

# Cumulative Skills Test Units 1–10 Test A

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Everyday English

### 1 Complete the dialogue with the phrases below.

What about    That's a    I feel    How was    the matter

Noah        <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ your weekend?

Rosie        Oh, not too good. I was ill on Saturday. Actually, I'm still not feeling great.

Noah        What's <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Rosie        <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ really dizzy and I'm very tired.

Noah        <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ going for a cup of coffee? There's a nice café across the road.

Rosie        <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ great idea! I need to sit down and have a drink.

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_ / 5

## Listening

### 2 🎧 Listen to Joe, Mary and Oliver talking about exciting things that they have done. Match the speakers to the statements below.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ has ridden a horse in the desert.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ found the people abroad friendly.

3 \_\_\_\_\_ has designed a website advertising her / his business.

4 \_\_\_\_\_ says he / she has never tried eating insects.

5 \_\_\_\_\_ has been to the Alps.

### 3 🎧 Listen again. Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).

1 Joe says Thailand is the most beautiful place he has visited. \_\_\_\_

2 The street sellers in Bangkok were selling fried burgers. \_\_\_\_

3 Mary is setting up a small, local shop. \_\_\_\_

4 Oliver enjoys adventure sports. \_\_\_\_

5 Oliver won't travel far for adventure sports. \_\_\_\_

**Mark:** \_\_\_\_ / 10

# Reading

## Ernest Shackleton

Have you ever heard of Ernest Shackleton? He was an Anglo-Irish explorer who became famous for leading the *Endurance* expedition between 1914 and 1916. What was special about it? Imagine being trapped in the Antarctic for twenty months. Shackleton helped his crew to safety, and thanks to him, nobody died in this expedition.

Ernest Henry Shackleton was born on 15 February 1874 in Ireland. His father was a doctor and wanted Shackleton to become a doctor, too. The family moved to London in 1884, where Shackleton went to school. Despite his father's wish for him to become a doctor, he joined the navy when he was sixteen. This was when he started dreaming about exploring the South and North Poles.

In 1901 he joined an Antarctic expedition, led by British officer Robert Falcon Scott, on a ship called *Discovery*. Scott, Shackleton and the other members of the crew trekked towards the South Pole in very difficult conditions, and got closer to the pole than anyone had before. Although Shackleton became very ill on this trip and had to return home, it was a valuable experience for him. When he returned to Britain, he had many different jobs. In 1906 he tried to become a Member of Parliament, but he wasn't successful.

Shackleton returned to the Antarctic in 1908, where he led his own expedition. With his crew he climbed Mount Erebus and made many important scientific discoveries. Three years after Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen reached the South Pole in 1911, Shackleton decided to go on another trip. His third journey to the Antarctic started in 1914 on the famous ship *Endurance*. Shackleton was planning to cross Antarctica through the South Pole, but in January 1915 his ship got trapped in ice. Shackleton and his crew of twenty-eight men and sixty-eight dogs had to abandon ship and they lived on the floating ice for eleven months. Then, in April 1916, they set off in three small boats and sailed 1,300 km. It took them sixteen days to reach Elephant Island in South Georgia, where Shackleton and five of his men trekked across the island to find help. Rescuers came for all the members of crew in August 1916, and luckily nobody died in the expedition.

**4 Read the text. Complete the sentences with the correct information.**

- 1 Ernest Shackleton \_\_\_\_\_ in 1874.
- 2 Shackleton and his family moved to London in \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3 When he was sixteen he \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 4 He took part in an expedition to the Antarctic with Robert Scott on a ship called \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5 He had to return from the expedition in 1901 because he was \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 6 He tried to become a Member of Parliament in \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 7 Amundsen reached the South Pole in \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 8 Shackleton's men got \_\_\_\_\_ in ice during their trip.
- 9 Shackleton took \_\_\_\_\_ men with him on the *Endurance*.
- 10 The *Endurance* crew were rescued in \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Mark: \_\_\_\_ / 10**

## Writing

**5 Write an informal email to your friend about your last holiday.**

**Follow the plan:**

**Paragraph 1:** Begin your email and write an opening sentence.

**Paragraph 2:** Write about where you went on your last holiday.

**Paragraph 3:** Describe the place and say what you did there. Did you enjoy it or not?

**Paragraph 4:** Write about your plans for your next holiday.

**Paragraph 5:** End your email.

**Mark: \_\_\_\_ / 15**

**TOTAL MARKS: \_\_\_\_ / 40**

## Speaking

**6 Imagine you are going to go on holiday. Choose one of the ideas below and ask and answer the questions with your partner.**

**A** You are going to stay in an unusual hotel.

Where is the hotel? Why is it unusual? What are the rooms like? What are you going to do on holiday?

**B** You are going to travel around your country.

Where are you going to go? Have you ever been there before? Who are you going to go with? How are you going to travel? What are you going to take with you?

## Challenge!

**7 Read the letter. Complete the text with the correct answers (a–c).**

Dear Jamie,

How are you? <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for your exams at the moment? I'm really busy, but at the moment I'm watching a <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ documentary about wolves hunting for food. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a documentary by David Attenborough? I've watched many and they <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a disappointment. I'm really <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ wildlife and I love watching programmes about animals, particularly on <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ days when I can't go out and do something exciting, such as horse riding or mountain biking. It's also <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and enjoyable entertainment. As you probably know, I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ university in September and I don't have much money to go out because I'm saving for my studies. I can't even afford to buy my books at the moment!

Speak to you soon,

Dave

- 1 **a** Do you study **b** Have you studied **c** Are you studying
- 2 **a** animals **b** wildlife **c** wilderness
- 3 **a** Have you ever watched **b** Did you ever watch **c** Do you watch
- 4 **a** never were **b** aren't going to be **c** have never been
- 5 **a** into **b** in **c** at
- 6 **a** raining **b** rainy **c** rain
- 7 **a** unexpensive **b** enexpensive **c** inexpensive
- 8 **a** 'm going to start **b** starting **c** will starting