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LISTENING

Part 4 Multiple choice

1 You will hear part of a radio interview with an actress called Sally. For questions 1–7, choose the best answer (A, B or C). Unit 4 Test

1 Sally likes the part of Nerissa because
- **A** it is the best acting she's ever done.
- **B** it is different to her previous roles.
- **C** it is a very well-written part.

2 When Sally looks back to her early acting experiences, she's
- **A** proud of her early success.
- **B** interested in what pushed her to start.
- **C** surprised by her strength of character.

3 How can taking part in school drama productions help young people?
- **A** It can teach them to work as a team.
- **B** It can familiarise them with the technical aspects of a production.
- **C** It can persuade them to go to drama school.

4 Joining the National Youth Theatre showed Sally's parents that
- **A** she had determination.
- **B** she was mature enough to leave home.
- **C** she had real prospects in acting.

5 Sally says she had problems
- **A** finding her way around London.
- **B** adapting to the rules of the company.
- **C** accepting criticism from others.

6 Sally lost contact with her friends from that time because
- **A** they didn't exchange addresses.
- **B** they were distracted by other things.
- **C** they hadn't all got on very well.

7 Why does Sally think that going to the National Youth Theatre is beneficial?
- **A** It acts as an agency for young actors.
- **B** It guarantees entry to competitive drama schools.
- **C** It provides opportunities for making useful contacts.

Score: /7

VOCABULARY

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Technology

2 Complete the gaps in each sentence with an appropriate word. The beginning of each word has been given to help you.

1 Can you call me later on my **la**_____, not my smartphone?

2 James loves sharing **me**_____ or GIFs on all of his social media accounts.

3 I try to avoid using **ab**_____ when sending texts; I prefer using whole words.

4 There was a great **th**_____ about studying techniques, so I commented on it.

5 My smartphone screen is too small, so I always use my **ta**_____.

6 My brother couldn't get his **he**_____ to work while we were chatting online.

7 I must update my **bl**_____ tonight because it's been an amazing day.

8 Unfortunately, the **li**_____ to your page isn't working; can you fix it?

9 Did you see my **po**_____ about the crazy day I had?

10 The **ca**_____ on phones nowadays take such great images!

11 I don't know how to turn off **pr**_____ text on my phone and it's annoying.

12 We don't tend to use the **de**_____ anymore; we like our handheld devices.

Score: /12

Expressions with *as … as*

3 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

1 You can have pizza tonight as *far/long* as you clean your room.

2 I think there were as *much/many* as 40 people in the restaurant.

3 I need to go into that shop, but I'll be back as *soon/much* as I can.

4 Maria has gone to the bank as *far/soon* as I know.

5 As *much/well* as being on the hockey team, Mark is a member of the athletics club.

6 Barbara has as *many/far* as 20 gold medals for swimming.

7 You're allowed to leave the room as *long/well* as you ask me first.

8 There's no use talking to him as *much/far* as I'm concerned.

9 Can we have chocolate as *well/long* as ice cream?

10 As *soon/long* as I'm old enough, I'm going to go travelling.

11 As *far/well* as I understand it, we should've taken a left turn back there.

12 I should clear out my jumpers, but I don't have as *well/many* as you.

Score: /12

Films

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4 Complete the gaps in each sentence with an appropriate word. The beginning of each word has been given to help you.

1 My uncle has a passion for **we**_____ made in the 1940s. He loves stories about cowboys!

2 Who do you think will get the Oscar for best **su**_____ actress this year?

3 The new film that is being released tomorrow has an all-star **ca**_____. It should be excellent.

4 This movie has a great **pl**_____, but I'm not going to give away the ending!

5 I thought the **so**_____ was too loud; I couldn't hear what the actors were saying.

6 The new animation came under strong **cr**_____ for badly written dialogue.

7 Mara isn't a fan of love stories, so don't buy any **ro**_____ films.

8 James was so taken with the first film that he can't wait for the **se**_____ to come out.

9 I don't know who plays the **ro**_____ of Lucy, but she's an excellent actress.

10 It's puzzling why Neve doesn't like **mu**_____; the songs and dances are incredible!

11 Hannah enjoyed the **sc**_____ with the rabbit; they were her favourite.

12 After reading the positive **re**_____, I think I'll have to see that film.

Score: /12

take

5 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

1 It's amazing how some people refuse to *take/admit* the blame for their mistakes!

2 My teacher took me *away/aside* to say I had to study harder if I wanted to pass the exam.

3 You definitely take *after/from* your mum. You're both creative people.

4 It's amazing how quickly the business has taken *over/off* and became so successful.

5 Did it always take this *long/far* to get ready to go out?

6 I didn't want to have to take *off/over* the project, but someone needed to be in charge.

7 Gemma was shocked to have passed the test; she couldn't really take it *on/in*!

8 When did Harry first take *up/to* the guitar?

9 The restaurant is taking *on/over* new serving staff.

10 I took my bike *aside/back* to the shop for some repairs.

11 I can't remember when I started ice skating, but I took *on/to* it at once.

12 I really wish you would take more *pity/interest* in cleaning your room!

Score: /12

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Comparisons

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct answers (A, B or C).

1 Last winter was probably _____ one we've ever had.

A colder than **B** the coldest **C** cold

2 My piano exam was _____ I thought it would be.

A hard **B** the hardest **C** harder than

3 Sheila isn't quite as _____ Mary when it comes to running.

A faster than **B** fast as **C** the fastest

4 Jack fell off his bike again; he needs to be _____.

A most careful **B** more careful **C** as careful

5 It was so silent in the woods, much _____ yesterday.

A quieter than **B** more quiet **C** as quiet

6 Donna created _____ drawing in the class.

A a better **B** a good **C** the best

7 We should've got here _____ but we didn't leave the house on time.

A earlier **B** the earliest **C** earlier than

8 I don't think you've ever looked _____ in that suit!

A much stylish **B** more stylish **C** the most stylish

9 I didn't realise the play was going to be as _____ it was.

A more boring **B** boring as **C** most boring

10 The cookies will never get done! The oven needs to be _____.

A hotter than **B** much hotter **C** the hottest

Score: / 10

Articles

7 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

1 I haven't been to any of *a/the* theatres in town.

2 *The/–* first email was sent in 1971.

3 Do you have to wear *an/a* uniform for school?

4 I'm looking for *the/a* birthday card for my sister.

5 Dinah has decided not to eat *the/–* meat anymore.

6 My aunt is *a/the* scientist and is working on complex structures.

7 I don't know whether to wear blue or red. Maybe I'll wear *a/the* red dress.

8 We're going to take a day trip to *a/the* beach we went to last week.

9 I'd really like *an/the* extra serving of dessert.

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10 *A/The* microwave was invented in 1946.

11 Susan has been playing *the/a* guitar since she was ten years old.

12 I think I need to buy *an/the* umbrella the next time I see one; it's starting to rain.

Score: / 12

so and *such*

8 Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

1 It was *such/so* an exciting journey that I couldn't wait to get there.

2 My classmates are *such/so* funny people. They make me laugh all the time.

3 I can't stand watching horror films; they're *such/so* terrifying.

4 It was *such/so* sunny; I had to put more sun cream on.

5 Sandra has *such/so* many running certificates.

6 I heard *such/so* a loud noise coming from the washing machine that I ran to see what was wrong.

7 Mark was *such/so* terribly upset when he lost his phone.

8 It's been *such/so* a tiring day; I'll be glad to get home.

9 It's been *such/so* interesting to see you perform on stage.

10 You really shouldn't eat *such/so* much chocolate.

11 Linda is *such/so* a talented artist; she should have an exhibition.

12 I have never been *such/so* impressed with your behaviour!

Score: / 12

Past tenses and time linkers

9 Complete the sentences with the correct answers (A, B or C).

1 I'm amazed I've passed my driving test _____! I've taken it five times.

A at the end **B** afterwards **C** at last

2 When was the last time you _____ the museum?

A visited **B** were visiting **C** had been visiting

3 I wasn't allowed to leave the table _____ I'd finished my dinner.

A afterwards **B** until **C** while

4 This time last week, we _____ on holiday.

A had relaxed **B** were relaxing **C** had been relaxing

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5 A lot of snow fell _____ the day yesterday.

A while **B** as **C** during

6 George _____ for hours, when he realised he'd made a mistake.

A wrote **B** had been writing **C** was writing

7 The hairdresser talked all the time _____ I was having my hair cut.

A while **B** during **C** after

8 I miss being in Japan; I _____ there for two years.

A have lived **B** had been living **C** lived

9 We had to give back our name badges _____ of the conference.

A in the end **B** at the end **C** eventually

10 I wanted to see Maria, but she _____ the office already.

A left **B** was leaving **C** had left

11 Could you take the rubbish out _____ you go to work?

A during **B** before **C** until

12 I _____ hard when my cat jumped on the computer.

A studied **B** had studied **C** was studying

Score: /12

WORD FORMATION

Nouns 1

10 **For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS.**

The rise of the internet

There are now millions of people connected to the internet due to its huge
(0) DEVELOPMENT over many years. Although users tend to use the internet for a wide range *DEVELOP*
of reasons, it is true that we get a lot of **(1)** _____ from it. One of the most useful *ENJOY*
aspects of being online is for students to research schoolwork. They can find many
(2) _____ of difficult subjects so they can brush up on their *EXPLAIN*
(3) _____ in the classroom. The main benefit of being able to study at home is that *WEAK*
students have **(4)** _____ over their studies. However, students do not only use the *DEPEND*
internet for schoolwork. Social media has seen such an increase in **(5)** _____ that it *POPULAR*
is likely that most young people are on at least one social media site. As well as helping to make
(6) _____ with other people around the world, being social online often helps to *CONNECT*
relieve **(7)** _____. It still seems the case, though, that of all the users on social media, *LONELY*
the **(8)** _____ still share too much personal information. *MAJOR*

Score: /8

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Participle adjectives and adverbs

11 For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS.

Updated methods of entertainment

Nowadays, you're more likely to watch an **(0)** EXCITING film at home through an online	*EXCITE*
streaming service rather than go to the cinema. For cinema workers, this has been a	
(1) _____ trend. They are seeing fewer and fewer audience numbers, and this can	*DISAPPOINT*
lead to **(2)** _____ managers and owners. Rather than giving up and quitting the	*FRUSTRATE*
business, managers are, not **(3)** _____, trying to think of new and innovative ways to	*SURPRISE*
bring people back into cinemas. There are possibilities of more immersive cinema experiences	
which will just add to the event of going to watch a film, and it is hoped that audiences will be	
suitably **(4)** _____. However, visitors to cinemas may find the really high prices	*IMPRESS*
(5) _____ and decide to merely stay at home for their movie entertainment.	*SHOCK*
(6) _____, it seems that these are difficult times for the movie industry.	*WORRY*
Unfortunately for the industry, streaming services are **(7)** _____ easy for the user	*ANNOY*
to navigate, and they can spend a **(8)** _____ time with their family in the comfort of	*RELAX*
their own home.	

Score: /8

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

Part 5 Multiple choice

12 You are going to read an extract from a novel. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Returning home

It had always been a dream of mine, and now here I am, looking around the old place. Memories came flooding back to me as the official showed me around each of the screens. Here was where I had first seen that terrifying film that ensured I never watched another horror movie. In that *one* there, I saw my first animation, which had left a lasting impression on me. And in the furthest screen was the last time my father took me to the cinema before he deemed that I was too old to be accompanied by an adult. Besides, I wasn't altogether too keen on my father's choice of film; westerns never really interested me. It must have been, what, twenty years since I had set foot in this place and probably about ten since anyone had wandered its halls, excited to watch a film.

The old cinema in the southern end of the town had always been the hub of what was happening in the area. It was the one place where people would arrange to meet and then either see a film or go somewhere else. But it was always there: the building that everyone knew. When I returned to my roots a few years ago, I was dismayed to see that the once vibrant and inviting windows had been long boarded up and now were adorned with graffiti and home-made posters advertising local DJs and concerts. The colourful movie posters promising exciting adventures in space, or a musical love story, were no more, but if you had asked the staff nicely, then there may well be some stored away in someone's belongings. It was heart-breaking to know that the youth of the town wouldn't experience the sheer joy and expectation of waiting in line with popcorn in hand. No, that had been replaced by online streaming services, and before that, DVDs, although it was likely that DVDs were on their way out too.

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The representative from the agency stopped in the middle of the foyer and turned to me. 'Are you sure you're still interested?' she asked, seeming unsure. Looking past her, the crumbling service area where I had queued to get drinks so many years ago looked lonely, tired and in need of help. The glass had been shattered in the drinks cabinet and the worktop was peeling with age; even the ceiling had started to fall down as if to replace the customers who had once stood there. The whole building had been on the market for a few years now, and it was about time that someone took on the project. There was only one question I needed to ask: 'What's the asking price?'.

Picking up the keys felt like a scene in a film. Almost like that final scene where the hero gets his reward. It was going to be such a transformation to bring the place back to life and allow the youth of the town the opportunity to experience exactly what I had. The genres of film had hardly changed, but now they were populated by much newer and younger stars of the screen. It wouldn't be the same though, with modern fittings and a fresher look; I remember the darkness of the lighting before, but it would still have that 'feel' of a local cinema for everyone to enjoy.

The announcement in the newspaper generated a lot of interest and excitement, even though there was still some time before the grand reopening. There was quite a lot on the to-do list, such as fitting the carpet in the screens as well as organising deals with food and drink suppliers. However, it was happening and I was only months away from bringing the joy of the cinema back to the people of my hometown.

1 From the first paragraph, we understand that the writer
- **A** doesn't enjoy animated films.
- **B** is revisiting a place from his childhood.
- **C** is being shown around a new facility.
- **D** shared cinematic preferences with his father.

2 What does the word 'one' in line 3 refer to?
- **A** a terrifying film
- **B** an old place
- **C** the official showing the writer around
- **D** a screen at the cinema

3 What does the writer imply about film posters?
- **A** Customers could often take them home.
- **B** They were usually uninspiring.
- **C** They had a sense of unprofessionalism.
- **D** You could still see them on the walls of the cinema.

4 What does the reader understand from paragraph 3?
- **A** The estate agent is enthusiastic about the sale.
- **B** The foyer was in a good condition.
- **C** Few people showed interest in buying the building.
- **D** The writer was disappointed with the agency representative.

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5 The writer's plans for the cinema include

A demolishing the building.

B targeting the older generation.

C repurposing the cinema.

D refurbishing the building.

6 What can the reader infer from the final paragraph?

A The project is currently incomplete.

B There has been no media coverage.

C The writer's dreams are in tatters.

D The cinema has already reopened.

Score: /6

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