

Skills Test Unit 9 Test B

Name: _____

Everyday English

1 Complete the dialogue with the phrases below.

you called I'm afraid she's leave a message could you put me through Who's calling

Chris Hello, ¹ _____ to Gina's office, please?

Secretary ² _____ not here. ³ _____, please?

Chris It's Chris. When is she back in the office?

Secretary She's not going to be back until tomorrow morning. I'll tell her ⁴ _____. Would you like to ⁵ _____?

Chris No, that's OK, thank you. I'll call her tomorrow morning.

Mark: ____ / 5

Listening

2 🎧 Listen to Beth, Rick and Josh talking about their plans for the future. Match the speakers with the statements below.

1 _____ is going to change his / her hair colour.

2 _____ is going to look like a film star.

3 _____ is setting up a student travel agency.

4 _____ is looking forward to a big family celebration.

5 _____ is going to have his / her photo taken with his / her family.

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

1 Beth is travelling from London for a photo shoot. ____

2 Beth's hair is going to be dyed black. ____

3 Rick had the idea to start a student travel agency on his own. ____

4 Rick will have to borrow some money for his business. ____

5 Josh's great-grandfather is having a birthday party. ____

Mark: ____ / 10

Reading

Becoming a young entrepreneur

Some of the most famous and profitable businesses in the world were set up by students. Bill Gates began Microsoft while he was studying at Harvard University. Mark Zuckerberg started Facebook when he was a student at Harvard University and Sergey Brin and Larry Page started Google when they were students at the University of Stanford.

Starting a business as a young entrepreneur can be an exciting new adventure, and it will be easier than you think. You won't need a business degree or a lot of money from an investor when you set up a business, but you will need to come up with an idea, especially if you don't have business experience, and find out as much information about how to run your business as possible, so that you avoid disappointment.

Here are some tips for young businesspeople.

Do what you love

In your late teens or early twenties your thinking will be fresh and energetic. Don't be afraid to try something new. You won't be successful if you choose something you hate. You should choose a business idea that is connected to your interests, so that you get enjoyment from what you do.

Know what you want

Will you know what to do if your business becomes really successful? Will you leave education or will your business be just a side project? You'll need to make that decision before you become successful.

Manage your time

When you run a business and go to school at the same time, it can be very difficult and stressful, but don't give up. You'll need to have a diary for all your appointments and organize your time wisely.

Use school resources

It can be an advantage being a student in business, because you'll have free computers and the internet, and there'll be people who might help you, too. Make the most out of what is on offer while you are at school.

Find a mentor

A mentor is someone who is experienced and can help you with your business ideas. It will probably be a local business person who will help you understand the risks and challenges of business and discuss your business ideas with you.

Now you'll just have to think of that brilliant business idea!

4 Read the text and circle the correct answers (a–c).

- 1 Bill Gates started _____ while studying at Harvard University.
 - a Facebook
 - b Google
 - c Microsoft
- 2 You will need to _____ out lots of information about how to run a business.
 - a think
 - b find
 - c come
- 3 Working and studying can be very
 - a organized.
 - b disappointing.
 - c stressful.
- 4 You shouldn't _____ on your idea.
 - a look up
 - b come up with
 - c give up
- 5 A local business person can help you understand business and act as your
 - a mentor.
 - b role model.
 - c teacher.

Mark: ____ / 10

Writing

5 Write an informal email to your friend about your plans for when you finish school.

Follow the plan:

Paragraph 1: Ask questions about your friend and their plans for after they finish school.

Paragraph 2: Write about what you did last weekend.

Paragraph 3: Write about your plans for after you finish school.

Paragraph 4: Finish your letter with a personal comment.

Mark: ____ / 15

TOTAL MARKS: ____ / 40

Challenge!

6 Complete the text with the correct answers (a–c).

The future

What will your future look like? ¹_____ young people ask themselves this question, particularly when they ²_____ school and decide if they should go to university or find their first job. For ³_____ young people the attraction of earning money is much ⁴_____ than the desire to continue with their education. But for many young people, there is another option: taking a gap year.

Some young people don't pass their exams, but despite their ⁵_____ they don't give up and they find out what opportunities there are for them. Jack Hill is one of them. 'When I found out that I failed my exams, I was really upset, but I didn't give ⁶_____. I decided to take a year off and become a Youth Red Cross volunteer. I ⁷_____ part-time at the moment, and I'll probably do this until the end of spring. Then I'm going to travel back home and take my exams again. I think I'll pass this time. It might be easier for me because I know what to expect. I ⁸_____ university in September. I already know what I want to do when I finish university. I want to set up my own business and continue volunteering for the Red Cross.'

- 1 **a** Any **b** Many **c** The
- 2 **a** finish **b** finished **c** will finish
- 3 **a** the **b** some **c** any
- 4 **a** stronger **b** strong **c** strongest
- 5 **a** disappointing **b** disappoint **c** disappointment
- 6 **a** from **b** on **c** up
- 7 **a** 'm working **b** 'm going to work **c** will work
- 8 **a** 'm going to start **b** 'm started **c** start