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PROGRESS TEST 1 | Version A

Part A • Grammar, Vocabulary and How to …

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct option (a, b or c) to complete the sentences.

1 They ___ enough seats so we had to sit on the floor.
a hadn't had **b** didn't have **c** weren't having
2 When I got home, I realised I ___ my phone at work.
a left **b** was leaving **c** 'd left
3 I ___ along the beach when I found a watch in the sand.
a walked **b** was walking **c** 'm walking
4 She ___ on a French farm for a few months before she went to university.
a was working **b** has been working **c** is working
5 They ___ me a lovely present for my last birthday.
a gave **b** were giving **c** 've been giving
6 He ___ money to get a new bike for the last six months.
a saves **b** is saving **c** 's been saving
7 How long ___ those sports cards?
a are you collecting **b** have you been collecting **c** you have been collecting
8 I ___ about Rachel and Tristan for a long time.
a 've known **b** 've been knowing **c** was knowing

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 They believe in _____ (sleep) eight hours a night.
2 After a career in banking, he went on _____ (work) in education.
3 Michael stopped _____ (talk) to me on his way home. It was good to catch up.
4 They gave up _____ (look) for a new dog because they couldn't find the right one.
5 I don't care about _____ (wear) fashionable clothes.

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3 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box. There are three words or phrases you do not need.

apart	**even**	**except**	**standing**	**to leave**
to stand	**where**	**which**	**who**	**whose**

1 Our phones are the same _____ yours is blue.
2 Do you know a good shop _____ they can repair my jacket?
3 She works every day _____ from Fridays.
4 I saw a man _____ hair was bright purple.
5 My sister is the woman _____ by the window.
6 I'll get your lunch if you haven't got any money. I'll _____ pay for a dessert!
7 Who was the last person _____ the classroom?

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VOCABULARY

4 Complete the sentences with the missing words.

1 The painting isn't **w** _ _ _ **h** a lot of money, but it looks nice.
2 He said it was a **g** _ _ _ _ _ **e** gold ring, but it wasn't real.
3 You can't keep that wallet. It doesn't **b** _ _ _ _ **g** to you.
4 I love your new T-shirt. It looks really **c** _ _ **l**.
5 I try to avoid buying food in **p** _ _ _ _ _ **c** packets because it's bad for the environment.
6 These boots are made of **r** _ _ _ _ **r** so I can wear them in the rain.
7 It looks like a **d** _ _ _ _ _ **d** ring, but it's probably glass.

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5 Complete the sentences with the words and phrases in the box.

achieve	**can't resist**	**do without**	**ideal**
keep on	**not a big fan of**	**put off**	**tastes**

1 I can't _____ my smart watch. I use it all the time.
2 We like a lot of the same things, but we've got different _____ in music.
3 He's _____ drama so he probably won't go to the theatre.
4 This hotel is _____ for us because it's next to the beach.
5 I don't want to _____ this job. Let's finish it now.
6 I hope you _____ your goal of completing the marathon.
7 He _____ looking at his phone. He must look at it every thirty seconds.
8 If we _____ driving, we should get there soon.

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6 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 She **did** / **made** a negative comment about my shoes.
2 I didn't leave the door open. It wasn't **guilty** / **my fault**.
3 He must be in a bad **mood** / **favour**. That's why he looks so angry.
4 If you ask Georgina, I'm sure she'll be **happy to do** / **like doing** it.
5 I don't **avoid** / **feel** comfortable talking about politics with your dad.

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HOW TO …

7 Match the sentence beginnings (1–10) with the endings (a–j).

1 Please hang your coat ___
2 If you're cold, you can turn ___
3 This is Nancy. You can reach ___
4 I wonder if you would ___
5 I can't take your call ___
6 Cyclists who don't get out ___
7 Eric was arguing with ___
8 My neighbour's forever ___
9 Don't get him started ___
10 It really drives me ___

a on the price of petrol.
b mind calling me back later.
c the shop assistant for 20 minutes.
d the heating up a bit more.
e nuts when people talk loudly on the train.
f right now, but I'll get back to you.
g up, rather than leaving it on a chair.
h of the way on the road annoy me.
i me on 034 876 8643.
j complaining about the noise we make.

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Part B • Listening and Reading

LISTENING

1 [Audio PT1.01] Listen to a radio programme in which the interviewer asks people what they have got in their bags. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

1 Jody only carries her laptop when she has to work from home. **T / F**
2 Jody had to rush home to get her laptop this morning. **T / F**
3 Jody's hairbrush used to be owned by her sister. **T / F**
4 Jody likes the hairbrush because it is made of plastic. **T / F**
5 Ruben forgot to put his phone on the table this morning. **T / F**
6 Ruben has been told to stop eating sweets. **T / F**
7 Ruben finds it hard not to go into the sweet shop in the mornings. **T / F**
8 Ruben is going to give up the book he is reading. **T / F**
9 Carla thinks it is necessary to have a phone. **T / F**
10 Carla doesn't think her diary is made of real leather. **T / F**

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2 [Audio PT1.02] Listen to five people talking about habits they want to change. Match the speakers (1–5) with the statements (A–E).

1 Angela ___
2 Darren ___
3 Emma ___
4 Neil ___
5 Paula ___

A My habit has had a negative effect on my body.
B My habit is worse at certain times of the year.
C My habit causes problems for the environment.
D My habit has made me get unnecessary things.
E My habit stops me thinking carefully about other things.

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3 [Audio PT1.02] Listen again. Choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

1 How does Angela hope to change her habit?
A She's only going to use public transport.
B She's going to use the car at certain times.
C She's only going to drive her car to work.

2 Why does Darren eat more fast food these days?
A He doesn't have much time for lunch.
B It gives him more energy than other food.
C It's the cheapest way to get his lunch.

3 What does Emma say about social media?
A She has always used it a lot for talking to friends.
B She has taken the social media app off her phone.
C She uses it to communicate with people she knows.

4 How did Neil feel about getting up early this morning?
A It was more difficult than he had expected.
B He had been looking forward to it.
C He was unhappy when he first got up.

5 What does Paula say about something she bought recently?
A She found it hard to stop herself from buying it.
B She had wanted to buy a cheap one for a while.
C She had to wait in a long queue in order to buy it.

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READING

4 Read a magazine article in which people talk about their favourite childhood possessions. Are the ideas from the article (1–5) Facts (F) or Opinions (O)?

1 The most popular toys nowadays are video consoles and dolls. **F / O**
2 Briefcases are not very common anymore. **F / O**
3 A briefcase that can be locked is special. **F / O**
4 The toy cars at Kimberly's grandmother's house were for boys. **F / O**
5 The toy cars lasted a long time because they were metal. **F / O**

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Our favourite childhood possessions

Readers tell us about the things they loved most when they were children.

Kai

According to an article in the paper, the most popular toys nowadays are video consoles and dolls. However, they aren't the things that give my kids most pleasure. Instead, they're more likely to care about an old shoe box or plastic lids from milk cartons. For them, those materials can be used for making pretend money, dolls' houses, or anything else they can imagine. I remember being exactly the same when I was growing up, and one of my favourite possessions was an old briefcase, which my dad had given me.

I recently read a magazine article which said that briefcases are not very common anymore. So, if you don't know what a briefcase is, it's a small rectangular case for carrying documents. To be honest, I don't think my dad ever used his briefcase for that. In fact, I don't think he carried anything in it except for his lunch. However, I'd always dreamt about having my own briefcase so I was excited when he gave it to me. It was made of leather, and it was a bit old and damaged. I used to imagine that I was a secret agent, like James Bond, and the briefcase contained all my secret agent's devices. The fact I could lock it up made it even more special to me. Of course, I threw it out years ago, but I'll never forget that briefcase!

Kimberly

Like most of my friends, I had all the typical girls' toys – dolls, a pretend kitchen, and a make-up set – but they weren't for me. I used to play with them for a few days before losing interest. Then, one day, on a trip to my grandmother's house, I was given a box of old toy cars. She'd found them when she was tidying up one of her bedrooms. She hadn't planned to give them to me because she thought they were for boys. However, she didn't have anything else for me to play with so she ended up getting them out.

Apparently, they'd belonged to my father when he was growing up, and there were all sorts of vehicles in that box. Although they were probably 30 years old, most of them were in good condition. A lot of toys are plastic nowadays, but those ones were metal. I think that's why they'd lasted so long. Even the damaged ones didn't bother me, and they also gave me a lot of pleasure. I spent hours inventing stories with them, usually ending with crazy car chases. I've still got that box under my bed and I'm looking forward to giving it to my son. He's too young at the moment, but I know he'll enjoy them as much as I did.

5 Read the article again. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

1 What does Kai have in common with his children?
A His toys didn't give him pleasure.
B His favourite toy was a video console.
C He liked to create his own games.
D His children have a briefcase.

2 What does Kai say about the briefcase?
A His father had carried documents in it.
B His father only used to carry his lunch in it.
C He thinks that it was in perfect condition.
D He has forgotten where it is now.

3 How did Kimberly feel about most of her toys?
A She didn't appreciate the typical girls' toys.
B She spent a lot of time playing with dolls.
C She didn't have the same toys as her friends.
D She was more interested in using make-up.

4 Why did Kimberley's grandmother give her a box of toy cars?
A She wanted her to play with more 'boys' toys'.
B She wanted to tidy up the room they were in.
C She had no other toys for Kimberly to play with.
D She had hoped to give her them for a long time.

5 What does Kimberly say about the toy cars in the last paragraph?
A She was upset that some of them were damaged.
B She and her father played with them together.
C She has already given them to her young son.
D She is excited about sharing them with her son.

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