

Unit 5 Progress Test A

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 Never before _____ (we / have) such a big family party at Christmas. It's been a lot of fun!
- 2 In no way _____ (you / believe) anything my cousin says. He's a big liar!
- 3 Rarely _____ (families / get) an opportunity to meet up in my experience. In fact, it's only on special occasions that I see my cousins.
- 4 At no time _____ (be / we) in any danger during the trip. Everything was organised really well.
- 5 Hardly _____ (we / walk) out of the airport when a big white limousine arrived. It was Uncle Dave and he had come to pick us up.

Mark: ___ / 5

2 Complete each dialogue. Use the correct negative form of an auxiliary verb.

- 1 'Why _____ kind to your sister for once?' 'OK. I'll try, but she really annoys me.'
- 2 'I'm sorry about _____ there when you arrived.' 'That's OK. Melissa showed us to our rooms.'
- 3 '_____ we meet on holiday last year?' 'Er, yes, I think we did.'
- 4 '_____ it be more polite to let your friends eat some cake before you take a piece for yourself?' 'Well, yes, I guess so. OK. I'll hand some round.'
- 5 'It's important _____ left behind in the race.' 'I agree. You must try to keep up with the others.'

Mark: ___ / 5

3 Circle the correct article or quantifier to complete the sentences.

- 1 **Much / Many** of my friends are away on holiday at the moment.
- 2 I don't have **no / any** time to write cards to all my cousins.
- 3 One of **a / the** best films I've seen was the *Pinocchio*, an old Disney film.
- 4 Only **few / a few** of my classmates have got the same make of smartphone as I have.
- 5 I haven't got **any / some** cousins.
- 6 Is there **a / an** good film on TV this evening?
- 7 Andy's gone to live in – / **the** United States.
- 8 **All / A lot** the students enjoyed the film.
- 9 I don't think that **neither / either** of my sisters are coming.
- 10 **Several / Little** characters in the film weren't believable.

Mark: ___ / 10

Vocabulary

4 Complete the text with the words below. If necessary, write verbs in the correct form and add correct prepositions before and after the missing words.

admire close common compliment envy look nag respect

My perfect girlfriend

When I first met Anna, I thought she was the right girl for me. She had so many strong qualities. I really ¹_____ the way she was so funny and confident with my friends. She always got on with people, even with those she had nothing ²_____ at all. Some of my previous girlfriends were always telling me what to do, but I was never ³_____ how I should look or what I should do by Anna. I was often ⁴_____ my appearance when I was with her – she'd say, 'I like your jacket' or 'Your hair looks nice', and that made me feel great. She never ⁵_____ me or other people, and that's because she never thought she was better than anyone else. Anna was very ⁶_____ her sisters – I've never known three sisters with such a strong feeling between them. As a result, I ⁷_____ the fact that she wanted to spend time with her sisters and without me, even though that meant I didn't see her very much at weekends. All my friends ⁸_____ me because I had the most attractive, interesting, wonderful girlfriend in the school. But, of course, it didn't last. Anna finished with me last week. I really miss her.

Mark: ___ / 8

5 Complete the sentences using a phrasal verb or phrase formed from the verb in brackets.

- 1 Stella invented a story about a dog eating her homework! She's such a liar! (make)
Stella _____ a story.
- 2 I admire people who are hard-working and strong-minded. (look)
I _____ people who are hard-working and strong-minded.
- 3 My sister said no to the job offer because she didn't want to move away from home. (turn)
My sister _____ the job offer.
- 4 It's not easy to feel happy again after the end of a relationship. (get)
It's not easy to _____ the end of a relationship.
- 5 My brother is always trying to make me look stupid in front of my friends. (put)
My brother is always _____ in front of my friends.
- 6 Amy keeps talking about the time I lost my wallet, and I want to forget about it. (bring)
Amy keeps _____ the story about how I lost my wallet.
- 7 I rarely agree with Jason. We have such different views on things. (see)
I rarely _____ with Jason.

Mark: ___ / 7

6 Complete the sentences with the words below.

genes guinea pigs immune systems mates offspring

- 1 Our _____ protect us from catching diseases.
- 2 Scientists are looking for human _____ to take part in trials for a new drug.
- 3 All animals pass on their _____ in their DNA.
- 4 Many songbirds lay their batch of eggs in nests in April, and their _____ hatch soon after.
- 5 Human beings have to attract _____ in order to pass on their characteristics just as other mammals have to do.

Mark: ___ / 5

Use of English

7 Complete the text with the words below.

appears certain doesn't judging like looks might must say wrong

Both photos show two friends having a conversation. In the first photo, there are two young women sitting outside a cafe and talking. ¹ _____ by their expressions, I'd ² _____ that they are having a serious conversation. The woman on the left ³ _____ to be paying close attention to her friend because she is making good eye contact and she ⁴ _____ as if she is thinking carefully about what her friend is telling her. She looks ⁵ _____ the kind of person who is good at listening to people's problems.

I can't be ⁶ _____, but I think the two men in the second photo are at a party because they are holding drinks. I might be ⁷ _____, but it looks like one of the men is quite upset. They ⁸ _____ have had some kind of a misunderstanding. He seems to be trying to explain something, but his friend ⁹ _____ seem to be interested in listening and is looking at his watch. He could be too angry to talk right now or he ¹⁰ _____ not believe what his friend is telling him.

Mark: ___ / 10

Listening

8 ♀ 5 Listen to four people talking about getting back in touch with childhood friends. Match the speakers (1–4) with the sentences (A–E). There is one extra sentence.

- A Speaker ___ had a lot in common with their childhood friend.
- B Speaker ___ had never lost contact with their friend online.
- C Speaker ___ doesn't have any brothers or sisters.
- D Speaker ___ had not moved house when they were a child.
- E Speaker ___ was not concerned when they first lost contact with their childhood friend.

Mark: ___ / 5

Reading

9 Read the text. Match sentences A–F with gaps 1–5. There is one extra sentence.

Identical twins

Identical twins are born when an egg divides into two, resulting in the birth of two children with identical genes.¹ Some believe, however, that there is also a close connection between twins in the way they think, not just in the way they look. Twins finish each other's sentences, and share the same tastes in clothes or music. Some have argued that identical twins have mysterious, even psychic, powers.

Although many identical twins claim to know what the other is thinking, there is no evidence to suggest that this is because of special powers.² Most of us have met up with a brother or sister, or close friend, and immediately asked, 'What's wrong?' because we have unconsciously recognised, in their facial expression, that they are upset in some way. Signs we would miss in a stranger's behaviour are instantly obvious in the way those close to us act. It is hardly surprising that twins notice the way their brother or sister's facial expressions or body language gives away how they feel. Indeed, the closeness of their bond is likely to improve this ability over the years.

The media is full of stories in which a twin senses her brother or sister to be in trouble.³ Damien Croft developed a bad headache one evening and, concerned, felt the need to phone his brother to check if everything was OK. When there was no reply, he drove to his brother's home, only to find him unconscious, having had an epileptic fit and fallen from a ladder while decorating. On the face of it, his sixth sense had saved the day.⁴ Damien knew his brother was decorating, and knew that he was prone to epileptic fits. Subconsciously concerned, he had just imagined the worst-case scenario.⁵

- A In a recent, widely-reported case, for example, a young man survived a horrific fall thanks to a feeling his twin is supposed to have had.
- B We all know such twins are often very similar in appearance.
- C The fact that something awful had happened was only a coincidence.
- D In contrast, there are many other stories which can be more easily explained.
- E In truth, of course, the events might also be explained in more ordinary terms.
- F A more believable explanation is that, like any pair of people who have grown up together, they are just good at understanding the thought processes behind what their twin does.

Mark: ___ / 5

Writing

10 Read the task below. Write an opinion essay.

Some people argue that having lots of sisters and brothers is better than being an only child. Write an essay in which you give your own opinion of this view, taking into account your own experiences.

Mark: ___ / 10

Total: ___ / 70