

**B2** Unit test 8A

- 1 ▷ Listen to an extract from a talk about rice.**  
Write the number of stressed words you hear in sentences 1–5.

- 1 Rice comes from the seed of a grass species. \_\_\_\_
- 2 It is a widely consumed basic food around much of the world. \_\_\_\_
- 3 It's especially common in Asia. \_\_\_\_
- 4 Rice is grown in fields called 'paddy fields'. \_\_\_\_
- 5 Paddy fields require a lot of work to maintain them and plenty of water. \_\_\_\_

2 points for each correct answer

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- 2 ▷ Listen to an extract from a talk by a medical professional and complete the sentences with words that the speaker stresses.**

Interest in the <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ benefits of <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ has increased recently after <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on the cocoa-drinking peoples of Central <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ observed that that the Kuna <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of Panama, who drank <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as their drink of choice, had very low <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ pressure, which as we know is a leading cause of <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ disease and can also lead to <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

1 point for each correct answer

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- 3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using participle clauses.**

- 1 Because I'm not a great cook, I really struggle to prepare a three-course meal.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, I really struggle to prepare a three-course meal.
- 2 We were disturbed by Ben's music for several hours, so eventually we asked him to lower the volume.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for several hours, we eventually asked him to lower the volume.
- 3 There were many fans who queued up to meet the band after the concert.  
 There were \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Several paintings which cost over £5,000 each were destroyed in the fire.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ were destroyed in the fire.
- 5 Katya has lived in Switzerland, so it's quite likely that she speaks some German.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, it's quite likely that Katya speaks some German.

2 points for each correct answer

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**4 Read the text about the history of the vacuum cleaner and choose the correct option a–d to complete the sentences.**

Until about 250 years ago, households did not take dirt as <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as they do now. It was a fact of life and that was that. Cleaning often <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of no more than an annual clean called 'spring-cleaning'. This was when the furniture was moved aside, and other <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the house, such as curtains, were cleaned. Carpets and rugs were taken outside, hung on ropes and had the dust <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ out of them. It was an exhausting and messy process.

The industrial revolution brought about a major change. As new <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ became available to make homes cleaner, a corresponding interest in <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hygiene developed. This, in turn, led to the <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of new machines, one of which was the vacuum cleaner.

Legend has it that when one of the first vacuum cleaners was <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, a kindly scientist took the proud inventor aside, offering a bit of advice that was to become crucial to the future of the product – 'make it suck, not blow'.

The first vacuum cleaners appeared in the US. They were operated by hand pumps and were almost as much hard work as spring-cleaning. It was only when electric motors had become sufficiently <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to be moved around that vacuum cleaners became common household items. Most of today's major <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ first appeared in the 1920s, but have had their designs changed slightly through the decades.

- 1 a importantly  
b crucially  
c seriously  
d considerably
- 2 a consisted  
b made  
c included  
d meant
- 3 a devices  
b products  
c materials  
d objects

- 4 a beaten  
b sucked  
c taken  
d cleaned
- 5 a ideals  
b creations  
c inventions  
d inspirations
- 6 a house  
b homely  
c internal  
d domestic
- 7 a appearing  
b establishment  
c manufacture  
d planning
- 8 a established  
b seen  
c revealed  
d demonstrated
- 9 a scientific  
b advanced  
c technological  
d forward
- 10 a brands  
b marks  
c symbols  
d types

*1 point for each correct answer*

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**B2 Unit test 8A****5 Complete the sentences with a word from the box. There are three words that you don't need.**

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| critical      | family-focused | open-minded |
| realistic     | self-centred   | tech-savvy  |
| well educated | well-informed  |             |

- The security consultant's report was \_\_\_\_\_ of the building's safety and made several suggestions for improvement.
- If you have any problems with your new tablet, just ask Paul. He's quite \_\_\_\_\_, so he'll know what to do.
- Most people in my family are \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone has a degree, and several have also completed a Master's.
- I'm certain that Suzana isn't at all interested in her sister's problems. She's very \_\_\_\_\_, you know!
- Let's be \_\_\_\_\_! In this traffic it won't be possible to get home in under two hours.

2 points for each correct answer

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**6 Complete the sentences . The first letter of each missing word has been given.**

- Internet s\_\_\_\_\_ is a priority these days to prevent criminals from accessing personal details and bank accounts.
- Nowadays even young children learn how to use smart d\_\_\_\_\_ like phones and tablets.
- Unfortunately my account was h\_\_\_\_\_ and a lot of sensitive information was stolen.
- With all the a\_\_\_\_\_ in technology, who knows what we'll be able to do in a few years' time!
- Due to the laws on d\_\_\_\_\_ protection, I cannot discuss any details of the case with you.

2 points for each correct answer

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**7 Complete the mini-dialogues. The first letter of each missing word has been given.**

- Aga** What a s\_\_\_\_\_ view!

**Irina** Yes. It's breathtaking, isn't it?
- Rick** This curry is delicious – nice and spicy!

**Helga** It's actually a bit too hot for my l\_\_\_\_\_!
- Cal** Well, that show was way beyond my expectations – just brilliant!

**Matsumi** For me the h\_\_\_\_\_ was the opera singer. What an amazing voice!
- Harry** What did you think of the firework display?

**Aysan** To be honest, I wasn't that i\_\_\_\_\_ by it. I've seen a lot better.
- Mia** Did you enjoy your holiday?

**Kosta** Yes, I did, thanks, and what I p\_\_\_\_\_ loved about it was the fact that everything was included in the price.

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**B2 Unit test 8A****8 Choose the correct preposition a–c to complete the sentences.**

- Sarah has been responsible \_\_\_\_ the design of the project since February.  
a with      b for      c of
- I think having a few really good friends is preferable \_\_\_\_ knowing lots of people less well.  
a to      b as      c about
- Conroy is very good at making a type of bread which is known locally \_\_\_\_ a 'fruit soda'.  
a by      b on      c as
- My elderly grandmother doesn't like being dependent \_\_\_\_ others for help with her housework.  
a in      b on      c with
- They obviously weren't aware \_\_\_\_ the dangers, otherwise they would never have entered the cave.  
a to      b of      c about

2 points for each correct answer

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**9 Complete the review. Use one word in each space.**

The Pullman art exhibition came to town last week, and my wife, being the keen art fan that she is, had two tickets bought for us weeks in advance. She was dying to go, but I hadn't really been looking forward to it. In <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I'd go as far as to say that I wasn't interested in it at all and almost gave my ticket to my colleague. Luckily I didn't, as it <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ out to be quite incredible! It was an interesting mixture of Pullman's oldest pieces and his latest ones, which meant that there was a <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ deal of variety. And <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ missed his last few exhibitions, there was obviously a lot that I hadn't seen. I thoroughly enjoyed it, as <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ most people who visited, judging by the excellent reviews.

2 points for each correct answer

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**10 Use the prompts to write sentences with relative clauses. Use commas where necessary.***EXAMPLE:*

would be great / have / car / can clean itself

*It would be great to have a car that can clean itself.*

- my elder sister / lives in Mexico / has decided / set up own business
- main reason / I don't want go / the bad weather
- Mr Tilbury / is the owner / a local company / manufactures computer equipment
- Stefan / brother I told you about / often calls by / on way home from work
- The man to / I was speaking / just moved / into this area

2 points for each correct answer

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