

Cumulative Test 6–9 A

Grammar

1 Match the sentence halves and complete the second part with one word only.

- 1 I wouldn't get a taxi if I were you. You're ...
- 2 It's clear that someone murdered Harry, but the ...
- 3 There were a lot of algebra questions in the maths exam, ...
- 4 Have you seen Irina lately? I ...
- 5 We're giving away all of these things for free, so just ...
- 6 It's a long drive to Truro from here so ...

- A they _____ be there yet.
B _____, and I was wondering where she is.
C take _____ you want.
D most of _____ I answered correctly.
E _____ is 'who?'.
F _____ off going by metro because it'll be quicker and cheaper.

Mark: ____ / 6

2 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Did you **able** / **manage** to fix that problem with your bike, Mandy?
- 2 We know Kathy's going out with Jake because Kathy's best friend said **so** / **this**.
- 3 **What** / **All** the police don't understand is how the criminals could dig a tunnel under the bank without being heard.
- 4 I know you're upset about breaking up with Mia. But **however** / **whatever** bad you're feeling now, you will get over it.
- 5 I don't know how much that laptop costs, but it **can't** / **mustn't** be cheap because it's a really powerful computer.
- 6 We really **might** / **should** book a hotel before we go to Nice because it gets very busy in the summer.
- 7 I don't know if I'll win the competition, but I certainly **hope** / **guess** so.

Mark: ____ / 7

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence. Write 3–6 words, including the word given.

- 1 We reserved our seats online, but it wasn't necessary because the theatre was nearly empty. (NEEDN'T)
We _____ our seats online because the theatre was nearly empty.
- 2 I'm sure Doug lived in Spain because his Spanish is excellent. (MUST)
Doug _____ in Spain because his Spanish is excellent.
- 3 Tom was really tired so he just wanted to go to bed. (ALL)
Tom was really tired, and _____ to go to bed.
- 4 The runner from Jamaica finished first. (TO)
The Jamaican runner was _____ finish.
- 5 It certainly isn't easy to do that job. (CAN'T)
It _____ that job.
- 6 I really think we should go now. (BETTER)
I think we _____ now.
- 7 We finished all the calculations, but then found that we'd made a mistake. (ONLY)
We finished all the calculations _____ we'd made a mistake.

Mark: ____ / 7

Vocabulary

4 Replace the underlined words with the words in the box.

reputation ostensibly unleash revelations congestion circumnavigate pass away

- 1 The article contained some shocking new information, so the government tried to censor it. _____
- 2 We're encouraging people to use public transport to reduce traffic jams in the city centre. _____
- 3 Captain Cook wasn't the first person to go around the world by ship. That was Magellan's crew.

- 4 We manage to save most of our patients, but in a big hospital like this some people inevitably die.

- 5 On the face of it the people were ordinary businessmen. In reality, they were criminals. _____
- 6 When people found out that the author had copied someone else's story idea, it really damaged his public image.

- 7 A major asteroid impact would cause a chain reaction of global catastrophes. _____

Mark: ____ / 7

5 Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 You'll have to work very hard if you want to g_____ on in your career and be promoted.
- 2 Jenny and Grace are such good friends because they have a lot in common. As people say, birds of a f_____ flock together.
- 3 The engine was making a terrible noise, so Dad pulled o_____ and stopped the car on the side of the road.
- 4 We nearly missed our flight but arrived in the n_____ of time. They were just boarding the plane.
- 5 Has anyone ever told you that you bear a striking r_____ to Justin Bieber? You could almost be his twin.
- 6 It's very easy to h_____ into most email accounts because people don't use very good passwords.

Mark: ____ / 6

6 Complete the sentences with a compound or phrasal verb formed from the word in brackets.

- 1 _____ (space) is full of amazing things, but there are some bad things on the internet too.
- 2 Who's going to _____ (charge) of organising the school charity fair this year? It's a big job.
- 3 Millions of visitors come to Venice on holiday every year, so the city has a lot of problems with _____ (crowding).
- 4 We're going to _____ (grade) our computer systems next month. They're very out of date.
- 5 War reporters wear _____ (bullet) jackets because people often shoot at them.
- 6 Ryan gripped the _____ (bars) of his bike with both hands and cycled as fast as he could.
- 7 We went down the wrong corridor in the museum, then turned around and _____ (trace) our steps to get where we wanted to be.

Mark: ____ / 7

Use of English

7 Complete the dialogue. Choose the correct answers (A, B, C or D).

- Chloe What do you think about staying in Airbnb accommodation?
- Flora Well, ¹ _____ the whole I think Airbnb is a great option. In terms of having an authentic experience, it definitely has the ² _____ over staying in a standard hotel room.
- Chloe Even ³ _____, I've heard that when you get there, the place is often nothing like the description.
- Flora ⁴ _____ it's any consolation, my cousin stayed in an Airbnb flat in Barcelona and had the best time last summer. He was right in the centre –
- Chloe Sorry for butting ⁵ _____, but as far as I'm concerned, Airbnb is causing huge problems for cities like Barcelona. You have to feel sorry for the neighbours. There's a constant stream of people coming and going, and all the noise –
- Flora All the ⁶ _____, it does bring in more tourists for local businesses. Don't you agree?
- Chloe I suppose so, but as ⁷ _____ rent prices, it's leading to housing shortages in busy cities, which drives up demand and so the rents go up –
- Flora I ⁸ _____ agree more, but some cities in America are now insisting on hosts only ⁹ _____ for limited time each year. It's also a great way for poorer people to make a bit of extra income.
- Chloe OK, I think we ¹⁰ _____ just have to agree to disagree.

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| 1 A in | B at | C for | D on |
| 2 A corner | B edge | C side | D most |
| 3 A as | B then | C by | D so |
| 4 A If | B As | C When | D Where |
| 5 A off | B out | C in | D on |
| 6 A similar | B same | C chances | D factors |
| 7 A to | B regarding | C from | D for |
| 8 A wouldn't | B couldn't | C can't | D won't |
| 9 A renting | B to rent | C rent | D rented |
| 10 1A 'll | B would | C won't | D wouldn't |

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

- 8  11 Listen to five people talking about how they've been affected by climate change. Choose the correct answer (A–H) for each speaker (1–5). There are three extra sentences.

How does each speaker feel?

- A frustrated they can't do anything to stop climate change _____
- B amazed by the actions of people from other countries _____
- C angry with people in their government _____
- D sad to see the destruction of natural areas _____
- E worried about their children's future _____
- F relieved that they are not yet affected _____
- G unable to put up with the fear of a disaster _____
- H guilty about a decision that they made _____

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

Australia coast to coast

My parents and I visit relatives in Darwin every summer. Instead of flying there this year, we did the ultimate Aussie road trip – right across the continent!

After picking up a one-way rental car, it was a 307-kilometre drive from our home in Adelaide to Port Augusta — a small coastal town whose only claim to fame is being the southern end of the mighty Stuart Highway. Stocking up on food in town without wasting much time there, we headed for the junction where the highway begins. We could have driven straight through it, but Dad suggested we took a selfie, quite dangerously on the hard shoulder, to mark the start of our journey.

The Stuart Highway runs 2,834 kilometres across Australia from the south to north coast. It's named after John McDouall Stuart, who in 1862 became the first person to traverse the continent. It took Stuart and his party nine months, during which time they endured terrible thirst, battling daily to find enough water to stay alive. Stuart's expedition has gone down in history as an incredible feat of survival. Despite being able to retrace his route on a paved highway today, the trip still isn't for the faint-hearted.

Less than an hour's drive north, the relatively green coastal strip had given way to semi-desert, populated by cattle ranches and stunted trees. Our first significant stop was the town of Woomera, 188 kilometres north of Port Augusta. Woomera is a once-thriving desert town which used to be used for top-secret rocket testing. It now boasts weird tourist attractions like the Woomera Missile Park.

Leaving the town, we drove past salt lakes, rocky hilltops and the occasional isolated farmhouse. My parents took turns with the driving, stopping at some lonely diner or petrol station whenever we needed a break. We spent that night in Coober Pedy: a town where it's too hot to walk around outside in the daytime, and many people have underground houses.

The next day, the land changed from pinkish grey to burnt orange as we neared Alice Springs, the only sizeable town in central Australia and our home for a four-night break. It was just outside 'Alice' that we visited Uluru, the world-famous rock formation whose red cliffs glow at sunset. Some thoughtless tourists still climb Uluru, but the fact is that Uluru is sacred to the Aboriginal people, and climbing it is disrespectful. Fortunately, this will soon be banned.

After Uluru, we went to a nearby Aboriginal arts centre. To my untrained eye, the paintings hanging there were just beautiful patterns of colourful dots and lines. But Aboriginal art conveys hidden, sacred meanings for those who can read the symbols: meanings which must have been passed down for countless generations.

Two days after leaving Alice, we crossed the Katherine River, the first major water source Stuart's half-dead party encountered after a 2,400 kilometre trek from Port Augusta: I imagine they must have wept with relief! The small town of Katherine, which sits on the river, is near to hot springs. Bathing there was exactly what we needed after driving through so much dry land.

North of Katherine, the land became greener and the air more humid. We drove past lush, enticing pools that begged to be swum in. We didn't though, because we were soon into crocodile territory. We later managed to see these ferocious animals up close on a river cruise from the comically-named town of Humpty Doo. A short drive from Humpty Doo, the great Stuart Highway came to a disappointing end on the outskirts of Darwin, simply merging with other roads. We had reached the end of our journey.

I think we were all relieved to be off the road that night, as we sat on Grandma's porch watching the sun go down over the Sea of Timor. Would I do the trip again? Probably not, but I've got some cool memories. And it's nice to be able to say 'I've crossed the continent'.

9 Read the text. For questions 1–5 choose the correct option (A–D).

- 1 What does the writer say about Port Augusta?
 - A It's quite a famous town in Australia.
 - B Visiting the town was a waste of time.
 - C It marks the beginning of a famous route.
 - D It's an important stop on the road to Adelaide.
- 2 John McDouall Stuart is remembered for ...
 - A founding the small town of Port Augustus.
 - B building a highway right across Australia.
 - C mapping many sources of water in the desert.
 - D being the first to cross Australia from south to north.
- 3 What does the writer say about Woomera?
 - A It has a very small population.
 - B It used to be more important than it is today.
 - C It's a relatively green town surrounded by dry desert.
 - D Today it's the site of the Australian space program.
- 4 The writer says that some visitors to Uluru ...
 - A don't respect another culture.
 - B don't consider other travellers.
 - C take too many risks while climbing the rock formation.
 - D are destroying a sacred place.
- 5 Overall, how does the author feel about her journey?
 - A She thinks it was too difficult, and flying would have been much better.
 - B She was unimpressed with the desert landscape that they passed.
 - C She's happy to have done it but relieved that it's over.
 - D She's keen to attempt the journey again.

Mark: ____ / 5

Writing

- 10 Read the task below and write an informal email (220–260 words). Remember to plan your paragraphs before beginning to write.**

You've recently taken a long trip by car or train across your country or several countries. Write an email to a friend describing the trip. Mention the most interesting moments on the trip, comparing them to previous travel experiences you've had. Also mention a problem that you had on the trip and how you overcame it.

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