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First term English progress test – PRE-INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (2)

1 Listen to the radio programme. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

1. The programme is about cooking. ____
2. The aim of the project 'Grow Your Own' is to encourage people to spend time gardening. ____
3. The public first learned about the 'Grow Your Own' project at an event in Hyde Park. ____
4. No one that the presenter interviewed wanted to grow their own food. ____
5. The presenter says that growing your own food helps the environment. ____
6. Tim Harris started growing vegetables five years ago. ____
7. He grows vegetables in his garden. ____
8. He says that going to the supermarket is easier than growing your own food. ____
9. He gets a lot of fresh air and exercise. ____
10. He eats everything that he grows immediately. ____

/ 10 points

2. Circle the correct answers.

- 1
- 1 'Do you think you **will** / **are going to** pass your exams?' 'Well, I hope so.'
- 2 'It's 9.30! You **will** / **are going to** miss the bus.'
- 3 'What are your plans for the summer?' 'I think we **will** / **are going to** travel around Europe.'
- 4 'What do you want to do when you finish school?' 'I got a place at the university and I **'ll** / **'m going to** study physics.'
- 5 'We don't have anything to eat.' 'Don't worry, I **'ll** / **'m going to** go to the shop now.'
- 6 'Are you going to the football match?' 'Can't you see those clouds? It **will** / **'s going to** rain, so I'm staying at home.'

/ 6 points

3. Choose the correct words.

1. At Christmas, the shops are **crowded enough** / **too crowded**.
2. My wardrobe isn't **big enough** / **too big** to put all my clothes in. I need a larger one!
3. These days, everything is **too** / **enough** expensive.
4. Is the meat ready? Is it **enough tender** / **tender enough**?
5. We never use those chairs because they are **not enough** / **too** uncomfortable to sit on.
6. I'm very tired. The bus journey was **too long** / **not long enough**.
7. The book I need is on the top shelf. I'm **not tall enough** / **too tall** to reach it.
8. What time is it? Six o'clock? It's **enough early** / **too early** to get up!

/ 8 points

4. Complete the text with the comparative or superlative forms of the adjectives in brackets.

¹ _____ (important) room in our house is the living room. Here is where our family spends most of our time together. It's ² _____ (big) room, and also ³ _____ (quiet), because it backs out on to the garden. It faces north, so it's a bit ⁴ _____ (dark) than the other rooms in the house, but that makes it ⁵ _____ (good) in the summer, because it doesn't get too hot. It's also ⁶ _____ (clean) room of all of them. But my favourite room is my bedroom. It's much ⁷ _____ (small) than the living room, but it's also ⁸ _____ (bright).

/ 8 points

5. Fill in the blanks below using the conditional sentences type 1.

1. If I _____ (find) a new job, I _____ (buy) some new clothes.
2. I _____ (buy) you a present if I _____ (have) money.
3. If you _____ (miss) the bus, you _____ (be) late.
4. If you _____ (go) to bed late, you _____ (feel) tired in the morning.
5. He _____ (pass) all of his exams if he _____ (study) hard.
6. If Susan _____ (invite) me, I _____ (go) to her party.
7. If we _____ (talk) in class, our class teacher _____ (be) angry.
8. If you _____ (give) me your phone number, I _____ (call) you tonight.

/ 16 points

6. Dan is talking about the type of job that he would like. Complete the missing words and then decide which job you think is best for him. The first letter of each word has been given.

1. I'm always making things and getting good ideas, so I think I'm a c_____ person.
2. I don't mind working in a team, but I'd prefer to work a_____.
3. I want to work o_____, in the middle of the countryside somewhere.
4. I get bored when I'm sitting down so I'm happier if I'm on my f___ all day.
5. I've got two children so I'd really like a nine-to-f___ job.
6. I don't mind doing the same thing every day so a r_____ job would be OK.
7. E_____ a lot of money isn't important to me.
8. I don't really want to work with a_____, especially cows, because I'm frightened of them!
9. I'd like an active job and I don't mind if it's really t_____.

/ 9 points

7. Match the words below with the definitions. There are two extra words.

builder	cleaner	engineer	estate agent	pilot	pizza delivery man / woman	police officer
programmer	receptionist	sales assistant	travel agent	waiter		

1. This person is really good with computers. _____
2. You can find this person in a hotel, welcoming people into the building. _____
3. This person is in charge of a plane and travels all over the world. _____
4. This person is good at fixing different types of machines. _____

5. You talk to this person to get help in a shop. _____
6. This person serves you in a restaurant or café. _____
7. If you see a crime, you will need to talk to this person. _____
8. If you need to make your house bigger, this person will be able to help. _____
9. This person will bring food to your house. _____
10. If you want to buy a house, this person will sell you one. _____

8. Choose the correct answers.

/ 10 points

Oh no, look at those ____ ! I hope you brought your umbrella with you!

- a** clouds **b** rain **c** storms

2 I'm scared of ____ because of the loud sound.

- a** thunder **b** lightning **c** showers

3 It's dangerous to stand under a tree if there's a storm and you see ____ .

- a** hail **b** sunshine **c** lightning

4 You have to drive really slowly in ____ weather because you can't see where you're going.

- a** icy **b** foggy **c** sunny

5 I prefer a ____ to heavy rain because I know it won't last long.

- a** shower **b** wind **c** snowflake

6 In the winter, I love watching ____ fall. It's amazing that each one is different.

- a** showers **b** winds **c** snowflakes

7 There was a storm last night and the ____ stones were so big that they damaged the car.

- a** frost **b** hail **c** cloud

8 Let's go out for a walk – it's really warm now and the ____ is shining.

- a** snow **b** sun **c** storm

9 When it's ____, it's a good idea to wear a hat and gloves.

- a** cloudy **b** showery **c** frosty

10 We couldn't get out of the house because there was so much ____ in front of the door.

- a** frost **b** mist **c** snow

/ 9 points

9. Complete the description with the words below.

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¹ _____ photos show a group of people who are all surrounding one person and looking at them. The ² _____ theme in the two photos is celebration. The first photo ³ _____ a very old man at the centre, ⁴ _____ the second photo shows a young woman in her twenties. It must be the old man's birthday because he is sitting in front of a birthday cake, and the other people must be members of his family because they are all different ages. In ⁵ _____ to the first photo, the people in the ⁶ _____ photo must be the woman's friends as they are all roughly the same age as her. In the ⁷ _____ photo the people are also wearing party clothes, ⁸ _____ in the second photo they are just wearing jeans and T-shirts. Another obvious 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, ¹⁰ _____ the first photo, it must be a surprise celebration.

/ 10 points

10. Read the text. Circle the correct answers (a–d).

The coldest town in the world

Oymyakon is a small town with only about five hundred residents in the north-eastern corner of Russia. It is famous for being the coldest town in the world with regular winter temperatures of around -40°C . In fact, the temperature sometimes drops below -50°C , and it once went down to an incredible -68°C . Now that's cold!

In 2012, while I was living and working in Moscow, the capital of Russia, I decided to take the long flight north to this fascinating place. I wanted to find out how people managed to live in a town that was so cold. I met Sergei Platonov, who works as a tour guide there. Lots of tourists go to Oymyakon because they want to experience a really cold place!

Sergei began by telling me a bit about the history of the place. Before the 1920s, nobody lived in Oymyakon. The local people didn't settle anywhere but travelled from place to place with their reindeer. So Oymyakon was just a place where people sometimes stopped for a few days or weeks. However, the government at that time wanted these people to settle in one place, so they chose Oymyakon and built a town. Today, most people there live in blocks of flats. The town only has one shop and one school. There isn't much to do!

Living in Oymyakon isn't easy. It's so cold that everything freezes. In the winter, if you drive somewhere, you can't switch off the engine because it might not turn on again! You can't use your mobile phone outside or wear glasses – they freeze to your head! As well as being cold in winter, it's really dark. In fact, there are only three hours of sunlight in December, so most people stay at home and try to keep warm.

There is, however, one group of people who spend a lot of time outside, and they are the sellers in the fish and meat markets. In all weathers, they stand at their stalls, dressed in layers and layers of fur clothes. Wearing animal fur, especially reindeer fur, is necessary. It's warmer than any man-made clothing, and, although it's expensive, the people of Oymyakon have no choice – they have to wear as many fur clothes as they can! They also eat a lot of meat and fish because fruit and vegetables don't grow in the cold conditions. Reindeer meat soup is a popular dish in the town. I tried it – it's really tasty!

Life is hard and so are the people. In January, while I was there, they asked me to join in one of their winter traditions – people took off their clothes and jumped in the river. When they came out, they were cold, blue and smiling! They believe that it's good for your health! However, I decided not to join them!

1. On the coldest day ever in Oymyakon, the temperature was

- a about -50°C .
- b almost -70°C .
- c exactly -60°C .
- d between -30°C and -40°C .

2. The author visited Oymyakon

- a on her way to her home in Moscow.
- b to get a job there.
- c to find out about the people there.
- d during a tour of Russia.

3. In the 1920s,

- a tourists visited Oymyakon for the first time.
- b people started to live in Oymyakon all year round.
- c the first people arrived in Oymyakon.
- d local people left Oymyakon with their reindeer.

4. In Oymyakon, in winter, everyone

- a stays at home where it's warm.
- b wears fur clothes whenever they go outside.
- c works on the food stalls.
- d uses a car to travel to different places.

5. According to the writer, in the winter, people in Oymyakon

- a only eat meat dishes.
- b eat a lot of fruit and vegetables as well as meat.
- c eat fish and meat.
- d only have reindeer to eat.

TOTAL: ____ / 91 points

MARK:

/ 5 points