, it's so hot that you have to take off your jumper. Does it sound familiar? If it does, then you probably live in the UK.

The weather in the UK is unpredictable, and this is partly because of the location of the British Isles. Cold polar air from the north and warmer air from the Tropics, brought by the Gulf Stream, push against each other to create the UK's changeable weather patterns.

This means that weather forecasting in the UK is a difficult job, and the people who do it can have embarrassing moments. For example, in 1987, weather forecasters missed a huge storm that was coming towards the UK. There was no mention of the storm during the daytime weather forecast, but later that night, a place called Sevenoaks near London lost six of its seven famous oak trees when the strong wind blew them down.

These days, UK weather forecasters usually know about extreme weather that is about to hit the country, and they also try not to make unrealistic predictions about the weather. For example, they don't say that there's going to be a 'barbecue summer' (a very hot summer when people can cook outside all the time) or a freezing winter, because usually the opposite happens. They now only forecast a maximum of five days, and people don't even trust that – they check regularly to see if a forecast is still correct.

You may think that living with this sort of weather every day makes people unhappy, but actually it has an unexpected effect on a lot of people in the UK. They tend to get more excited by sunshine than most people. They are likely to change into summer clothes whenever they see the sun, whether it is August or December. They don't mind the rain and they're always prepared for it, with their waterproof coats, boots and umbrellas ready by the front door. They also know how to have a good time despite the weather. Rainy summers are so common that people try not to let the weather spoil their fun. In fact, for some people, particularly young children, the rain can be fun, and you may even find them singing in the rain!

- 1 The writer says the UK's shape causes changes in the weather. _____
- 2 In 1987, UK forecasters forgot to tell people that they saw a huge storm. _____
- 3 After the storm, Sevenoaks only had one tree still standing. _____
- 4 Today, forecasters are more careful with the forecasts than they were in 1987. _____
- 5 Some people in the UK enjoy rainy weather. _____

Mark: ____ / 5

Writing

10 Write an article about the following statement:

'Every person on Earth is responsible for climate change and global warming.' Do you agree?

- Say whether you agree or disagree with the statement.
- Give two arguments in support of your opinion and give examples.
- Give two arguments in support of the opposing view.
- Present a counter-argument.

Mark: ____ / 10

Total: ____ / 70