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Solutions Third Edition

Unit 1 Progress Test A

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past perfect, past continuous, or (*didn't*) *use to* and the words below.

be	copy	inherit	pass	play	rain	speak	study

1 It _____ when we left the cinema, and we didn't have an umbrella.

2 When Rachel and Carlos got married, they _____ engaged for very long – only a few weeks.

3 Megan has forgotten her German now, but she _____ it really well.

4 Did your parents meet while they _____ at Chicago University?

5 You _____ the piano when you were younger. When did you learn to do that?

6 Tessa's father bought her a second-hand car after she _____ her driving test.

7 No, I _____ your answers when we were in the exam! I didn't look at your test paper.

8 John moved to a much bigger house after he _____ some money.

Mark: ___ / 8

2 Read the text and choose the correct words.

When my grandad [1]**used to grow up** / **was growing up** in Jamaica, he [2]**was going** / **used to go** to the beach every day after school. He [3]**used to have** / **had had** a lot of friends in Jamaica, and he was really happy there. But when Grandad was six, his parents [4]**used to move** / **moved** to Britain because his dad, my great-grandad, [5]**had found** / **was finding** a good job there. He [6]**used to** / **didn't use to** like it here in Britain because the weather was cold and he [7]**had left** / **was leaving** all of his friends behind in Jamaica. But slowly he [8]**used to** / **got used to** living here, and he made new friends. He [9]**used to meet** / **met** my Grandma when they [10]**were both living** / **had both lived** in Leeds. At the time, she [11]**was studying** / **had studied** maths at Leeds University. Grandma and Grandad went out for a long time, but they [12]**used to get** / **didn't get** married until Grandma had left university in 1971. That was years ago, of course, but I think they're still in love.

Mark: ___ / 12

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Vocabulary

3 Match the words below with the definitions. There is one extra word.

bitter	centenarian	concerned	dependence	elderly	pass away

1 This person is one hundred years old. _____

2 This phrase means 'to die'. _____

3 When you can't forgive someone or forget something bad. _____

4 Worried about someone or something. _____

5 We use this word to describe an old person. _____

Mark: ___ / 5

4 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 My son's daughter was born two days ago. I can't believe I've just **got married** / **become a grandparent**.

2 We have to do something right now – this problem is very **urgent** / **bitter**!

3 Ted promised to do a bungee jump with us, but he's really scared about it. He'll never **go through with** / **put up with** it.

4 Grandma often looks at old photos of when she was young, and she feels very **sarcastic** / **nostalgic**.

5 You said, 'I'll help you to organise the party,' so don't **walk out** / **go back** on your promise.

6 Can you **look up** / **get up** this word in the dictionary for me? I don't understand what it means.

Mark: ___ / 6

5 Complete the phone conversation with the words below.

calm	freedom	grateful	irritating	miserable	put up with	run out of	schoolwork	stay out

Josh Hi, Maria. How's your exchange programme going?

Maria It's not going well, to be honest, and I feel pretty [1]_____ about it.

Josh Poor you. Why's that?

Maria There are lots of rules in my host family's house. I can't [2]_____ late, and I have to do all of my [3]_____ before dinner. I've got no [4]_____ at all.

Josh So you don't like the family?

Maria Well, the mum and dad are nice to me, and they help me a lot. I am [5]_____ to them, but they aren't easy to live with!

Josh Have they got any children?

Maria Yes – Mandy and Peter. Mandy is great, but Peter is really [6]_____ sometimes.

Josh Why? What does he do?

Maria Well, it's difficult to [7]_____ all of his sarcastic jokes. I think I'm going to [8]_____ patience with him one day and hit him!

Josh Don't do that! Try to be [9]_____ and relax.

Maria I am trying, but it's difficult!

Mark: ___ / 9

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Use of English

6 Read the dialogue and find ten mistakes (an unnecessary word, a word missing or an incorrect word). Circle the mistakes and write the corrections.

Hannah	On my experience, students who are shy really build their self-confidence on exchange trips.	1 _____
Michael	I'm agree that staying with families and making conversation with people in another language is good, but I'm still scared!	2 _____
Hannah	You shouldn't to worry. It'll be fine.	3 _____
Michael	But I'm worried about being with the family. For an instance, what if I can't think of anything to say to them?	4 _____
Hannah	You ought trying asking people about themselves first to get them talking and that will take the pressure off you.	5 _____
Michael	Good idea! Personally, I believe in people love talking about themselves!	6 _____
Hannah	You should to also listen actively to what someone is telling you.	7 _____
Michael	I should make eye contact with strangers or people older than me? Won't they think I'm rude?	8 _____
Hannah	It's not true to tell that for people in the UK. If you look people in the eye, it shows that you're listening to them. I'm not think you should be too anxious. Just act naturally and feel positive about yourself!	9 _____ 10 _____

Mark: ___ / 10

Listening

7 1 Listen to five speakers talking about their families. Match the speakers (1–5) with the statements (A–F). There is one extra statement.

A Speaker ___ tells people about the life of an author.

B Speaker ___ is going to stay in his / her new country.

C Speaker ___ complains about his / her parents.

D Speaker ___ talks about a relative's husband.

E Speaker ___ introduces a programme for young people.

F Speaker ___ talks about how a place has changed.

Mark: ___ / 5

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Reading

8 Read the text and complete gaps 1–5 with missing sentences A–G. There are two extra sentences.

A summer away from home

Many companies organise summer programmes abroad for young people aged fifteen to twenty. [1]_____ Travelling without your parents is a great way to become more independent, make new friends, and see a different country. But what is it really like to go on one of these trips? We spoke to three young travellers about their experiences.

Josh Tanner went to Lagos, Nigeria

I'm really good at football, so when I heard about a football volunteer programme in Africa, I was really excited. [2]_____ But after I had showed them some information on the internet, they decided that it was safe for me to go. I was feeling tired when I arrived in Lagos, and I couldn't believe how hot it was. [3]_____ I stayed with the Ngembo family in an apartment in the centre of Lagos. It was very small, and I had to share a room with three boys. But everyone was really nice to me, so I soon got used to having no privacy. I worked really hard, but I enjoyed my job, too. For most of the time, I was helping a Nigerian sports coach to teach football to ten-year-old boys and girls. I had a great time there, and I really got used to living in a big, noisy African city. By the time I left, I had really started to fit in!

Rebecca Jones went to Arles, France

Last year, I spent two weeks at a summer art school for young people in Arles. Arles is a beautiful little town in Provence, in the south of France. We were staying in a campsite and sharing tents, and most of the other students were French. I was nervous at first about speaking French to them. But everyone was nice to me, and they didn't criticise my mistakes. I really gained a lot of confidence after I'd been there for a week. The course was good too. We had drawing and painting lessons every morning. Then, every afternoon, the teachers took us out into the countryside to practise our skills. The famous painter Vincent Van Gogh used to live in Arles. [4]_____ It's a really beautiful place. I think I painted some good pictures while I was staying there. When Van Gogh was painting in Arles, people didn't used to like his work. Now his paintings sell for millions of pounds. Who knows? Maybe the same thing will happen to my pictures one day.

Matt Hazelwood went to Bryce Canyon, USA

Last summer, I got a job at Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah, USA. It's a beautiful place, but it was very difficult to get there! After I'd flown ten hours from London to Las Vegas, I had to get a bus to Cedar Springs, Utah. And after someone had met us there, it was another three-hour drive to the park. [5]_____ Lots of young people like me were working in the park last summer. We were helping people from the US National Park Service to repair and build things like picnic tables and information signs. We also helped to repair the walking paths and make them safe. That's important because a lot of middle-aged and elderly people visit the US national parks. I had to work really hard all summer, and get up very early in the morning. But I soon got used to that, and it was great to work outside in such a beautiful place. Bryce Canyon is famous for its red rocks and cliffs − and when the sun comes up in the early morning, they look amazing!

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A When I'd finally arrived, I went to bed and slept for twelve hours!

B But it only took me a few days to get used to the weather.

C Many other artists used to visit the area too, and I can see why.

D There aren't any big animals in these national parks, but you can see lots of birds.

E From working with children in Africa to protecting an ancient Inca road in Peru, there are lots of different trips to choose from.

F I phoned my parents every few days, so they weren't concerned about me.

G My parents weren't so enthusiastic at first.

Mark: ___ / 5

Writing

9 Imagine you see an advertisement on a website for English-speaking penfriends who are interested in your hobby. Write a message in reply. Follow the instructions below.

- Introduce yourself, say where you are from what your town is like.
- Say who you live with and say one intesting thing about a member of your family.
- Talk about why you like the hobby, and say how often you do it.
- Request information from the person you are writing to.

Mark: ___ / 10

Total: ___ / 70

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