

NAME .....

CLASS .....

DATE .....

MARK .....

**(Time: 50 minutes)**
**1. Choose the correct item.**

- 1 ..... what she said, she couldn't persuade him to join the club.  
**A** No matter      **C** Whereas  
**B** However      **D** Whatever
- 2 Debra ..... her mobile phone stolen yesterday.  
**A** is having      **C** was having  
**B** has      **D** had
- 3 She didn't hear me calling her this morning because she ..... to her MP3 player.  
**A** was listening      **C** is listening  
**B** listens      **D** listened
- 4 Jim was acting ..... he was the manager.  
**A** how      **C** as though  
**B** in the way      **D** the same way
- 5 The pancakes were made ..... flour, eggs and milk.  
**A** with      **B** by      **C** like      **D** as
- 6 Stephen is ..... of all the students in the class.  
**A** taller      **C** taller than  
**B** tallest      **D** the tallest
- 7 She likes to go ice-skating ..... the winter.  
**A** while      **B** during      **C** as      **D** when
- 8 I've just finished watching the most ..... film ever.  
**A** thrilled      **C** thrill  
**B** thrilling      **D** thriller
- 9 Greg is ..... athletic of all my brothers.  
**A** less      **C** the least  
**B** the less      **D** less than
- 10 They spoke quietly ..... wake up the children.  
**A** so as not to      **C** for fear  
**B** to avoid      **D** in order not
- 11 Feta cheese ..... in Greece.  
**A** produces      **C** is producing  
**B** produced      **D** is produced
- 12 Would you mind ..... me £5 until tomorrow?  
**A** lend      **C** lends  
**B** lending      **D** to lend
- 13 That was a delicious meal. You cook very .....  
**A** well      **C** best  
**B** better      **D** good

(Points: —)  
13x2 26

**2. Fill in the correct particle.**

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| 1 The government decided to do ..... with the controversial tax.<br>2 Karen drew ..... from the window when she saw the stranger outside.<br>3 Paul gave ..... smoking last summer for health reasons. | 4 Stella has been trying to cut ..... on the amount of sweets she eats.<br>5 She tried to smile, but her voice gave ..... the truth that she was deeply upset.<br>6 The real estate agent drew ..... a contract for the sale of the house. |
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**3. Fill in the correct preposition.**

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| 1 Trevor dreams ..... travelling to Japan one day.<br>2 Gary has been lacking ..... confidence since he lost his job at the bank.<br>3 The couple had a quarrel ..... which holiday destination they should choose. | 4 That doll looks identical ..... one I have at home.<br>5 Tanya is very popular ..... all her workmates in the office.<br>6 The film was completely different ..... anything he had seen before. |
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**4. Rephrase the following sentences using the words in bold.**

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| 1 Kevin is always professional when he is at work.<br><b>way</b> Kevin always ..... when he is at work.<br>2 Cindy is studying law because she wants to become a lawyer.<br><b>view</b> Cindy is studying law ..... a lawyer.<br>3 John drove George to the airport last night.<br><b>by</b> George ..... to the airport last night.<br>4 Kathy got the job although she was unqualified.<br><b>despite</b> Kathy got the job ..... she was unqualified.<br>5 The child's mother insisted that he finish his homework.<br><b>made</b> The child ..... his homework.<br>6 Peter is nowhere near as talented as Becky.<br><b>far</b> Becky is ..... Peter. |  |
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6x2 12

## 5. Read the email and fill in the gaps.

Hi Eric!

Greetings from New York! I'm having a great time here. The weather is a little 1) ..... (**cold**) than in England, but I really don't mind.

This city is far 2) ..... (**interesting**) than any city I've been to before. And it's huge! The streets are much 3) ..... (**wider**) than back home and the buildings are 4) ..... (**tall**) as well.

Actually, it's 5) ..... (**large**) city in the USA! And there is so much to see and do here. I've already visited some of 6) ..... (**fascinating**) museums and cultural sites. The Metropolitan Museum, for example, has one of 7) ..... (**good**) collections of art in the world. But 8) ..... (**impressive**) attraction of all was the Statue of Liberty. The view from the top was really amazing! Well, I'd better finish up now. See you when I get back!

Brian



(Points: —)  
8x3 24

6. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the correct *passive* form.

- 1 An Austrian actor is going to receive the award.  
The award is going ..... by an Austrian actor.
- 2 The pop star will open a new shopping centre.  
A new shopping centre ..... by the pop star.
- 3 Are the students organising an end-of-term party this year?  
Is an end-of-term party ..... by the students this year?
- 4 They may have found the criminal.  
The criminal ..... found.
- 5 They say the couple have announced their engagement.  
The couple ..... have announced their engagement.
- 6 People think that Paris is the most romantic city in the world.  
Paris ..... the most romantic city in the world.
- 7 He hasn't done the washing-up yet.  
The washing-up ..... yet.

(Points: —)  
7x2 14

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