

Solutions

Intermediate

Christmas

Revision

Progress Test 1A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Kate _____ (usually / wear) casual clothes to work.
- 2 Why _____ (you / follow) me? It's really annoying!
- 3 We _____ (not meet) Nicola before the fashion show tonight.
- 4 The conference _____ (begin) at 2 p.m. on Friday.
- 5 My brother _____ (hardly ever / go out) at weekends.
- 6 What _____ (you / fancy) doing this afternoon?
- 7 Fashion _____ (play) an important role in popular culture.

Mark __/7

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs below. There is one verb you do not need.

believe have mean not need prefer not remember study

- 1 I know we met last year, but I _____ your name. I'm sorry!
- 2 Look! That strange man is here again! _____ you _____ me now?
- 3 What _____ you _____? That looks like an interesting book.
- 4 Chris _____ our help. He can finish the job on his own.
- 5 Wearing jeans is OK, but I _____ wearing a skirt.
- 6 Can I call you back later? We _____ breakfast at the moment.

Mark __/6

3 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Don't forget **to watch / watching** the film on TV this evening.
- 2 I can't stand **to wear / wearing** nylon clothes. I'm allergic to synthetic materials.
- 3 Some celebrities don't want **to live / living** outside the public eye.
- 4 The film was so sad. I feel like **to cry / crying**.
- 5 The star managed **to avoid / avoiding** problems with the paparazzi.
- 6 Anna said she would come for a week, but she ended up **to stay / staying** two more.
- 7 I'm in a hurry. I can't stop **to have / having** a chat now.

Mark __/7

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one word you do not need.

baggy cute high-heeled plain scruffy trendy

- 1 I hate wearing _____ shoes. They're really uncomfortable.
- 2 My dad never wears tight trousers. He prefers _____ ones!
- 3 Don't go to a job interview in _____ clothes. Wear something smart but comfortable.
- 4 Angie doesn't like patterns. She prefers _____ clothes.
- 5 I bought my tracksuit years ago, but bright green is not _____ any more.

Mark ___/5

5 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I bought a new laptop last week, but I was **uncomfortable** / **dissatisfied** with it, so I took it back to the shop.
- 2 Laura and Mike are **irreversible** / **inseparable**. They rarely spend more than a few hours apart.
- 3 Did you paint this beautiful picture? It looks absolutely **incredible** / **unusual**!
- 4 You can't leave children on their own in a kitchen. It's **illogical** / **irresponsible**.
- 5 I can't do this exercise. It's simply **impossible** / **unable**.

Mark ___/5

6 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Do you prefer wearing short or **full-length** / **long-sleeved** skirts?
- 2 Sian refuses to wear anything made from animals – no **velvet** / **fur** and no leather!
- 3 In summer I often wear **cotton** / **short-sleeved** trousers.
- 4 Kelly's got a small, **shiny** / **loose** clutch bag.
- 5 You can't wear two different earrings! You need **gaudy** / **matching** ones.
- 6 The man **in** / **of** the black suit is my uncle.
- 7 You look as **like** / **though** you've seen a ghost!
- 8 That fluffy, spotty jacket looks **awful** / **awfully**!
- 9 My brother looks a bit **like** / **as** George Clooney.
- 10 You don't look **like** / – very excited about the fashion show.

Mark ___/10

Use of English

7 Complete the text with the correct form of the words given.

Some of the most ¹ _____ (elegance) fashions are on display every year on the French Riviera, at the Cannes Film Festival. And this year is no different. Right now, Hollywood celebrities ² _____ (wear) beautiful dresses inspired by the sea.

These have a dramatic fish-tail shape, which is tight around the waist and hips, but then gets wider from the knee and finishes with a beautiful, long, flowing train, similar to a wedding dress. These fish-tail style dresses, which were first popular during the Hollywood golden era, seemed ³ _____ (be) making a comeback at the Golden Globes film ceremony in January, when many actresses decided ⁴ _____ (choose) the style.

The style is quite ⁵ _____ (fashion) as it dates back to the late nineteenth century, when a British designer made dresses with an ⁶ _____ (conventional) shape, which touched the top of the feet at the front and flowed along the ground at the back. During the 1950s, it became the design that stars like Marilyn Monroe enjoyed ⁷ _____ (show off) their curves in.

'After years of women being expected ⁸ _____ (fit) into pencil-thin dresses, a more womanly shape is returning in Hollywood,' says fashion expert Clare Adams. 'Currently, fashion ⁹ _____ (react) to today's changing attitudes with dresses such as the ¹⁰ _____ (style) fish-tail design we see this year in Cannes.'

Mark ___/10

Progress Test 2A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple, past continuous or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 It was a beautiful morning. The sun _____ (shine) and the world was bright.
- 2 Who _____ you _____ (talk) to when I saw you last night? She looked familiar.
- 3 I spent the afternoon listening to Rick's songs, but I _____ (not like) them.
- 4 Jason _____ (play) in a band called Flotsam & Jetsam before he joined Metallica.
- 5 Vicky didn't want to see the film because she _____ (see) it before.
- 6 David picked up the phone and _____ (call) his best friend.
- 7 While we were watching the concert, it _____ (stop) raining.
- 8 A lot of snow _____ (fall) yesterday, but it's warmer today.
- 9 Caitlin and Ryan _____ (know) each other for years before they became a couple.
- 10 The musicians _____ (prepare) to go on stage when it started to rain.

Mark ___/10

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *used to* and the verbs below. There is one verb that you do not need.

be build like live play speak

- 1 _____ you _____ beach volleyball every weekend when you lived by the sea?
- 2 Kate and Patrick _____ on the phone every night, but they're not friends anymore.
- 3 Ellie _____ karate when she was younger, but she trains every day now.
- 4 Shenzhen _____ a small town, but it is now one of the largest cities in Asia.
- 5 _____ Fabienne _____ in the UK? She sounds English, not French.

Mark ___/5

3 Complete the sentences. Use *How*, *That* or *What a*.

- 1 Did you buy your netbook for €700? _____ was a mistake! It's on sale at Technoworld.
- 2 Four days on a bus with no air conditioning? _____ terrible experience!
- 3 Did you really see Orlando Bloom? _____ exciting!
- 4 'She lost her winning lottery ticket.' ' _____ was unlucky!'
- 5 'Do you know Kay and George?' 'Yes, I do. _____ nice couple!'

Mark ___/5

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- 1 When we were children, my brother was scared _____ the dark.
- 2 I'm confused _____ this invitation. It says the party is on Sunday 24th, but Sunday is the 22nd!
- 3 I didn't tell her the truth, and I still feel guilty _____ that.
- 4 Joan is fed up _____ all the late-night phone calls she's getting.
- 5 What achievement are you most proud _____ ?
- 6 Chris was quite pleased _____ his exam results last term.
- 7 Nicki is still feeling ashamed _____ her behaviour at the party last weekend.
- 8 Are you nervous _____ the concert tomorrow? I'm sure you'll be great!
- 9 I'm not usually jealous _____ other people's success.

Mark ___/9

5 Complete the sentences with the verbs below. There is one verb that you do not need.

doubt memorise realise recall recognise remind solve

- 1 I didn't _____ John when he came up to me. He looks different with a beard.
- 2 When Sarah sees him, she'll immediately _____ that something is wrong.
- 3 I often find it difficult to _____ long poems. I have to read them again and again.
- 4 I asked my sister to _____ me to buy a birthday present for Mum.
- 5 Grandfather can _____ the *Times* crossword puzzle in a few minutes.
- 6 The weather forecast says it's going to rain, but I _____ it. There are no clouds in the sky.

Mark ___/6

6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 The film we saw wasn't very _____. My sister actually fell asleep. (excite)
- 2 'What's wrong? You look _____. 'I think I've lost my wallet.' (worry)
- 3 The directions she had given us were _____, so we got lost. (confuse)
- 4 Did he really say you were ugly? I'm _____! (shock)
- 5 Which film did you find more _____, *Alien* or *Saw*? (frighten)

Mark ___/5

Use of English

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In the past, I ¹ _____ be really keen on motorbikes, and one summer, when I was seventeen, a biker friend ² _____ me to join him at a motorbike festival in Wales. He said that we could camp at the festival and that he had plenty of room in his tent for me.

We got up early on the Saturday morning and got on our motorbikes for the five-hour drive to Wales. My bike was going well ³ _____ first, but then it ⁴ _____ broke down. I ⁵ _____ that I didn't have enough petrol in my bike before we left home. I had to push my bike to the next petrol station, which was about three miles away! After about an hour, we reached the petrol station and filled up my bike! Then we continued on our long journey to the festival.

When we turned ⁶ _____ at the campsite near the festival, it ⁷ _____ hard and really cold. So I was really ⁸ _____ when I found out that my friend's tent was only a two-person tent, and he ⁹ _____ sixteen people to stay in it! Luckily, one of the other people had brought another, larger tent, so there was enough room for us all, ¹⁰ _____ the end!

- 1 **A** use **B** use to **C** used **D** used to
- 2 **A** had invited **B** invited **C** was invited **D** was inviting
- 3 **A** at **B** by **C** in **D** to
- 4 **A** initially **B** finally **C** fortunately **D** suddenly
- 5 **A** didn't realise **B** hadn't realised **C** had realised **D** realised
- 6 **A** down **B** into **C** out **D** up
- 7 **A** had rained **B** rained **C** raining **D** was raining
- 8 **A** ashamed **B** embarrassed **C** guilty **D** irritated
- 9 **A** asked **B** had asked **C** was asked **D** was asking
- 10 **A** by **B** for **C** in **D** with

Mark ___/10

Use of English

7 Complete the text with an appropriate word in each gap.

Later this year, sixteen-year-old Kayla Heard will become the youngest graduate from Washington State University. Kayla, ¹ _____ could talk when she was one, graduated from high school when she was ten. However, now she studies at home, ² _____ she accesses her social sciences course through WSU Online.

Hard-working Kayla, ³ _____ parents felt it wouldn't be good to send her to a university while she was still very young, is grateful ⁴ _____ the opportunity to study at home. "I want to continue my education online because of the convenience," Kayla says. "And, ⁵ _____ my view, the classes online are slightly more challenging than the ones at university. Later on, I plan to get a Master's degree when I'm working, so I can get some classroom experience at that time, ⁶ _____ necessary."

Kayla's mother Marlyn, ⁷ _____ knew Kayla was different at an early age, says, "When she was a baby, she respected paper. She didn't tear it up, ⁸ _____ is quite unusual. She looked at the pictures or writing on it, as if she wanted to know what it said. ⁹ _____ the other hand, when my son was a baby, he put the paper in his mouth!"

Kayla has already passed the law school entry test, so she is going to spend the summer applying to different law schools. Kayla, ¹⁰ _____ enjoys travelling and learning about foreign cultures, says she's interested in doing an online course in international law. She also says she wants to work abroad, possibly in Asia.

Mark ___/10

Reading

9 Read the text. Are the statements true or false?

A degree in *what*?

How many people in the world have a university degree in *enigmatology*? Well, not many. As a matter of fact, the number of enigmatology graduates in the whole world is just one: a man whose job it is to design puzzles for newspapers and magazines.

American Will Shortz is an author and crossword editor. He has worked on over a hundred books, and he owns the world's largest collection of puzzle books and magazines. The oldest title in his collection was published in 1545! And because his work is also his hobby, he has always been interested in learning as much as possible about the subject.

Obviously, because he is the only enigmatologist in the world, there were no university professors who could teach him an established course of studies. He did not go to lectures and classes like his fellow students. Shortz designed his own research programme, which the university accepted, and he completed his course and received his bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1974.

So the question remains, what exactly is enigmatology? It is the study of puzzles: their types, their history, and their popularity. It's a mixture of history, maths, logic and cultural studies.

There were some people who criticised the university for offering a course in such a strange subject, and they were also critical of Shortz, claiming that he had taken advantage of Indiana University's flexibility. But Shortz has his fans too, such as the former US president Bill Clinton. He sent Shortz a personal note on his 50th birthday because he loves the *New York Times* crossword, which Shortz edits. Shortz has also been a guest on several television shows, including an episode of the famous cartoon *The Simpsons*, and the comedy series *How I Met Your Mother*, where he played himself.

- 1 Shortz's occupation is to write puzzles for university graduates. _____
- 2 Shortz has worked on all the titles in his collection. _____
- 3 Shortz did original research and graduated from an American university. _____
- 4 Some people didn't think enigmatology was an appropriate university course. _____
- 5 Bill Clinton sent Shortz a note on his birthday because they're friends. _____

Mark ___/5

Unit 3 Test 1A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use *who*, *which*, *whose* or *where*.

- 1 Is this the building site _____ your uncle works?
- 2 This is the salary _____ I earn at the moment.
- 3 Are these the dogs _____ guard the building?
- 4 These are the people _____ skills are right for the job.
- 5 Adam was a man _____ liked to work hard and play hard.
- 6 They're looking for a resort _____ has a swimming pool and a spa.
- 7 Is there a shop near here _____ I can buy a newspaper?
- 8 We need fruit pickers _____ can work in July and August.
- 9 The company _____ I work has offices in the city centre.
- 10 Are you the young doctor _____ father was a famous surgeon?

Mark ___/10

Vocabulary

2 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one word that you do not need.

charge customer own public shift team

- 1 Why isn't Mandy serving the _____? He's been waiting for ages.
- 2 You need to do _____ work for this type of job: either 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- 3 A receptionist spends a lot of time dealing with the _____.
- 4 Do engineers usually need to work on their _____?
- 5 I'm in _____ of the waiters at this restaurant.

Mark ___/5

3 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What subject are you studying at _____?
a course b degree c university
- 2 He wants to do a vocational _____ like nursing or social work.
a course b education c graduate
- 3 I think travelling around the world is the best _____ you can get!
a degree b education c university
- 4 Does having a _____ give you better job opportunities?
a course b degree c graduate
- 5 _____ with a business degree are likely to earn more than those without one.
a Courses b Education c Graduates

Mark ___/5

Total: ___/20

Unit 3 Test 2A

Name: _____

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use *who*, *which*, *whose* or *where*.

- 1 They were married for 50 years, _____ is a very long time!
- 2 Last summer I went to France, _____ I worked as a fruit picker.
- 3 Her job, _____ is busy and stressful, is not very well-paid.
- 4 Julie in my class, _____ brother is really good-looking, is very popular at school.
- 5 The woman _____ was the company director apologised for the mistake
- 6 My parents' house, _____ I grew up, is close to Heathrow Airport.
- 7 My daughter's teacher, _____ name is Kevin, thinks there should be more male teachers at the school.
- 8 Michael Jackson, _____ is world-famous, died in 2009.
- 9 The nursery _____ looks after Amy is fantastic for young children.
- 10 The farm _____ they grow strawberries is just outside London.

Mark ___/10

Vocabulary

2 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one word that you do not need.

air-traffic controller astronaut flight attendant mechanic secretary surgeon

- 1 I'm a / an _____. I work night shifts in Accident and Emergency at the hospital.
- 2 I'm a / an _____. I fix cars when they break down.
- 3 I'm a trainee _____. I help planes land at the airport.
- 4 I'm a / an _____. I look after people on a plane.
- 5 I'm a legal _____. I work in an office doing paperwork and administration.

Mark ___/5

Everyday English

3 Add question tags to the statements.

- 1 You're enthusiastic and self-motivated, _____ ?
- 2 They didn't use to work in the country, _____ ?
- 3 We're interviewing two men and three women, _____ ?
- 4 To be a refuse collector, you don't need any experience, _____ ?
- 5 He has impressed the manager, _____ ?

Mark ___/5

Total: ___/20