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UNIT 2: Language Test A

Vocabulary

Task 1

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 I felt **amazing** / **ridiculous** wearing that lion outfit. It looked really silly.
2 I can't walk across that old bridge. It looks absolutely **terrifying** / **terrific**.
3 That new cake shop is **awesome** / **awful**. It's got more types of cake than you can imagine.
4 They're building a **delicious** / **massive** skyscraper in the city centre. It's going to be fifty storeys high.
5 I tried to make a curry, but it was **delicious** / **disgusting** and I had to throw most of it away.
6 We had a **ridiculous** / **brilliant** time at the amusement park. We didn't want to come home.
7 That book was **awful** / **fantastic**. It was one of the worst books I've ever read.

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Task 2

Complete the sentences with the correct form of these words.

drop find get hang have spot turn wave

8 I've never _____ a head for heights so I won't go up the mountain.
9 I _____ goodbye to my parents and I got on the train.
10 I was _____ around with my friends when my mum called me.
11 They _____ up at our house a bit late, but we didn't have to wait too long.
12 If you can't _____ your way to my house, give me a ring and I'll come and meet you.
13 Try not to _____ that box. It's got glasses and plates in it.
14 I _____ Tim on the other side of the park, talking to his friends.
15 This question is really hard. I can't _____ my head around it.

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Grammar

Task 1

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

16 When I couldn't do my homework, I **was always asking** / **would always ask** my sister for help.
17 By the time we got home, Briony **has** / **had already** gone to bed.
18 We **had** / **were having** our lunch in the park when it started to pour with rain.
19 It was lovely to see Joana because we **hadn't seen** / **weren't seeing** her for ages.
20 While we **were coming** / **would come** home from the swimming pool, we saw a boy fall over.
21 Marga **went** / **was going** for a walk when we'd finished lunch.
22 I **used to** / **would** live in a house with a garden, but now I live in an apartment with a balcony.
23 Victor was playing on his computer when his mother **called** / **had called** him down for lunch.

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Task 2

Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the words in brackets.

24 That has to be _____ (ridiculous) film I've ever seen.
25 Julio and Erica are just _____ (annoying) as each other. That's why I can't stand them.
26 The food in that restaurant was _____ (bad) than the food in Paul's Café.
27 My teacher said I had to work _____ (hard) if I wanted to pass the course.
28 *Sapiens* is one _____ (interesting) books I've read.
29 My dad usually drives _____ (careful) my mum, which is why I prefer my dad's driving.
30 They asked us to speak _____ (quiet) because the children were sleeping.

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Use of English

Task 1

Complete the second sentence so that that is has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

31 I enjoyed the barbecue a lot more than I thought I would.
FAR
The barbecue was ..... than I thought it would be.

32 David speaks German better than anyone I know.
WELL
No one I know speaks German ..... David.

33 I haven't tasted many things which are more disgusting in my life.
ONE
It was ..... things I've ever tasted.

34 Steven didn't use to be so nervous.
THAN
Steven is ..... to be.

35 My mum's car was too small for all of us to fit in.
ENOUGH
My mum's car ..... for all of us to fit in.

36 You'd think the journey to school is longer than it is.
LONG
The journey to school ..... you'd think.

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Task 2

Use the word given in capitals at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

Moon landing

When the Apollo 11 spacecraft landed on the moon in 1969, around 600 million people were **(37)** ..... watching it on their TVs. This was a dangerous	**NERVE**
mission, but **(38)** ..... this would be the first time men set foot on the moon.	**HOPE**
The landing went well and some **(39)** ..... pictures of the astronauts' first steps on the moon were sent back to Earth.	**AMAZE**
However, it wasn't long before some people started to doubt the truth of the moon landings. They became **(40)** ..... about some of the photographs, saying that they	**SUSPICION**
were tricks. They argued that NASA, along with a whole team of film directors and writers, were **(41)** ..... for it. According to them, there were problems with the light and	**RESPONSE**
shadows in the pictures and that in **(42)** ..... , they had been taken in a studio.	**REAL**
Over the years, NASA has **(43)** ..... managed to convince most people that	**SUCCESS**
the moon landings did take place. However, **(44)** ..... they haven't convinced everyone and these stories continue to appear on the internet.	**FORTUNE**

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UNIT 2: Skills Test

Listening

You are going to listen to five people talking about situations when people didn't tell them the truth.

Task 1

For questions 1–5, choose from the list (A–H) the reasons the people didn't tell them the truth.

A They didn't want to hurt my feelings.
B They wanted to look better in front of me.
C They were trying to make me nervous.
D They were trying to avoid punishment.
E They thought it would embarrass me.
F They thought they were being funny.
G They wanted to avoid an argument.
H They didn't want to make me worried.

Speaker 1 **1** .....
Speaker 2 **2** .....
Speaker 3 **3** .....
Speaker 4 **4** .....
Speaker 5 **5** .....

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Task 2

For questions 6–10, choose from the list (A–H) with how each speaker felt in those situations.

A worried
B surprised
C disappointed
D embarrassed
E amused
F confused
G annoyed
H suspicious

Speaker 1 **6** .....
Speaker 2 **7** .....
Speaker 3 **8** .....
Speaker 4 **9** .....
Speaker 5 **10** .....

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Reading

Task 1

Read the article and choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

11 How did the writer feel about the book at their grandparent's house?
A They thought it was terrible.
B It used to give them a headache.
C They used to get excited about reading it.
D They didn't like it as much as the encyclopaedia.

12 What does the writer say about Nostradamus?
A He only made predictions about medicine.
B He talked mainly about the bad side of things.
C He became famous for being a doctor.
D His predictions have only just become popular.

13 According to the writer, what is the problem with Nostradamus' predictions?
A Nobody likes reading them because they are poems.
B Most people find it difficult to read them because they are in French.
C We don't always know what Nostradamus wanted to say.
D We don't know whether they are accurate or not.

14 What does the writer think about the disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle?
A It's not unusual for planes to have communications problems.
B There's probably a good explanation for many of them.
C The newspapers have invented the stories about them to sell more.
D It's surprising there aren't more of them.

15 According to the writer, what is unusual about the Nazca Lines?
A They can only be seen properly from the air.
B They were made from stones and sand brought from many kilometres away.
C The lines in the ground are so straight.
D A large amount of effort was needed to make them.

16 What does the writer say about the Loch Ness monster?
A Sightings of it have been bad for tourism.
B Nobody had heard of it until the 1930s.
C Photographs of it were found to be true.
D People are still keen to prove its existence.

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Task 2

Read the article again and answer the questions in your own words.

17 How do many people feel about Nostradamus' predictions nowadays?

18 When were the first newspaper stories about the Bermuda Triangle published?

19 How long are some of the Nazca Lines?

20 When did stories of the Loch Ness monster first appear?

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Unexplained Mysteries?

When I was a kid, my grandparents had an awesome book full of unexplained mysteries. Whenever I went to their house, I couldn't wait to get that book out. It was like an encyclopaedia full of weird and wonderful stories. There were people who could talk to ghosts, alien visitors from outer space and strange symbols from the past. It was so hard to get my head around these stories, but that was what I loved about them! In this article, I'm going to briefly talk about my favourite unexplained mysteries from that wonderful book …

1 Nostradamus
Nostradamus was a French doctor who lived in the first half of the sixteenth century. He became famous because people believed he could tell what would happen in the future. His predictions covered everything from diseases to inventions to the end of the world, but they were mostly negative! Although his predictions have been popular for hundreds of years, people tend to be more suspicious about them these days. The problem is that because they are poems, it's often unclear what Nostradamus actually meant. They were also written in French and some of the translations have been less than accurate. For those reasons, critics argue that Nostradamus' poems can in fact be used to predict almost any event.

2 The Bermuda Triangle
The Bermuda Triangle is the name given in 1964 to a large area in the shape of a triangle which connects Bermuda, Florida and Puerto Rico. Strange stories appeared in the press in the 1940s after several aeroplanes went missing on a routine flight. One particular magazine article connected their disappearance with other unexplained mysteries in that area. Over the years, similar stories of missing ships and aircraft appeared in the news, talking about communications equipment which mysteriously stopped working and ships found without any sign of life. Some people claimed that the pilots and sailors had been kidnapped by aliens. No one knows the truth, but it's important to remember that a lot of ships sail through the Bermuda Triangle so it's not surprising that there are more accidents than in other places. The area is also particularly affected by storms and hurricanes, so we should probably look for a more natural explanation before blaming aliens or ghosts.

3 Nazca Lines
This collection of lines and designs covers a large area in the south of Peru. Historians believed they were created by the Nazca civilization which lived there until about 1,500 years ago, although it is now thought that some of the lines may be even older. Due to their size, they cannot be seen easily from the ground. This meant that many of them were undiscovered until the 1920s when people started to use aeroplanes to investigate the area. What they discovered were straight lines stretching for tens of kilometres and designs of animals. They had all been built very carefully by removing stones and sand from the ground. The lack of wind and rain has meant that the lines have survived for many years. There are many theories about why people put some effort into making them. However, the strangest one has to be that they were runways for aliens. No one knows the real reason for the Nazca Lines, but it's unlikely they were constructed by aliens.

4 Loch Ness Monster
The story of the Loch Ness Monster is famous all over the world. It's especially popular with the hundreds of thousands of tourists to Loch Ness annually. Many hope to spot Nessie, the legendary creature said to live in the lake ('loch' is the Scottish word for 'lake'). Locals had been talking about a sea monster inhabiting the waters for hundreds of years. In fact, a sixth-century story talks about a man being attacked by a creature from the water. However, in the 1930s, newspaper articles about recent sightings of Nessie attracted global interest. Photographs of this mysterious animal were published and one investigator even claimed to find footprints. However, none of this was found to be true. Despite this, there are several reported sightings every year. Scientists haven't given up either. They've used all sorts of technology such as satellites and underwater sensors to try to locate Nessie. Sadly, however, there's still no evidence that she actually exists.

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