Oxford Exam Trainer

Name:

Grammar and vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets (present simple, present continuous, *will* or *be going to*).

1 Sorry, I can't talk to you right now. I _____ (drive).

2 The show _____ (start) at five o'clock. Hurry up or you will miss the beginning!

3 'We need some bread.' 'I _____ (buy) it on my way from school.'

4 Look, the sky is blue – it _____ (not / rain) this afternoon.

5 When _____ (Tom / finish) school on Fridays? I'm making plans for the weekend.

6 School is over! This time next week, we _____ (lie) on the beach.

7 His parents _____ (live) in Leeds, but where _____ (they / live) now, during the summer months?

8 We have already got a schedule for the exams: we _____ (take) the tests the first week in May.

9 How often _____ (have) tests and exams in your school?

10 This is my last day here. I _____ (go) back to England tomorrow.

Mark: ___ / 10

Progress test 1B (Unit 1)

Grammar and vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets (present simple, present continuous, *will* or be *going to*)

1 With rising pollution, the environment _____ (get) worse for humans.

2 He _____ (not / play) tennis today, he's ill.

3 She can't talk right now, she _____ (have) her hair cut.

4 'I'm looking for some milk.' 'You _____ (find) any, I've used it all.'

5 My aunt _____ (start) a business. She's already got a loan.

6 We _____ (meet) our friends at the theatre at 8 p.m.

7 Excuse me, what time _____ (the bus / leave)?

8 Sorry, I can't talk now, I _____ (drive).

9 I think I _____ (study) biology at university. It's my favourite subject.

10 I _____ (look) for a smart jacket. Can you help me?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Reading

2 Read the text about Robert Burns, a Scottish poet, and for questions 1–5 choose the correct answers A–D.

LOVED BY THE SCOTS

The poems of the Scottish poet Robert Burns are known and loved by Scottish people everywhere, and his birthday, 25th January, is still celebrated in memory of him.

He wrote many poems in English, but the kind of English verse that was fashionable at the time did not match his style, so in his best poetry he instead used the dialect of his own county of Ayrshire, in Scotland. In this Scots dialect, he wrote all kinds of poems. These poems included beautiful lyric songs, as well as angry poems written to show his dislike of people who wanted to look better than they were. He also wrote comic and dramatic stories in verse. Some of the songs he wrote, for example, *Auld Lang Syne*, are famous to thousands of people who know very little about Scotland.

Burns was born in 1759 into a poor farming family. As a boy, he had to work very hard in the fields, but he loved reading. He was very poor, but still, he was happy and loved. At a very young age, he began to write poetry. However, it wasn't until he was twenty-six that his book of poems, most of them in the Scottish dialect, was published. Before publication, his poems had been passed round among his friends.

His father died when Burns was a young man. After his father's death, he had to take care of his brothers and sisters, whom he helped all his life, even though he had little money himself. Also, the father of Jean Armour, the girl he loved, did not allow her to marry him. Burns felt miserable and decided to take a job in Jamaica. However, before he was due to leave, his first book of poems was published in 1786. Almost immediately, it became a great success and Burns decided to stay in Scotland.

Two years after his success, Burns at last married Jean Armour and rented a farm near Dumfries, but he was unable to run the farm successfully. Eventually, he managed to get a job in a government organisation, though he became rather unpopular in fashionable circles because he admired the French Revolution, which the British government did not agree with.

He had times of sadness and illness, but he went on writing fine poetry. He died when he was only thirty-seven from heart disease, from which he had suffered since his young age.

1 Burns did <u>not</u> write …

A songs.

B poems.

C stories.

D dramas.

2 His first book …

A wasn't very successful.

B was published when he was twenty-six.

C contained a variety of literary texts.

D was passed round among his friends.

3 After his success,

A his father died.

B Burns left for Jamaica.

C Burns married his girlfriend.

D the government offered Burns a job.

Burns was …

A a successful farmer.

B a happy and healthy child.

C from a poor but loving family.

D a member of the British government.

4 The text states that …

A Burns stopped writing when he fell ill.

B Burns became successful only after his death.

C a song by Burns is popular all over the world.

D Burns is famous with people all over the world.

Mark

LIVEWORKSHEETS

LIVEWORKSHEETS