

Aim High 5 Mid-term Test B

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

atrocious	cliché	exacerbated	hospitable	innovative
jingle	potential	quarrelling	setback	swelling

- 1 People in the country are much more _____ than city people.
- 2 The acting was _____ and it's definitely the worst film I've ever seen.
- 3 He's always thinking of _____ ideas but this new method won't work.
- 4 I know it's a _____, but my wedding day was the happiest of my life.
- 5 Her comments just _____ the situation and things are now a lot worse.
- 6 Despite the _____ the project is still going ahead.
- 7 If we can create the right training programme, he should reach his _____.
- 8 I can't stand that _____ but I can't stop singing it.
- 9 Put some ice on your knee and the _____ will go down.
- 10 It was a _____ day and it was too hot to go out.

Marks: __/10

2 Complete the text.

I always write a shopping ¹ _____, even when I go shopping for clothes or books. If you know what you want, there's less chance of being ² _____ with your money. I like to go to the sales and find cheap ³ _____, but if the goods aren't up to ⁴ _____ I don't buy them even if it's a terrific ⁵ _____. My favourite types of shops are book shops, and all books seem like ⁶ _____ items to me! But thanks to my list and the fact that I'm not well-⁷ _____, I resist the temptation. In fact, when I see the price ⁸ _____ on some things, I sometimes ⁹ _____ lightheaded! They are not prices that a poor student can afford. In fact, these days if you ¹⁰ _____ the internet, you can find cheaper books, and that's what I do more frequently now.

Marks: __/10

Reading

3 Read the text and choose the correct answer.

Text fever

According to a recent study, 10 billion text messages are sent every month in Europe. One contribution to the increase in text messages has been the fact that it is a lot less expensive than making phone calls. What's more, it's even cheaper if you use abbreviated word forms. But although writing CU L8R instead of 'see you later' saves time and money, it won't come as a surprise to learn that some people think that texting is destroying the English language.

However, is the English language really being negatively influenced by texting? It would seem that the answer is 'no'. Researchers were surprised to discover that after a decade of electronic messages, a good text message writer is also a good writer in general. A recent study reported that students who used the greatest number of shortened words when texting were also the best spellers and writers of standard English. In fact, it was discovered that only 10% of the words in text messages were actually abbreviated. Furthermore, many of the abbreviations that were used had been in existence for a lot longer than mobile phones. In other words, the dangers from texting make a good newspaper story but the evidence shows that standard written English is not about to be replaced by an abbreviated form.

- 1 People send text messages because they...
a can't write properly. b are too lazy to write. c cost less.
- 2 What do some people think about text messages? They are...
a educational. b dangerous. c fashionable.
- 3 A person who writes standard English well,...
a writes bad text messages. b never uses text messages. c uses more abbreviations.
- 4 A lot of the abbreviated words in text messages...
a were invented by phone users. b have been around longer than mobiles. c are unclear to most people.
- 5 Newspapers ...
a now use abbreviated words. b write about the dangers of texting. c rarely print good stories.

Marks: __/5

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

- 1 How many text messages are sent in Europe every month?

- 2 What do text messages save?

- 3 What have researchers discovered about people who most frequently use abbreviated forms?

- 4 What percentage of words in a text message are not abbreviated?

- 5 What isn't going to happen to standard written English?

Marks: __/15

Grammar

5 Complete the text with the correct answers.

I ¹ _____ city life and when I go on holiday I always try to visit an important city. Flying ² _____ cheaper and there are often special offers. I usually go to a travel agent and she asks me 'How much ³ _____ to spend?' and then looks for a city that matches the amount of money I've got. She also asks '_____⁴ to visit any museums?' and arranges things like that. ⁵ _____ the Internet to organize my own holidays in the past, ⁶ _____. I wish I ⁷ _____ of using a travel agent before because ⁸ _____ much easier it is! There ⁹ _____ to be better offers for tourists on the Internet, but ¹⁰ _____ you are clear about how much you want to spend, going to a travel agent's can be just as cheap and a lot less work.

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| 1 a am loving | b have loved | c love |
| 2 a becomes | b is becoming | c became |
| 3 a do you want | b wanted you | c are you wanting |
| 4 a Could you want | b You want | c Might you want |
| 5 a Being used | b Having used | c Using |
| 6 a I found it time consuming | b time consuming | c I found time consuming |
| 7 a had thought | b thought | c was thinking |
| 8 a it's great that | b it's great how | c it's how |
| 9 a are thinking | b be thought | c are thought |
| 10 a imagine that | b suppose | c so long as |

Marks: __ /10

6 Find the incorrect underlined word(s) in each sentence and correct it.

- 1 We're having a great time here and we're loving the local beaches.
- 2 Tourists have been choosing different destinations and prices go down.
- 3 We were hoping to order a pizza and I am wondering where the toilet is.
- 4 Might you can tell me where the nearest police station is?
- 5 As long that I know in time, I'll come on the camping trip.
- 6 If wish you had arrived on time, you wouldn't have missed the beginning.
- 7 There are believe to be over 3,000 applications for the job.
- 8 He insists on be met by the manager every time he stays at the hotel.
- 9 Is important to ask any questions before the exam starts.
- 10 A lot of clients have found them difficult to access our website.

Marks: __ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

Liam Dave, do you want to come to that new art exhibition with me?

Dave Well, so ¹ _____ as it's not as off the ² _____ as the last one we went to, yes.

Liam Don't worry, even ³ _____ there are some examples of modern art, ⁴ _____ visited the gallery's website I know that they aren't so strange! Some of the artists use ⁵ _____ ideas, but most of them paint in a traditional style. The local newspaper's art critic ⁶ _____ it and says it's a really good combination of the new and the old. In fact, he had a ⁷ _____ in choosing the paintings and he wants an exhibition that attracts lots of people.

Dave Will any of the paintings be on sale?

Liam Yes, but don't expect any ⁸ _____ deals. They are not famous, but these artists have ⁹ _____ and the experts think they'll be very good.

Dave Well, maybe it'll give me some ¹⁰ _____ for my own work. I really need some new ideas.

Marks: __ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

A ¹ _____?

B I've just heard that my poem has won the literature competition.

A ² _____?

B Well, I've never won anything before so I think I'll spend it on all the family.

A ³ _____?

B Of course my father didn't have a say in the poem! I wrote it myself.

Dialogue 2

A Do you ever make a shopping list?

B ⁴ _____.

A Is there anything that is must-have item for you?

B ⁵ _____.

Marks: __ /10

Writing

9 Write a blog about a building, museum or art gallery that you have been to recently. The title of your blog entry is 'An interesting place':

describe the place and say why you went there.

describe something unusual that you saw there.

conclusion.

Marks: __ /20

TOTAL: __ /100