

Cumulative Test 1–9 B

Grammar

1 Complete the sentences with one word only.

- 1 _____ bother getting music CDs in shops when you can buy and download music in seconds online?
- 2 If we're going to be late, we'd _____ phone Mum and Dad. If we don't, they'll be really worried.
- 3 Alina _____ for breaking my phone and offered to buy me a new one.
- 4 If it _____ for the terrible weather here, we'd be having a nice beach holiday.
- 5 By the end of today, I'll probably _____ finished painting this picture.
- 6 Grandad _____ to be very good at remembering people's names, but now he's quite forgetful.
- 7 Both of those blouses look great on you, so get _____ one you prefer.

Mark: ____ / 7

2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 We searched for the keys for ages, but we **were unable** / **managed** to find them.
- 2 I **propose** / **regard** it as very important that we recycle as much of our rubbish as we can.
- 3 No **longer** / **sooner** had we arrived home than we realised that someone had been in the house.
- 4 Could Darien Heath win the final of this year's *Pop Galaxy*? I think **not** / **no**. He isn't as good as some of the others.
- 5 Archaeologists were really pleased when they found **several** / **few** ancient Greek gold coins at the site.
- 6 Why was I so careless **for** / **as** to allow this to happen?
- 7 **What** / **All** I can't understand about this message is why Stephen wrote it in the first place.

Mark: ____ / 7

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1 The ship sank very fast. The passengers can't _____ (have) much time to get into the lifeboats.
- 2 You _____ (should) shouted at Gary like that. He didn't deserve it.
- 3 We got dressed up and went into town, only _____ (discover) that the gig had been cancelled.
- 4 The police warned people against _____ (go) near the dangerous building.
- 5 We had to work very hard on the course because the teachers _____ (always / give) us tests.
- 6 The film, _____ (direct) by an up-and-coming Spanish film-maker, is expected to win several Oscars.

Mark: ____ / 6

Vocabulary

4 Match the words in the box with the definitions.

gullible spearhead legislation traverse likely hamper

- 1 To go across a place, often by foot. _____
- 2 To deliberately try to make something more difficult to do. _____
- 3 A new law or group of laws in a country. _____
- 4 A word to describe a person who believes things very easily. _____
- 5 Probable, but not certain. _____
- 6 To be in the front of a campaign or military operation. _____

Mark: ____ / 6

5 Complete the sentences with a word, phrase or phrasal verb formed from the words in brackets.

- 1 In 1917, a few thousand revolutionaries in Russia managed to _____ (THROW) the government.
- 2 You're very rude to your boss, and I'm surprised she hasn't fired you yet. How do you _____ (GET) it?
- 3 People were _____ (RAGED) when they heard that a dangerous criminal had been released from prison.
- 4 It's really difficult to _____ (TRACK) of what all my friends are doing online. It takes a lot of time to follow their posts.
- 5 There was a big public _____ (CRY) when it emerged that the city mayor had been taking bribes.
- 6 Gary is a very _____ (EASY) person. He always seems friendly and relaxed.
- 7 Two hundred people lost their jobs when the company had to _____ (SIZE) and close twelve of its high street shops.

Mark: ____ / 7

6 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Last week's military operation **inflicted** / **staged** heavy losses on the enemy.
- 2 If he takes legal action and you lose, you'll have to **pay out** / **obtain** damages.
- 3 Gary's test marks **fluctuated** / **flatlined** a lot because he found some subjects easy and others difficult.
- 4 Kelly still has **bitter** / **fond** memories of how her boyfriend split up with her last summer.
- 5 Some people are narrow-minded and very **liberal** / **intolerant** of lifestyles and opinions which are different to theirs.
- 6 Amaya was **troubled** / **relieved** by the news, and she didn't sleep well that night.
- 7 They tied their boat to the wooden **jetty** / **dingy** and went to explore the harbour.

Mark: ____ / 7

Use of English

7 Complete the dialogue with one word in each space. There may be more than one possible answer.

- Emma What's your ¹ _____ of distance learning and attending online lectures, rather than going to classes on a traditional university campus?
- Joe By and ² _____, I think that the more technology we have in our lives, the less meaningful the social interaction we have with others is. If you're at an online lecture, you're going to lose the natural interaction you have with your lecturer, lose the body language. You won't be able to ask questions –
- Emma Sorry for ³ _____, but the technology does allow you to ask questions. You can press a button and then you type in a question, which allows you to raise your hand 'virtually', if you see what I ⁴ _____.
- Joe Maybe ⁵ _____, but what if your internet connection goes down!
- Emma That's not a problem because everything gets recorded. Distance learning is much more flexible actually, ⁶ _____ to the fact that your materials and lectures are always available online.
- Joe I suppose you're right, but what it really ⁷ _____ down to is the social side of university. I want to learn from my peers in classes and have a good social life in the evenings.
- Emma I think it would be ⁸ _____ to argue that there's no interaction with other students with distance learning courses. You can be part of very active and supportive online communities. It has some ⁹ _____ benefits too, such as opening up access to people who couldn't traditionally go to university, such as working parents, or people from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. There's a part of ¹⁰ _____ that thinks if you want to work and study at the same time, then distance learning courses really do have the edge over traditional universities.
- Joe That's a good point. And it is getting very expensive to go to university these days ...

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

8 12 Listen to a presenter giving a talk about technology and the human body. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 A previous job inspired her interest in cyborgs. _____
- 2 Current devices which help patients to see aren't really worth using. _____
- 3 The speaker says that many people oppose putting medical devices into patients' bodies. _____
- 4 Whilst some countries will stop people from abusing new technologies, others might not. _____
- 5 The speaker doesn't feel that people and machines will ever be more like each other. _____

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

9 Read about four mysterious places. Match texts A–D with questions 1–5. Each text can be matched with more than one question.

Which text mentions ...

- 1 a place which was watched by enemy agents? _____
- 2 work and ideas which later changed the world? _____
- 3 a failed attempt to destroy something? _____
- 4 a testing ground for new military machines? _____
- 5 a building rented by a false company? _____

Mark: ____ / 5

Four places with secrets to hide

A

Every day, about 750,000 people pass through New York's Grand Central Station, arriving or departing by train, or visiting the iconic building itself. Few of them would suspect that 300 feet below the station's lowest public floor, there lies a secret bunker called M42. You won't come across the bunker on architectural plans of the station, and its existence was only revealed in the 1980s. During World War II, the bunker contained machines called AC-DC power converters, and rumour has it that guards were ordered to shoot anyone trying to enter. But why keep a power plant so secret?

The machines in Bunker M42 were vital to the power supply for the East coast railway network. If they had broken down, more than half the trains moving soldiers and supplies across America would have stopped in their tracks. In 1944, four German agents were sent to America to break the equipment in Bunker M42. They managed to get as far as the station, only to be arrested at the left luggage office!

B

Sandwiched between a railway station and a housing estate in the British town of Milton Keynes, Bletchley Park looks far less impressive from the outside than visitors tend to expect. Built in the early 1800s, the manor house was purchased in 1938 by the British Secret Intelligence Service. As soon as World War II broke out, teams of brilliant mathematicians, engineers and translators were stationed at Bletchley Park, the most famous of whom was Alan Turing. It was their job to decode military communications used by hostile countries such as Germany and Japan.

It was here at Bletchley Park that Alan Turing and others took a Polish decoding machine and improved it. Their new device decoded messages which no human cryptographer would ever manage to break. Not only did this shorten the war and save many lives, but it also helped Turing to develop ideas that lead to the invention of modern computers. Today you can visit this once-secret house, then learn more about Turing at the nearby National Museum of Computing.

C

Area 51 is a military base located in the desert about 134km northwest of Las Vegas. It's a common location for sightings of supposed UFOs, and rumours about Area 51 have circulated for decades. By far the most popular of these concerns the crash of a UFO and a purported medical examination of its dead alien crew. Could this have actually happened? The claims are strongly denied by the US government, who suggest that the so-called crashed UFO was really a downed weather balloon. Nevertheless rumours persist, which is why Area 51 has been portrayed in many sci-fi films.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the base was involved in developing high-tech military planes for the US government, like the U2 spy plane. This may well explain some 'UFO' sightings. Little is known about the projects which take place at Area 51 today, but it's still a heavily-guarded, top-secret location. Whatever is going on there, tourists won't be visiting any time soon!

D

Number 54, Broadway is an innocent-looking building on a quiet street in Westminster, London. Shortly after it was completed in 1926, a company called the Minimax Fire Extinguisher Company occupied the building. But number 54's real owners were Britain's Secret Intelligence Service – later to be named MI5. Their station commander entered the building via a secret tunnel from his home in nearby Queen Anne's Gate.

No sooner had the company arrived than local businesses and residents had managed to work out that it wasn't what it seemed. There was talk of spies operating from the building, and it didn't take long for foreign agents to become aware of the rumours. A German spy was soon assigned to watch the building. With commendable irony, he disguised himself as a blind match seller and stood right across the road from the 'fire extinguisher' company, watching who came and went. Despite a complete failure to hide its activities, it wasn't until 1964 that the Secret Intelligence Service finally moved offices.

Writing

- 10 Read the task below and write a for and against essay (220–260 words). Remember to plan your paragraphs before beginning to write.**

Animal testing helps companies to develop safe drugs which save human lives. However, not all animal research is done to develop medicines, and it also causes terrible cruelty and pain to animals. Write an essay explaining the pros and cons of animal testing, and when, if ever, you think that it is justified.

Mark: ____ / 10

Total: ____ / 70