

## Advanced End of Course Test A

### Pronunciation

**1 Track 11** Listen to the sentences and underline the stressed syllables.

*Boy, did you make a fool of yourself!*

- 1 I really do like your new house.
- 2 Are we glad to be home!
- 3 I definitely did buy some milk.
- 4 Was I sick after that meal!
- 5 Jack really did love you.

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**2 Track 12** Listen to the phrases and underline the stressed syllables.

*a desire for approval*

- 1 a tendency to worry
- 2 a big fear of rejection
- 3 a sense of achievement
- 4 an amazing lack of ambition
- 5 a need for reassurance

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### Listening

**3 Track 13** Listen to six students talking about their flatmates. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

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| 1 Alice is messy.                  | <u>T</u> |
| 2 Steve is on a short fuse.        | ___      |
| 3 Sarah is quite outspoken.        | ___      |
| 4 Clare is a chatterbox.           | ___      |
| 5 The guys are both highly strung. | ___      |
| 6 Tom is quite awkward.            | ___      |

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### Grammar

#### 4 Rewrite the sentences putting the adverbs in the correct place.

I go out for dinner. (frequently)

I frequently go out for dinner.

1 I've given you the answer. (just)

2 Jason complained to anyone who would listen. (loudly)

3 My colleagues are in a bad mood. (often)

4 You look exhausted. (completely)

5 Philip agreed to accept my help. (finally)

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#### 5 Complete the sentences with the infinitive or gerund form of the verbs in the box. Add prepositions where necessary.

pretend live come publish take win

Maria's very good at pretending she's happy even when she isn't.

1 Are there any plans \_\_\_\_\_ Paul's latest novel?

2 We're keen \_\_\_\_\_ to some arrangement as quickly as possible.

3 Is it really worth \_\_\_\_\_ such a risk?

4 Dan congratulated me \_\_\_\_\_ the competition.

5 Aren't you used \_\_\_\_\_ here yet?

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#### 6 Use the prompts to make future sentences.

What time / your flight / leave?

What time does your flight leave?

1 I / not finish / my essay / by the weekend.

2 What / you / study / next year?

3 I / help / you / with your homework?

4 Mike / verge / resign / from his job

5 Julia / bound / late

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### 7 Match statements and questions 1–6 with responses a–f.

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| 1 Who's that woman?                | <u>e</u> | a So do I.         |
| 2 Which apples taste better?       | ___      | b I think so.      |
| 3 I've just bought some ice cream. | ___      | c It was me.       |
| 4 Who borrowed my tablet?          | ___      | d The green ones.  |
| 5 I love going shopping.           | ___      | e It's Sandra.     |
| 6 Is John coming over later?       | ___      | f Can I have some? |

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### Patterns to notice

#### 8 Complete the sentences with a suitable particle.

Can you put that book back where you found it?

- Let me lift \_\_\_\_\_ that box so you can clean underneath it.
- Please carry \_\_\_\_\_. I didn't mean to interrupt you.
- Paul rushed \_\_\_\_\_ without saying goodbye. I wonder why he was in such a hurry.
- Eat \_\_\_\_\_. I want to clear the table.
- Our neighbours are moving \_\_\_\_\_ next week. I'm really going to miss them.

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### Vocabulary

#### 9 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. You do not need all the words.

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| <del>graduated</del> fees retake scholarship marks truancy laboratory numeracy<br>seminar vocational curriculum |
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Simon graduated from university last summer but he is still looking for a job.

- I've got a history \_\_\_\_\_ next week and I need to prepare a paper to read in front of my tutor and fellow students.
- Levels of \_\_\_\_\_ in our schools are rising. I guess pupils are bored and just don't want to be at school.
- Our school has a new science \_\_\_\_\_ where we now have our chemistry lessons.
- \_\_\_\_\_ training is certainly more useful than academic training as you learn a practical skill.
- Laura got top \_\_\_\_\_ in the end-of-year maths exam so she was really pleased.

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### 10 Complete the sentences with the correct form of *look*, *sound* or *feel*.

I'm feeling on top of the world because I've just been offered my dream job.

- 1 I loved the \_\_\_\_\_ track to the latest James Bond movie. The music was so dramatic.
- 2 The old lady gave me a really dirty \_\_\_\_\_ when I accidentally bumped into her.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ up to my French teacher because she was so passionate and knowledgeable about her subject.
- 4 Every evening James has to \_\_\_\_\_ off about his boss for at least twenty minutes. I don't know why he doesn't just look for another job.
- 5 I've got mixed \_\_\_\_\_ about this project as I really don't know enough about what's involved.

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### 11 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

When Luke's nervous he will insist on cracking the most inappropriate jokes.

- 1 Simon is almost too laid-\_\_\_\_\_ and relaxed. I wish he'd get annoyed sometimes.
- 2 Maria's always been rather \_\_\_\_\_ strung. The smallest thing makes her really anxious.
- 3 Dad is very \_\_\_\_\_ spoken when it comes to politics so I just don't bother to contradict him.
- 4 Can't you stop talking for just a moment? You're such a chatter \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Whenever I come home from work, the kids are just lounging \_\_\_\_\_ in the living room.

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### 12 Correct the underlined words in each sentence.

Not the way will I let you go to the festival. You're far too young.

- 1 Do you think you'll be able to ask your way without a map?
- 2 You're always getting on the way. Please just sit down.
- 3 I really do believe working from home is the way through.
- 4 Whenever Harry doesn't make his own way, he behaves really badly.
- 5 You've hung the picture the wrong way down.

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**13 Choose the correct answer: a, b or c.**

Max was really upset to learn that his wife had been cheating   c   him.

- c on

1 Although Sally had done all the work, Tom passed it as his own.

- c over

2 It's time I told you a few truths.

- c home

3 It's not nice to      tales about your friends behind their backs.

- c speak

4 So it's Mary who's responsible for all that malicious gossip about me.

- c committing

5 You'll never get your plan. Someone's bound to find out.

- c away with

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## Functional language

**14 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.**

funnily enough    to make matters worse    much to my surprise    all being well  
thank goodness    quite frankly

*Funnily enough*, I bumped into Jack this morning and I'd only just been thinking about him.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_, I'm appalled by your behaviour.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ our flight was delayed, otherwise we'd have missed it.

3 \_\_\_\_\_, we intend to be with you by 7 at the latest.

4 Dan forgot my birthday and \_\_\_\_\_, he didn't even seem bothered.

5 \_\_\_\_\_, Harry actually returned my call.

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**15 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. You do not need all the verbs.**

cut   run   back up   close down   scroll   make   install   create   press   find   connect

Why don't you just *cut* and paste the document instead of typing it all out again?

1 I've just bought a new laptop so I'm going to have to \_\_\_\_\_ all my music software before I can start composing.

2 You'll need to \_\_\_\_\_ down to the bottom of the page to find the contact details.

3 I always \_\_\_\_\_ a new password for every site I sign up to although I often forget what they are!

4 I can't get into my account so perhaps I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ to the internet.

5 I'm afraid you can't \_\_\_\_\_ calls on your mobile from my house as there's no reception.

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### Reading

**16 Read the blog and put sentences a–g in the correct place (1–6) in the text. There is one extra sentence.**

posted 4th October 2013

The current education system does not prepare you for life.

For those of you who follow my blog, you'll know that there are various topics that really get me going, and one of those is education. <sup>1</sup> c

Let me just give you an example, a silly one perhaps, but one which says a lot about standards today. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_ The young man behind the counter said it would be 1½% so I said, 'so that's £1.50 then' and he had to check on his calculator!

<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_ I was shocked, but frankly not really surprised, to read an article in one of our broadsheets recently in which the British Chambers of Commerce reported that many employers had been left 'disheartened and downright frustrated' by poor levels of literacy, numeracy, communication and timekeeping among school leavers. Not only that, but these concerns were also voiced with regard to graduates.

It has been suggested that this is in part down to an overemphasis on exams and targets instead of a focus on the soft skills that are now needed in the workplace. The comments were made as separate research showed that over 70% of young people were offered no work experience opportunities while at school, and almost a third admitted that they lacked basic skills when they started their first job. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_

How can it be that we are now so far removed from what is required for life in the 21st century? <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_ The curriculum as it stands leaves little or no room for the so-called 'soft skills' necessary in today's world and I would argue that we are doing our young people a great disservice in the name of education.

The original meaning of 'educate', derived from the Latin *educare*, is literally 'to draw out/to lead out that which lies within'. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_ Only when we return to this method of 'education', in my opinion, will we be providing students with the tools they need to be able to make a positive contribution to our society.

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- a So is it any wonder that employers look to other countries for skilled labour?
- b It is not surprising that many teachers are now leaving the profession.
- c Not surprising really as I'm a teacher!
- d I don't know about you, but I'm very concerned about the standard of education in this country.
- e This means encouraging people to think for themselves and to come to their own conclusions rather than to learn everything by rote.
- f I was in the bank recently and wanted to know how much I'd be charged for taking £100 cash out on my credit card.
- g While I do think that it is essential to have good basic general knowledge to be a rounded human being, it is surely just as important to be equipped with the tools needed to function in what is a very competitive environment today.

## Writing

Write a review of a restaurant you have recently eaten at. You should include:

- the location
- the positives
- the negatives
- your overall opinion

Write 200–250 words.

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