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Solutions Third Edition

Unit 9 Progress Test A

Grammar

1 Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Do not include the agent.

1 Companies make boxes out of cardboard because it's a cheap material.
Boxes _____ .

2 Builders won't use concrete as much in the future.
Concrete _____ .

3 A company called Dupont developed nylon in the 1930s.
Nylon _____ .

4 The builders have broken the glass window.
The glass window _____ .

5 People will recycle plastic more in the future.
Plastic _____ .

6 Someone discovered rubber many years ago in South America.
Rubber _____ .

7 People burn wood to heat buildings.
Wood _____ .

Mark: ___ / 7

2 Write questions using the prompts. Use the present simple, past simple, present perfect or future passive.

1 **A** (when / the telephone / invent) _____ ?
B In 1876.

2 **A** (which / languages / speak / in Switzerland) _____ ?
B German, French, Italian and Romansh.

3 **A** (how many / astronauts / walk / on the moon) _____ ?
B Twelve so far. Neil Armstrong was the first.

4 **A** (factories / replace / 3D printers / in the near future) _____ ?
B Probably not. They aren't as effective yet.

5 **A** (who / the novel / *Great Expectations* / write / by) _____ ?
B By the British writer Charles Dickens. He also wrote *Oliver Twist.*

Mark: ___ / 5

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 Choose the correct answers.

The umbrella

Evidence of ancient umbrellas [1]___ in Egypt, Greece and China and from this, we know that the umbrella [2]___ over four thousand years ago. However, the first umbrella [3]___ in the rain, but in the sun.

The Chinese were the first people to make umbrellas waterproof and it is this kind of umbrella that [4]___ by millions of people around the world today.

The design for the umbrella [5]___ much in thousands of years. So [6]___ replaced by something more modern in the future? A Chinese inventor called Chuan Wang hopes it will. He has invented a new type of umbrella. With this one, air [7]___ instead of nylon to keep the rain off your head. However, at the moment, the battery only lasts for a short time so your traditional umbrella [8]___ just yet!

1	**a** has found	**b** has been found	**c** has being found	**d** has been find
2	**a** is invented	**b** has invented	**c** was invented	**d** be invented
3	**a** isn't used	**b** hasn't used	**c** don't be used	**d** wasn't used
4	**a** is regularly used	**b** is used regular	**c** regularly is used	**d** is regular used
5	**a** not been changed	**b** hasn't be changed	**c** hasn't been changed	**d** hasn't been change
6	**a** will the umbrella be	**b** has the umbrella been	**c** will the umbrella	**d** will be the umbrella
7	**a** is use	**b** is used	**c** has been used	**d** uses
8	**a** be throw away	**b** been thrown away	**c** won't be thrown away	**d** thrown away

Mark: ___ / 8

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first letter of each word has been given.

1 Modern bicycles are sometimes made out of a_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ because it is lighter than other metals.

2 P_ _ _ _ was invented thousands of years ago as a material to write on.

3 Objects like cups, plates and vases are often made of c_ _ _ _ _ _.

4 Walls in the countryside are often built of s_ _ _ _.

5 C_ _ _ _ _ is a soft reddish-brown metal which is often used for making coins.

6 G_ _ _ is an expensive metal which is often used to make wedding rings.

7 Many shoes, boots and bags are made of l_ _ _ _ _ _.

8 S_ _ _ _ is a type of metal that is used in tall buildings and bridges to make them stronger.

Mark: ___ / 8

LIVEWORKSHEETS

5 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 I bought this digital **radio** / **camera** last week, but I'm disappointed with the quality of the sound.

2 I don't like the **volume control** / **screen** on my new mobile – it's not very bright.

3 The first thing you do with most gadgets is press the **on/off button** / **remote control**.

4 Here's the **power lead** / **case** to go with the laptop – you'll need to plug it in to use it.

5 If you want to use a printer with your computer, you can plug it into the **USB port** / **charger**.

6 I think I need a new **battery** / **strap** for my camera – I don't want to drop it!

7 I couldn't live without my **e-book reader** / **headphones** – I love listening to music wherever I am.

Mark: ___ / 7

6 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one extra word.

arrangement	**baldness**	**deafness**	**discovery**	**invention**	**recording**

1 In my opinion, the greatest _____ of the 20th century was the mobile phone.

2 The _____ of X-rays changed the future of medicine.

3 _____ is a problem in my family. My father and my grandfather can't hear.

4 She wasn't there, but she listened to the _____ of the interview.

5 I made an _____ to see her at the weekend.

Mark: ___ / 5

Use of English

7 Read the dialogue and find ten mistakes (an unnecessary word, a word missing or an incorrect word). Circle the mistakes and write the corrections.

Rachel	Hi. I bought this smartphone from here, but there has a problem with it.	1 _____
Assistant	I'm sorry to hear that. When did buy it?	2 _____
Rachel	Yesterday. From someone called Tony.	
Assistant	OK. And what's problem with it?	3 _____
Rachel	It keeps switching itself on and off.	
Assistant	I see. We can to repair it if you like.	4 _____
Rachel	Can I have my money return, please? It's the second time this has happened.	5 _____
Assistant	I'm afraid we don't give receipts.	6 _____
Rachel	I can see the manager please?	7 _____
Assistant	She's at lunch at the moment. Have you got the refund?	8 _____
Rachel	Yes, I paid in cash. Here it is.	
Assistant	Thank you. We can give you a new phone or a credit card. But I'm afraid we can't give you your money back.	9 _____
Rachel	Well, I'm not happy about that. I keep having problems with phones from this shop and it's really inconvenient to keep coming back.	
Assistant	I'm terribly sorry, but there's anything more I can do.	10 _____
Rachel	I'm going to write to customer services. This just isn't good enough.	

Mark: ___ / 10

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Listening

8 9 Listen to five speakers and choose the correct answers.

1 The teacher's main aim is to

a tell the students an interesting story.

b persuade the students to work harder.

c inform the students about their exam.

2 The girl's main aim is to

a thank her friend for coming to her party.

b encourage her friend to celebrate her birthday.

c recommend a new restaurant in town.

3 The man's main aim is to

a recommend a gadget to people

b warn people about using a gadget

c challenge people to stop using a gadget

4 The woman's main aim is to

a welcome people to their new homes.

b inform people about where they are living.

c comfort people who are missing their relatives.

5 The boy's main aim is to

a apologise for being late.

b complain about the traffic.

c enquire about public transport.

Mark: ___ / 5

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Reading

9 Read the forum posts. Match texts A–D with questions 1–5. One text matches with two questions.

A Dale – Bread maker

I can't remember how many times our bread maker has been used since Mum got it at Christmas, but it's a lot. I was a bit worried because I read in a magazine that bread makers are one of those gadgets that people are often given as presents, but then they never use them. I don't know why that is because it looks really easy to use. You just put all the ingredients in, press a button, and a couple of hours later you have a fresh loaf of bread. It beeps once when it's ready! I love waking up to the smell of fresh bread each morning and Mum says she'll never buy a loaf of bread again, so I think it was a really successful present.

B Karen – Spider catcher

I'm a bit frightened of spiders. I don't mind the little ones, but I don't like the huge ones that are as big as your hand. I don't like killing them though, so when my friend bought me a spider catcher, I was delighted. It's a long stick with a kind of brush at the end that picks up the spider without hurting it. Then you can put the spider of out the window. I don't know who it was invented by, but I think it's a great idea.

C Jack – Key alarm

People say I'm a bit forgetful and they're probably right. I often lose my keys, so when I was given a key alarm for my birthday, I was really pleased. It's a gadget that you attach to your keys. Then, if you don't know where they are, you can whistle or clap your hands and you'll hear the alarm. It's very loud, and it only stops when you find your keys and press a button. It does save a lot of time when I'm leaving the house. Before I had the alarm, it took me five to ten minutes to find my keys. These days all I have to do is whistle and I'm ready to go. The only bad thing about is that the batteries run out quite quickly, so I'm trying to be a bit more careful with my keys in case the alarm's not working.

D Elliot – Ice lolly maker

I was surprised when Mum bought me an ice lolly maker for my birthday. It seemed like a present for a young child. But then I used it and realised that it was great. You put the ice lolly maker in the freezer. Then, when you want to make a lolly, you just pour fruit juice into the maker. It freezes in about ten minutes, so you don't have to wait very long to eat the lolly. And you can be really creative. I've used different fruit juices and put nuts and yoghurt in, too. It's perfect for a hot day – really quick and healthy, and great fun however old you are!

Which gadget does the writer say ...

1 is useful if you have a bad memory? ___

2 is something that is used every day? ___

3 is popular with adults and children? ___

4 was invented to get rid of something? ___

5 is activated by sound? ___

Mark: ___ / 5

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Writing

10 Read the task below and write a formal letter.

Your local council has decided to cancel a bus service from a village to the town centre that is used by lots of elderly people. Write a letter of complaint about this decision, explaining why it is bad for people who live in the village and also people in the town centre.

Mark: ___ / 10

Total: ___ / 70

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