

Cumulative Skills Test Units 1–10 Test B

Name: _____

Everyday English

1 Complete the dialogue with the phrases below.

Oh dear That sounds Did you have don't look afraid not

Ryan ¹ _____ a good weekend?

John No, I'm ² _____. I had to study for my exam tomorrow. I'm really worried at the moment.

Ryan ³ _____ ! You ⁴ _____ very well, actually. Why don't we go for a walk? There's a nice little park over there, opposite the cinema.

John ⁵ _____ great! I'd love a walk right now!

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 received messages from people supporting her / his business.

2 _____ likes water adventure sports.

3 _____ enjoys visiting many different exotic countries around the world.

4 _____ probably won't try eating insects in the future.

5 _____ will sell products in a shop in the future.

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

1 Joe says Thailand is the strangest place he has visited. ____

2 The street sellers in Bangkok were selling fried insects. ____

3 Mary is setting up a large online shop. ____

4 Oliver dislikes adventure sports. ____

5 Oliver's most exciting experience is skiing in the Alps. ____

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 In 1884, Shackleton's family _____ .
- 2 His father wanted him to become a _____ .
- 3 He took part in his first Antarctic expedition in _____ .
- 4 He went back to the Antarctic in _____ with his own expedition.
- 5 He climbed _____ with his crew.
- 6 Roald Amundsen was from _____ .
- 7 His third trip to the Antarctic was on the _____ .
- 8 Shackleton's third journey to the Antarctic began in _____ .
- 9 There were _____ dogs on the *Endurance* ship.
- 10 The *Endurance* crew sailed _____ km over the sea in three small boats.

Mark: ____ / 10

Writing

5 Write an informal email to your friend about what you like cooking and your favourite foods.

Follow the plan:

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

Paragraph 2: Say what you like cooking and how often you cook.

Paragraph 3: Describe your favourite meals and say why you like them.

Paragraph 4: Say what food you would like to try.

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 go to a country in Africa.

Where are you going to go? Where are you going to stay? Are you going to see any animals?

What other things do you want to do?

B You are going to go on a long boat trip.

Which countries do you want to visit? What are you going to do there? Are you going to take any gadgets with you? What are you going to eat?

Challenge!

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

Dear Jamie,

How are you? Are you studying for your exams at the moment? I'm really busy myself, but at the moment I ¹ _____ a wildlife documentary about wolves ² _____ for food. Have you ever watched a documentary by David Attenborough? I ³ _____ many and they have never been a ⁴ _____. I'm really into wildlife and I love ⁵ _____ programmes about animals, particularly on rainy days when I ⁶ _____ out and do something exciting, such as horse riding or mountain biking. It's also inexpensive and ⁷ _____ entertainment. As you probably know, I'm going to start university in September and I don't have much money to go out because I ⁸ _____ for my studies. I can't even afford to buy my books at the moment!

Speak to you soon,

Dave

- 1 a 'm watching b watch c watched
- 2 a catching b sprinting c hunting
- 3 a watch b 've watched c watching
- 4 a disappointment b disappoint c disappointing
- 5 a watching b watch c watch
- 6 a can't go b couldn't go c won't go
- 7 a enjoy b enjoyable c enjoying
- 8 a 'll save b 'm saving c save