FURTHER PRACTICE

Reading

A Read the *Exam Reminder*. What should you do first?

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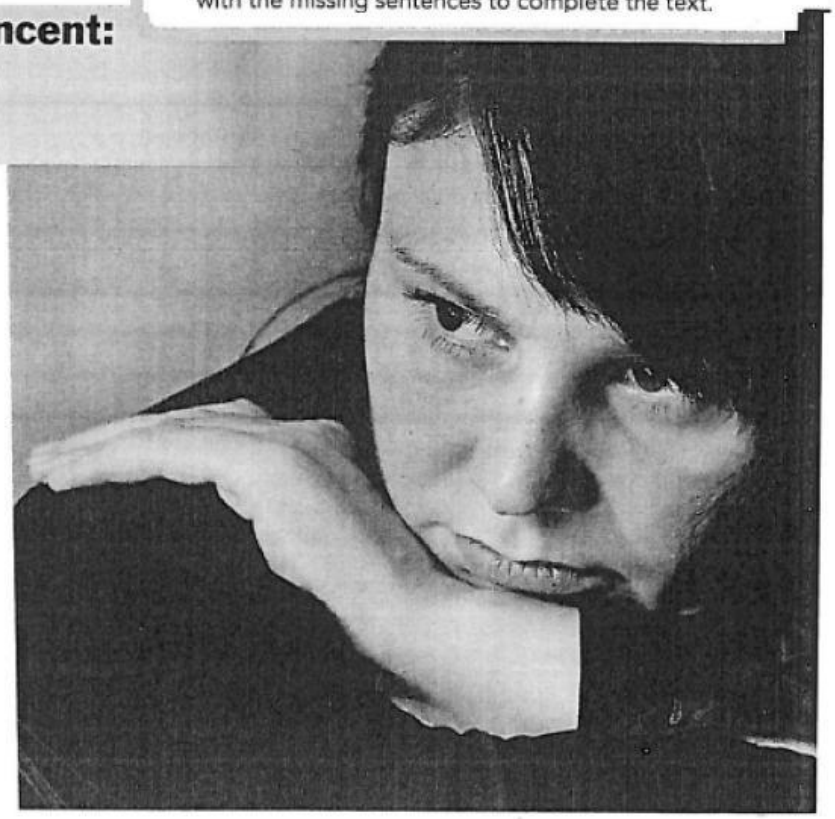
B Now complete the *Exam Task*.

Exam Reminder

Choosing the right sentences

- Remember to firstly read the complete text to get a general understanding.
- Then read the text a second time to identify the main points of each paragraph.
- It helps to underline the important words or phrases in the missing sentences.
- Last of all, compare the main points in each paragraph with the missing sentences to complete the text.

The life of Joyce Carol Vincent: A tragic tale of popularity to obscurity to fame



Scriptwriter and director Carol Morley's latest film *Dreams of a Life*, a nominee for the Grierson Award for best documentary at the 2011 London Film Festival, tells a difficult tale. 1 [ ] As a result of the film, the attractive Witney Houston lookalike is sure to achieve celebrity status, if not to become a legend.

On 25th January 2006, council officials arrived at a dingy one-roomed flat in Wood Green, London. 2 [ ] On entering the flat, they were met with a disturbing sight: a decomposed skeleton was lying on the couch with the television still on. Forensic tests showed that the skeleton was of a woman in her late thirties who had died almost three years earlier; dental records and an old holiday photo helped to identify the woman as Joyce Carol Vincent. The cause of her death, however, still remains a mystery.

On hearing the story of the unfortunate woman, director Carol Morley was intrigued to find out more about who she was. She was fascinated by how someone could die in this way and for nobody to notice she was missing. 3 [ ] During her investigation, she managed to track down several of Joyce's former friends, colleagues and boyfriends. They all reacted with disbelief on hearing about Joyce's fate. They all described her as a very popular, outgoing person who had always been surrounded by other people. A few years before her death, she had been climbing up the career ladder in her high-paying job at a reputable accounting firm. 4 [ ] Neither could they imagine that the fun-loving Joyce they once knew had been so alone during her last days that her absence hadn't been noticed by anyone.

The more Morley found out about Joyce, the more she was convinced that she had to make a film about her life. 5 [ ] In the 1980s, she was friends with a musician called Kirk Thorne who used to record punk sensation Captain Sensible in his recording studio. In this same studio, he had also recorded Joyce who dreamt of becoming a singer one day. In her youth, Joyce had also dated a baronet, an MP and Alistair Abrahams, the former tour manager of a famous soul singer. Together, they even shook hands with Nelson Mandela at a concert given in his honour, and Joyce appears on the broadcasted version of the concert watched by millions in 60 countries. Clearly, she had been a woman with good connections.

Morley's documentary plays tribute to this extraordinary woman and her tragic story. 6 [ ] The film brings home to us how being indifferent to those around us – friends, relatives, neighbours or just passers-by – can lead to exceptionally sad circumstances. Having said that, Morley's point is not to depress her audience, but to set alarm bells ringing. Now, more than ever, we need to nurture our relationships; we need to re-establish the concept of community spirit and keep Joyce's memory alive.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Six sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from the sentences **A – G** the one which fits each gap (**1 – 6**). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

A It is also a wake-up call for those who watch it.

B None of her former colleagues could understand how she ended up living in such poor conditions.

C The tenant hadn't paid any rent for three years, so the local council had decided to evict her and take possession of the property again.

D But Morley wasn't the only one interested in making Joyce's life into a film.

E It seemed that Joyce hadn't only been popular with the friends Morley had managed to find, but also with several celebrities.

F It focuses on the life and death of Joyce Carol Vincent.

G This curiosity was the spark that initiated a long investigation by Morley into Joyce's life.

Vocabulary

A The words in bold are in the wrong sentences. Write each word next to the correct sentence.

1 There's a **gossip** going round that the singer is pregnant! _____

2 Who is your favourite TV **character**? _____

3 I love reading celebrity **shame** on the Internet. _____

4 Sia's biggest **account** is coming second in a talent contest. _____

5 What a **disgrace** you can't come to the film premiere! _____

6 Do you have a Twitter or Facebook **personality**? _____

7 Mickey Mouse is still a popular cartoon **accomplishment**. _____

8 It's an absolute **rumour** that celebrities are paid huge sums of money just to appear in public. _____

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words.

1	To our _____, the charity ball was cancelled.	ASTONISH
2	The Prince's press _____ said he was much better after his illness.	REPRESENT
3	Would you like to be rich and famous and have lots of _____?	SERVE
4	The young musician is an _____ to us all.	INSPIRE
5	The film was shot on _____ in Miami.	LOCATE
6	Stars can't expect to have fame and _____!	PRIVATE
7	The royal wedding received a lot of _____.	PUBLIC
8	Stella McCartney makes _____ designer clothes.	STYLE

C Complete the text with these words.

break figure influential money notorious qualified reputation scandal

When Doctor Conrad Murray left the University of Arizona as a (1) _____ cardiologist, little did he know what lay in store for him career-wise. After years of building up a (2) _____ as a doctor with a heart, as he often treated patients without health insurance free of charge, Murray got a lucky (3) _____. He was offered a job that would make most doctors green with envy – as Michael Jackson's full-time personal doctor. The pop star, who was (4) _____ for his health problems and who was made of (5) _____, even paid him an astounding $150,000 per month for the position! On July 29th 2010, the day that the star died in his home, Murray had been on duty. Although he was freed of any blame for the star's death at first, Jackson's (6) _____ family were convinced that someone had murdered the star. It didn't take long for Murray to be put at the centre of the (7) _____ and for him to be put on trial for manslaughter. However, during the trial he became a popular (8) _____ with the media and gained celebrity status himself with fans all over the world pledging their support for him. He was, however, found guilty of manslaughter.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Grammar

Past Perfect Simple & Past Perfect Continuous

A **Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.**

1 They had stayed at their beach house when the fire broke out. _____
2 How many films had he been starring in before making his latest one? _____
3 She had watched the news when the kids came home. _____
4 The agent had been representing hundreds of singers in her career. _____
5 He had never been visiting Hollywood until last spring. _____
6 The star had walked along the red carpet when she tripped and fell. _____

B **Complete the sentences with the Past Perfect Simple or the Past Perfect Continuous form of the verbs in brackets.**

1 Princess Diana _____ (stay) in Paris when she died.
2 Lady Gaga _____ (get) ready for the show when her heel snapped.
3 Boy George _____ (not be) in prison before.
4 The actor _____ (never play) such a difficult role.
5 _____ the journalist _____ (nose about) for information when he was thrown out of the hotel?
6 I _____ (not ask) for an autograph, but the footballer gave me one anyway.

C **Complete the text by writing one word in each gap.**

At the end of October 2011, celebrity Kim Kardashian made an important announcement. She (1) _____ just filed for divorce from her husband, Kris Humphries. The couple, who had (2) _____ dating for only six months when Humphries popped the question, (3) _____ tied the knot only 72 days earlier. Gossip columnists (4) _____ among the first to realise that all (5) _____ not well in the Kardashian-Humphries house. Rumours started flying when Kim, who had (6) _____ taken her vows 'till death do them part', started attending social engagements on her own. 'Had their relationship (7) _____ ended?' was the big question on everybody's lips. The answer didn't take long in coming. Yes, it (8) _____!

Listening

A **Read the *Exam Reminder*. What should you do the first time you listen?**

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B 3.1 **Listen and complete the *Exam Task*.**

Exam Task

You will hear five people talking about their favourite celebrities. For questions 1 – 5, choose from the list A – H what each person says about them. Use the letters only once. There are three extra letters which you do not need to use.

1 Speaker 1 ☐
2 Speaker 2 ☐
3 Speaker 3 ☐
4 Speaker 4 ☐
5 Speaker 5 ☐

A He's not afraid to take risks.
B I am totally obsessed with this celebrity.
C I admire him for things he does other than his paid work.
D His most recent work didn't live up to his usual standards.
E He's the highest paid celebrity on Earth.
F Although he's not a comedian, he really makes me laugh.
G She was so funny when I met her.
H I actually used to know her at school.

Exam Reminder

Identifying synonyms

- Remember to think of other ways of saying the key words in the statements.
- Don't forget to try to summarise the main point each speaker makes when you listen the first time, and take notes.
- Then compare your notes with the statements to find the best match.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Past Simple vs Past Perfect (Simple & Continuous)

A **Complete the sentences with the Past Simple or the Past Perfect Simple or Continuous form of these verbs.**

act be change end go have join never belong offer play walk write

1 We _____ the time of our lives when Matt Dillon _____ into the club.
2 _____ Bruce Willis _____ for long when they _____ him a role in *Moonlighting*?
3 U2 _____ for over two hours when the concert _____.
4 She _____ to any other band when she _____ the Bangles.
5 Before he _____ on stage, he _____ a new song.
6 Somebody _____ the guest list and my name _____ no longer on it.

B **Complete the second sentences so that they have a similar meaning to the first sentences using the words in bold. Use between two and five words.**

1 It was the first time I had met a celebrity.
never
I _____ a celebrity before.

2 Before giving me her autograph, she shook my hand.
once
She gave me her autograph _____ my hand.

3 Seeing her favourite star in the flesh made her ecstatic.
because
She was ecstatic _____ her favourite star in the flesh.

4 In 2005, Cary played his first international match.
had
Cary _____ an international match before 2005.

5 At the time of her death, Amy Winehouse was twenty-seven years old.
she
When _____, Amy Winehouse was twenty-seven.

6 After a two-year world tour, the band needed a break.
touring
The band _____ two years, so they needed a break.

Use your English

A **Read the *Exam Reminder* and complete the *Exam Task*.**

Exam Reminder

Completing missing words in a text

- Remember to read the whole text first to get a general understanding of it before completing the missing words.
- Finally, don't forget to read the whole text again, checking that the words you have written work well in the spaces.

Exam Task

For questions **1 – 12**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap.

Robert Burns

Robert Burns, Scotland's greatest poet, was born in 1759. (**1**) _____ an early age he had to help his father on his farm, as (**2**) _____ as attend school lessons.

When he was 22, he moved to Irvine, where he began to learn about making cloth. Shortly after (**3**) _____ arrival, the factory in which he was training was destroyed by fire, so he started a farm with his younger brother Gilbert.

While he was living on the farm, he concentrated (**4**) _____ writing poems and fell (**5**) _____ a local girl, Jean Armour. Robert wanted to marry her, but her father (**6**) _____ not allow him to do so. This took Robert (**7**) _____ surprise, and since he could not (**8**) _____ used to the idea of being unable to marry her, he decided to leave the country. (**9**) _____ very little money, Robert had to obtain the fare for the voyage by selling some poems. Just as he was about to leave, he (**10**) _____ advised to publish some of the poems he (**11**) _____ written. He received a large sum of money for the poetry and was then (**12**) _____ to get married to Jean.

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B **For questions 1–10, read the text below and decide which answer (a, b, c or d) best fits each gap.**

A new breed of superstar

Nowadays, many people become household names through professions that were once thought of as simply respectable, rather than glamorous. Take lawyers, for example. Getting a job with a top law (1) ___ may not only ensure financial security due to the astronomical (2) ___ lawyers can command, but it may also bring the same superstar (3) ___ as that of a Hollywood actor. There are very few Americans who do not (4) ___ the name of the independent public prosecutor, Kenneth Starr. But a person must be (5) ___ out to be a lawyer in order to be successful. Firstly, a persuasive character is essential to getting every member of the jury to (6) ___ in with your line of argument. Secondly, the (7) ___ to judge character is vital, since a witness's (8) ___ to a question may be more significant than the answer given. (9) ___ , leadership qualities are fundamental. Top lawyers do not have the time to (10) ___ all the research necessary in a case by themselves. As a result, they have to set an example for those under their command, so that they can count on the team to work conscientiously.

1	a	company	b	firm	c	industry	d	business
2	a	tips	b	fares	c	rewards	d	fees
3	a	level	b	fame	c	status	d	stance
4	a	recognise	b	remind	c	memorise	d	retain
5	a	suited	b	cut	c	stood	d	made
6	a	go	b	call	c	get	d	fall
7	a	certainty	b	capability	c	will	d	ability
8	a	look	b	reaction	c	action	d	response
9	a	Eventually	b	Finally	c	Ultimately	d	Conclusively
10	a	take	b	do	c	make	d	carry

C **For questions 1 – 8, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.**

1 She may have been rich and famous, but she didn't think she was better than others.
down
She _____ others even though she was rich and famous.

2 I started living in Paris in 2003, but Mark didn't move here until 2008.
for
I _____ five years in Paris when Mark moved here.

3 Why don't we go to see a film later?
shall
_____ to see a film later?

4 It's so annoying how he talks about the famous people he knows all the time.
name
I wish he _____ all the time.

5 The singer suddenly fired her agent without any explanation.
out
She fired her agent _____ .

6 2013 will be my tenth year in show business.
have
I _____ in show business for ten years by 2013.

7 When we got to the stadium, the concert was finished.
by
The concert _____ the time we got to the stadium.

8 The actors from the film hated each other and fought a lot.
tension
There was _____ on the film set.

LIVEWORKSHEETS