

Aim High 4 Mid-term Test B

Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 He couldn't give an _____ for his bad performance in the exams. (explain)
- 2 I have a _____ for sweet rather than spicy food. (prefer)
- 3 He can do lots of different things and he's really _____. (talent)
- 4 We forgot our _____ so we were really cold in the tent at night. (bags)
- 5 Lisa _____ her injury and won the tennis final. (come)
- 6 Although he used a _____ nobody could hear him. (phone)
- 7 I want to be a scientist and _____ in nuclear energy. (special)
- 8 There are only 250 _____ in my village and we all know each other. (inhabit)
- 9 Thousands of trees have been destroyed because of _____. (forest)
- 10 This car is really _____ and doesn't cost much to run. (economic)

Marks: __ /10

2 Complete the text.

Becoming a successful sports star is difficult. It takes years of hard work and all that effort often only pays ¹ _____ for a few people. But keeping ² _____ with the best is even more difficult. If you want to stay at the top and stand ³ _____, you have to build ⁴ _____ your early victories and keep winning. But even when you've been at the top for years, it's easy to suffer an injury, find yourself with a plaster ⁵ _____ on your leg and losing ⁶ _____ on the opportunity to perform. Then your self- ⁷ _____ is affected and you lose your confidence. Even when you're fit again and you've been ⁸ _____-trained, it's hard to work ⁹ _____ how to get back to the top. It's difficult to get to the top once and very few sports stars manage to pull it ¹⁰ _____ twice.

Marks: __ /10

Reading

3 Read the text and choose the correct answer.

Coober Pedy: a town before its time

Although buildings today often look like works of art, they originally offered people protection from the weather and wild animals. Today, in most towns wild animals are no longer a problem, but the weather can be. The weather in Coober Pedy, Australia can be extremely hot and temperatures can reach as high as 45° C in the summer. As a result, the residents live in underground houses, a solution that protects the local population from the harsh sunlight and heat and that also protects the environment. There are 4000 inhabitants and most of their houses, shops and cinemas are a few metres under the land. It is a self-sustaining city that is cool in the summer and warm in the winter and the electricity that the residents need for lighting and cooking comes from solar panels in the Australian desert. While architects around the world are creating experimental underground cities that are environmentally friendly, the people of Coober Pedy have lived in a city that hasn't negatively affected the local area for over a hundred years. It seems that we should plan for the future by studying the things we've done in the past.

- 1 People first lived in buildings...
a to paint. b for safety. c to look after their animals.
- 2 The people in Coober Pedy hide from...
a wild animals. b the other inhabitants. c the climate.
- 3 The people ... underground.
a live and work b live and go out c work
- 4 The inhabitants of Coober Pedy...
a don't use much energy. b are cold in the winter. c don't use electricity.
- 5 Coober Pedy ...
a is an experimental city. b affects the area negatively. c is quite old.

Marks: __ /5

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

- 1 What did buildings originally offer people?

- 2 What can still be a problem in towns?

- 3 What is the weather in Coober Pedy like?

- 4 Where does the energy for cooking in Coober Pedy come from?

- 5 What are architects around the world creating?

Marks: __ /15

Grammar

5 Find the incorrect underlined word in each sentence and correct it.

- 1 Over the years I have became good at painting.
- 2 Who long have you known your best friend?
- 3 We had been working hard for an hour when he arrives.
- 4 We are used to live in a wet and cloudy country.
- 5 Don't worry, you don't has to cook anything for the meal.
- 6 The film must have been started because the cinema is already dark.
- 7 We're going to spending a month in Paris at a hotel.
- 8 Andy will have been lived abroad for six months in March.
- 9 Sam has be chosen to play for the national team.
- 10 Dad is having his office painted and a new computer installing.

Marks: __ /10

6 Rewrite the sentences in the correct negative (-) or interrogative (?) form.

- 1 Chloe has been trying to find a hotel room in London for next weekend. (?)
Who _____
- 2 Jack lived in Paris for three years when he was a child. (?)
How _____
- 3 We had been waiting for the bus for over an hour when it finally arrived. (?)
Had _____
- 4 I used to read a lot more before I started university. (-)
I _____
- 5 I don't have to take my books to school tomorrow. (?)
Do _____
- 6 Alice must have caught the plane on time. (-)
Alice _____
- 7 We're meeting at 3 o'clock in the library to discuss the school website. (?)
Where _____
- 8 Sam will have finished his project by the end of this week. (-)
Sam _____
- 9 The museum will be opened when the building work has finished. (?)
Will _____
- 10 It was believed that the earth was flat and not round. (-)
It _____

Marks: __ /10

Language skills

7 Complete the dialogue.

Matt Sean, I thought you said you were going to the city library.

Sean I was, but there are traffic ¹ _____ and it's raining, ² _____ I decided to ³ _____ websites on a school computer.

Matt I think it's really ⁴ _____-consuming trying to find a good website. It can take ages.

Sean I know. And sitting in front of a computer makes me feel sleepy. I'm ⁵ _____-asleep now! As ⁶ _____ as I find something useful, I'm going to print it out and switch the computer off.

Matt I thought you spent all your time in front of the computer. Aren't you always ⁷ _____ with your friends on Facebook?

Sean No, I'm not! I organize camping trips at the weekends. For example, we need a big ⁸ _____ to sleep in because four of us are going to Devon on Friday.

Matt That sounds fun, but don't forget to take your ⁹ _____ because they say it's going to rain.

Sean I always take them. With the English ¹⁰ _____ you can always expect rain!

Marks: __ /10

8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

Dialogue 1

A ¹ _____?

B I've broken my arm.

A ² _____?

B I fell when we went rock climbing at the weekend.

A ³ _____?

B Well, I can go to school but I can't write because I'm left-handed!

Dialogue 2

A Would you prefer to travel alone or in a group?

B ⁴ _____.

A What do think is the most important piece of equipment to take on a trip?

B ⁵ _____.

Marks: __ /10

Writing

9 Write a discussion essay on computers and studying. Organize your ideas into four paragraphs:

the issues the title raises.

the arguments in favour of using computers to help with studying.

the arguments against using computers to help with studying.

your opinion.

Marks: __ /20

TOTAL: __ /100