

Aim High 5 End-of-year Test B

Vocabulary

1 Write a word or expression to replace the underlined words.

- 1 Our concerns for safety are more important than the cost of installing the equipment.
- 2 I don't want to sound big-headed, but I'm the best player in the team.
- 3 My dad gives £50 a month to a charity.
- 4 When it's boiled, put the pasta in the bowl for draining.
- 5 Elaine and Ashley got on well from the moment they first met.
- 6 I think you should think carefully before doing anything.
- 7 This laptop is so big that it isn't really easy to carry around.
- 8 The smoke coming from that factory could be poisonous.
- 9 The recent advances in communications technology are unheard of.
- 10 He tried to increase his income by taking on more work.

Marks: __ /10

2 Complete the text.

Conventional ¹ _____ says that children look ² _____ to their parents. However, this admiration for the family is coming ³ _____ pressure from the 'heroes' that the TV brings into our homes. Although parents keep ⁴ _____ on what their children watch, even sports heroes can set the wrong example. On the football ⁵ _____, players with a very short ⁶ _____ or who make a ⁷ _____ out of an injury suggest that aggression or cheating are acceptable. Parents would ⁸ _____ the roof if their children behaved in this way. It is also hard for parents to get ⁹ _____ to children the idea that you have to work for success when the TV shows mediocre people hitting it ¹⁰ _____ easily. The TV makes a difficult job even harder.

Marks: __ /10

Reading

3 Read the text and choose the correct answer.

Shopping and a lot more

Although people in different parts of the world might live in unusual types of houses, a lot of them shop in very similar places: shopping malls. However, shopping malls are much more than a collection of shops; they have become leisure centres.

Victor David Gruen designed and built the first modern shopping mall in Detroit, USA in 1954. According to Gruen's plan, malls should only have two floors of shops and he suggested installing the escalators to move shoppers between the floors at opposite ends of the mall, forcing people to walk past all the shops. At each end there should be a major retailer such as a well-known department store that attracts customers through the doors at street level. The open space inside the building should be home to different events and local festivals should be well represented. Gruen also included restaurants and cinemas in his plan, but he put them on the third floor because they are only used at certain times. The idea was to make a shopping mall a place where you could easily spend the whole day.

Gruen came up with this design over fifty years ago, but as I'm sure you'll realize if you think about your local shopping mall, it has changed very little over the years.

- 1 What does the text suggest is the same all over the world?
a Housing b Shopping centres c Leisure centres
- 2 Why are the escalators placed at each end of the mall? So shoppers...
a can leave easily. b get fit by walking. c see all the shops.
- 3 The shops at the two ends of a shopping mall are usually...
a famous. b closed at street level. c expensive.
- 4 Cinemas and restaurants are on a different floor because...
a they occupy space. b they attract few people. c of their timetables.
- 5 Gruen's plan...
a is out of date. b continues to be followed. c is inconvenient.

Marks: __ /5

4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- 1 What have modern shopping malls become?

- 2 When and where was the first shopping mall opened?

- 3 How would customers from the street enter the shopping mall?

- 4 What should the open space of a shopping mall be used for?

- 5 What kind of place did Gruen want to create?

Marks: __ /15

Grammar

5 Read the sentences. ONE of the underlined words or sections is incorrect in each sentence. Find the incorrect word and rewrite the sentences correctly.

- 1 'We haven't seen the new film yet.' 'I haven't too. Shall we go this weekend?'
- 2 I revised more for the exam than my best friend revised.
- 3 Is pasta that I know how to cook very well.
- 4 What the students eat it is too much fast food.
- 5 Been a good writer, Kevin was given a job at the local newspaper.
- 6 Despite have a GPS, he still managed to get lost on the way here.
- 7 Under any circumstances should people buy products that consume a lot of energy.
- 8 It takes as few as two minutes to complete the online application form.
- 9 We said we would help them move house and we can't go back up our promise.
- 10 We had some problems with the tickets but we managed to sort it out in the end.

Marks: __ /10

6 Rewrite the sentences.

- 1 I love classical music. Jack loves classical music as well.
I love classical music. Jack _____.
- 2 Scandinavians are reserved but the English aren't so reserved.
Scandinavians are more _____.
- 3 Sam always asks difficult questions.
It's Sam _____.
- 4 What Kate enjoyed was swimming in the sea.
Swimming _____.
- 5 Because Harry had trained hard, he hoped to be picked for the team.
Having _____.
- 6 When you arrive at the company, ask for Mr Jones.
On _____.
- 7 When we bought a hybrid car, we noticed a saving in petrol bills.
No sooner _____.
- 8 There were 70,000 people at the match between United and City.
There were as _____.
- 9 Andy has created a new training plan for the team.
Andy has come _____.
- 10 You shouldn't get rid of your computer because I can solve the problem.
You shouldn't throw _____.

Marks: __ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

Vicky So what are your new classmates like?

Sue Well the girl I'm sitting next to is a bit stand-¹ _____ but maybe she's a bit shy. I can't really expect to hit² _____ off with everybody on the first day.

Vicky Exactly! I think you've hit the³ _____ on the head. There's so much to think about on the first day at university. Making friends can wait! I had to buy as⁴ _____ as fifteen books! And then there's the new timetable to get to⁵ _____ with. Mine's so complicated that I can't figure⁶ _____ what I'm supposed to be doing tomorrow!

Sue I am sure we'll get⁷ _____. Everybody else survives the first few weeks. But one thing I've already learnt is that we won't get⁸ _____ with low quality work.

Vicky No, and there's lots of it. I've got as⁹ _____ as four hours homework for this evening. I don't know when I'll eat!

Sue Me too. It's a pity we're¹⁰ _____ following a diet then we wouldn't have to worry about food!

Marks: __ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

A¹ _____?

B Of course not. I'll get the food processor for you in a minute.

A² _____?

B I need to cut the potatoes into small pieces.

A³ _____?

B I'm preparing a Spanish omelette.

Dialogue 2

A What is the biggest threat to your local environment?

B⁴ _____.

A What can individuals do to protect the environment?

B⁵ _____.

Marks: __ /10

Writing

9 Write an article about the traditional breakfast in your country. Write between 150 to 200 words:

What traditional food do people have for breakfast?

What traditional drink do people have for breakfast?

Have people's breakfasts changed in recent years? In what way?

Marks: __ /20

TOTAL: __ /100