

## Insight Pre-intermediate Unit Test 4 A

### A Grammar: Comparative and superlative adjectives

Complete the sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 My house is \_\_\_\_\_ (big) in the street. All the others look small next to it.
- 2 Their new area is not as \_\_\_\_\_ (quiet) as their old one. It's near a busy road.
- 3 Summer is \_\_\_\_\_ (busy) than winter for hotels; more people are on holiday.
- 4 Do you think our new bed is as \_\_\_\_\_ (comfortable) as our last one?
- 5 The Museum of the Home was \_\_\_\_\_ (interesting) place we visited in London.
- 6 Zak is much \_\_\_\_\_ (good) at playing the violin than Esra. He started playing before her.

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### B Grammar: Verbs + gerund or infinitive

Complete the sentence with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 My brother agreed \_\_\_\_\_ (help) me with my maths homework tomorrow.
- 2 We look forward to \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) you when you have finished moving house.
- 3 You promised \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the shops with me! You can't stay at home!
- 4 They need \_\_\_\_\_ (tidy) their rooms; there are clothes everywhere!
- 5 Jenny doesn't mind \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in a small flat. It's very comfortable.
- 6 I finished \_\_\_\_\_ (do) the washing up. What else can I help you with?

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### C Grammar: Too .../(not) ... enough

Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence using the words given. Use between two and five words and do not use contractions.

- 1 Many Victorians were paid too little money to own a house.  
(enough)  
Many Victorians were not paid \_\_\_\_\_ to own a house.
- 2 The campsite wasn't quiet enough and I didn't get any sleep.  
(too)  
The campsite was \_\_\_\_\_ and I couldn't sleep.
- 3 Your bag isn't big enough for all your books.  
(too)  
Your bag \_\_\_\_\_ for all your books.
- 4 I can't relax because my bedroom isn't tidy enough!  
(too)  
I can't relax because my bedroom \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I have too little time to finish my homework.  
(enough)  
I don't \_\_\_\_\_ to finish my homework.
- 6 He is too unhappy with the final score to go out tonight.  
(enough)  
He \_\_\_\_\_ with the final score to go out tonight.

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## D Vocabulary: Understanding topic vocabulary

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the sentences. There are three words you do not need.

storey work floor saving time fashioned detached making day

- 1 Ben moved to a semi- \_\_\_\_\_ house because his flat was too small.
- 2 A two- \_\_\_\_\_ house has an upstairs and a downstairs.
- 3 My favourite labour- \_\_\_\_\_ device is my dishwasher.
- 4 You usually work around 35 hours a week in a full- \_\_\_\_\_ job.
- 5 Few people have old- \_\_\_\_\_ jobs like sign painting now.
- 6 We are lucky to live in the modern- \_\_\_\_\_ world. Things are easier now.

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## E Vocabulary: Recognizing collocations

Complete the sentences with one word. The first letter has been given.

- 1 My brother never m\_\_\_\_\_ his bed when he gets up.
- 2 Can you l\_\_\_\_\_ the table, please? The plates are in the dishwasher.
- 3 My dad d\_\_\_\_\_ the ironing while he watches football.
- 4 I always t\_\_\_\_\_ out the rubbish in the evening.
- 5 I'm l\_\_\_\_\_ the washing machine. Any more dirty clothes?
- 6 On Saturdays, I have to c\_\_\_\_\_ the bathroom. Not my favourite chore!

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## F Vocabulary: Recognizing phrasal verbs

Choose the correct words from the box to complete the text. There are three phrases you do not need.

bring about find out get up go down grow up look after tire out show off put back

Having little twin brothers isn't easy! They <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ really early, at 6 a.m., and they often get hurt because they <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ their gymnastics skills to each other in the playground. When I finish school, I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ them so Mum can rest – or <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to the shops. I always play running games to <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the boys. Kids <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ so fast though – they're not babies any more!

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## G Reading: Reading comprehension

Read the text about the village and the city and choose the correct answer.

### City life or village life?

by Yasemin

Living in a village. Ah, the peaceful surroundings! The little village shop where the shopkeeper knows your name and even remembers what magazines you read. People waving at you in the street. What could be better? Well, a bus service that doesn't make you late for appointments could be one improvement.

Transport can be a problem. My school is some distance from my house and on the other side of a busy road. I usually cycle everywhere but it's too dangerous for me to cycle along a busy main road, so I take the transport provided by the school. It's great catching up with your friends, although it can be noisy with 50 children all talking at once! I'm sure the driver would prefer to

drive three of us to school in a taxi.

The city is some distance from my village, but I go there sometimes as there are some great things to see. I've always been interested in history and there are some wonderful exhibitions. I have thought about going walking in the parks, but why would I do that when I live in the countryside? I have a huge park all to myself, and it isn't busy!

I don't visit the city often. Most of my friends live locally. They try to persuade me to go to the city by telling me about the big shops that are there. I only go to the city because I'm having some work done on my teeth and I can't get it done here.

What about the future? My parents want me to stay here, but I'm not keen on living in their cottage for the rest of my life! I'll move to the city when I leave school as there are more jobs there, but the thought of living in a flat makes me uncomfortable. I don't think I could stand the noise, so I'll look for a small house in a quiet area of the city.

1 Before you read the text, what does it look like?

- A  A letter
- B  A story
- C  An article

2 What does Yasemin enjoy about living in a village?

- A  The shop is small.
- B  The people are friendly.
- C  The buses are on time.

3 How does Yasemin get to school?

- A  She catches a bus.
- B  She takes a taxi.
- C  She rides a bike.

4 What does Yasemin say about cities?

- A  She thinks they are too busy.
- B  She likes the museums and galleries.
- C  She enjoys walking in the parks.

5 Why does Yasemin go into the city?

- A  To go to the dentist
- B  To visit her friends
- C  To go to large shops

6 Where does Yasemin want to live in the future?

- A  In a flat
- B  In a cottage
- C  In a house

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## H Listening: Identifying main points



**Listen to a teenage boy giving a talk to his classmates about cleaning. Choose the correct answer for each question.**

1 The speaker tells his classmates \_\_\_.

- A  cleaning is calming
- B  cleaning is good for you
- C  cleaning is enjoyable

- 2 The speaker says that one way to make cleaning interesting is by \_\_\_\_.
- A  using it to learn a dance  
 B  using it as a form of exercise  
 C  using it to improve your singing
- 3 The speaker suggests \_\_\_\_ with your family to make cleaning interesting.
- A  making rules  
 B  playing games  
 C  cleaning rooms
- 4 The speaker gives examples of different things people \_\_\_\_ which can help pass the time when cleaning.
- A  read  
 B  watch  
 C  listen to
- 5 The speaker says that cleaning can be a positive thing because people can \_\_\_\_ when they do it.
- A  use apps  
 B  save time  
 C  make money
- 6 The speaker wants his classmates to tell him \_\_\_\_.
- A  which of his ideas they plan to use  
 B  if they still think cleaning is a waste of time  
 C  in which ways they think cleaning is fun

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## I Speaking: Asking for and giving permission

**Six phrases are missing from this text. Choose the correct phrase for each gap. There are three phrases you do not need.**

**Mariam** Dad, can I ask you a question?

**Dad** <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_ you can. What is it, dear?

**Mariam** <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_ I go to a concert on Saturday with Ajay and Anna? Our favourite band is playing in the city centre. We've wanted to see them for months!

**Dad** OK then. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_ . But make sure you keep your mobile phone switched on. And take enough money too in case there's an emergency. I'll have to speak to Ajay and Anna's parents to make sure they're OK with it, too.

**Mariam** Thank you Dad! Their parents already said yes, but they'll be happy to speak with you. There's something else ... <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_ pick us up afterwards?

**Dad** <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_ What time does the concert finish?

**Mariam** At 11 p.m. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_ , or will you already be in bed?

**Dad** I'm sorry but I can't. I'll still be at my friends' party at that time. Remember, we're surprising them for their 50th birthday. I'll be home later than you will!

- A Of course
- B I'm afraid not
- C I'll think about it
- D Could you
- E Shall I
- F Is it OK if
- G Do you mind
- H That depends
- I Go ahead

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## J Writing: Introductions and conclusions

Match the writing strategy to the example. There are three extra sentences which you do not need.

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| <p>1 Start with a quote or an opinion, then agree with it. ___</p> <p>2 Start with a quote or an opinion, then disagree with it. ___</p> <p>3 Start with an interesting object, then describe other things in your room. ___</p> <p>4 Start with a mysterious object, then describe other things in your room. ___</p> <p>5 Start with a view, then go inside. ___</p> <p>6 Start with a dramatic event. ___</p> | <p>A When I look outside my window, I can see beautiful trees and fields. It makes me feel calm, so I have an armchair next to my window.</p> <p>B My parents always told me a tidy room helps you think better. Well, I don't think that's true.</p> <p>C Next to my cupboard is a strange thing that we don't know anything about. It looks like a plant, but it is made of metal. It's on a small table, next to my bed.</p> <p>D My little sister loves my room so much she'd like me to move out so she can have it for herself.</p> <p>E I'm not sure why I like my room so much, but I think it's because it is a space that belongs only to me.</p> <p>F The best thing in my room is a fascinating old box where I used to keep my toys. It's very beautiful. It's under a poster of my favourite band and next to a chair.</p> <p>G People say you only live once, and I think that's important to remember. That's why I don't spend much time tidying my room.</p> <p>H The desk in my room is really uncomfortable. I prefer to work at the kitchen table.</p> <p>I I loved jumping on my bed when I was little. I loved it so much, that one day, I broke it.</p> |
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