

Unit 1 Progress Test A

Grammar

1 Choose the correct options to complete the dialogues.

Andy I'm racking my brains to remember that boy's name, but I can't.

Ryan ¹ _____. You probably won't meet him again.

a You don't bother? b Why bother?

Mo I don't remember this building.

Brad ² _____. There was a cinema on the corner, but they pulled it down.

a It wouldn't be here. b It didn't use to be here.

Tom Have you met Lucy?

Justin ³ _____. I've heard you've just started going out with someone.

a Isn't she your new girlfriend? b Who's your new girlfriend?

Bethany Mandy didn't tell the teacher about you cheating in the test.

Allen ⁴ _____. I know that the teacher didn't actually see me do it.

a Why do that? b Then who did?

Rabia Have you ever been to Italy?

Jo Yes, I have. We ⁵ _____ when I was young, which was great. My aunt and uncle used to live in Sorrento.

a would often go there b were forever going

Mark: ____ / 5

2 Choose the correct words to complete the dialogues.

Sarah Michelle and Toby had a big argument.

Ben ¹ _____? They ² _____ arguing these days.

Sarah I know. ³ _____ go out with someone if you don't get on well?

Ben They ⁴ _____ be like that. They only started arguing recently.

Arthur I didn't borrow your tablet, Mike.

Mike Well, ⁵ _____ borrow it then?

Arthur I don't know – perhaps nobody borrowed it. ⁶ _____ look for it at home? Maybe you've just put it somewhere and then forgotten about it. You will ⁷ _____ losing things like that.

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| 1 a Had they | b Did they | c Were they |
| 2 a keep on | b would be | c are always |
| 3 a Why | b Don't | c Why not |
| 4 a weren't | b would | c didn't use to |
| 5 b why not | b who did | c why not |
| 6 a Why | b Why not | c Why don't |
| 7 a keep | b continue | c forever |

Mark: ____ / 7

3 Tick (✓) the correct sentences and rewrite the others, changing 1–3 words.

1 My friends and I would often go out on Friday nights – it's become a tradition for us.

2 Why go for a walk this afternoon? It'll be fun.

3 Sally would talk about me behind my back – that's just typical of her!

4 Who they did order the pizza if it wasn't you?

5 Maria is great: she forever helps me when I need it.

6 I'm pleased they opened the sports centre because there wasn't being anywhere good to go before.

7 Fabrice will often come round to my house when I haven't invited him. It's really annoying.

8 You used to have short hair, but it looks nice on you. I'd keep it that way and not grow it long again.

Mark: ____ / 8

Vocabulary

4 Match the words in the box with the definitions.

genetically modified broad-minded a kick in the teeth spontaneous eradicate gullible designer baby

- 1 Acting according to sudden ideas and doing things which are not planned. _____
- 2 Easy to persuade or convince. _____
- 3 Any living thing whose DNA has been changed in order to give it new characteristics. _____
- 4 A child whose DNA has been checked, selected or altered before birth. _____
- 5 To destroy something completely or put an end to something for good. _____
- 6 A sudden and major disappointment or setback. _____
- 7 Having tolerant and unprejudiced views, and not being easily offended. _____

Mark: ____ / 7

5 Match the parts of the sentences, and complete them with the words in the box.

cynical carry them on cloud hanging over trustworthy traumatic

- 1 How should we solve this problem? There's a real _____ the Prime Minister's future ...
 - 2 If Max has promised to do it, then ...
 - 3 We come from a small ethnic minority. The traditions of our grandparents are important and we must _____
 - 4 Maybe I'm a bit _____, but I don't believe politicians when they say ...
 - 5 My father dying when I was so young was a ...
- A now that he's been caught lying to the media.
B that they're only interested in serving their country.
C and try to preserve our language and culture.
D _____ experience for the whole family.
E he will do it. He's very _____.

Mark: ____ / 5

6 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

- 1 My mind has completely **evoked** / **blotted out** the memory. I can't remember the accident at all.
- 2 Amanda is very **self-assured** / **self-effacing**. I couldn't sing in front of all those people.
- 3 It's good to **recollect** / **reminisce** about 'the old days' sometimes, but it isn't good to live in the past.
- 4 Beata really **hands over** / **takes after** her mother. They're both very creative people.
- 5 A man in Japan invented a selfie stick for cameras years before anyone had smartphones, but at the time, his idea didn't **catch on** / **carry on**.
- 6 This song vaguely **rings a bell** / **racks my brains**, but I can't remember where I heard it or who sings it.
- 7 Ben is very **spontaneous** / **reserved**. He won't tell you what he thinks unless you actually ask him.
- 8 Now that I'm eighty years old, my childhood is just a **hazy** / **vivid** memory and I can only recall isolated events.

Mark: ____ / 8

Use of English

7 Read the dialogue and find ten mistakes. Circle the mistakes and write the corrections.

James	What it comes to sport, I'm really keen on karate.	1 _____
Lucy	Are you? I used to do judo. Unfortunately, I had to stop when I was younger owed to a knee injury.	2 _____
James	As long as I'm concerned martial arts should be compulsory in schools.	3 _____
Lucy	That could be a good idea, giving the obesity problem this country has.	4 _____
James	To my brain, it isn't just about fitness either. Martial arts teach children self-confidence, discipline and respect.	5 _____
Lucy	Yes, but the chance are most teenagers would give up things like karate and judo to get into team sports at school.	6 _____
James	That's true. Although team sports are important for social skills, they can be stressful bearing at mind how competitive some sports are.	7 _____
Lucy	I also think karate actually teaches you to have more respect for your opponent, even although people say it's a violent sport.	8 _____
James	It helps to improve behaviour too, that with the strict attention you need to pay in a martial arts class.	9 _____
Lucy	Yes, it also teaches you self-discipline, seen that you have to spend time standing still and waiting for the next command.	10 _____

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

8 🎧 1 Listen to an interview about a scientist called Rosalind Franklin. Choose the best answer (A–D).

- 1 What is true about Rosalind Franklin's childhood?
 - A She didn't come from a wealthy family.
 - B She was very interested in politics.
 - C She didn't seem to be a very exceptional child.
 - D She decided what to do at an early age.
- 2 What is true about the technique of using X-rays which Rosalind learned?
 - A It was the subject of her PhD.
 - B She only used it in Paris.
 - C It would help her to make her most important breakthrough.
 - D She was the first person to use the technique.
- 3 What is true about Rosalind's behaviour when she was studying DNA?
 - A She wasn't very careful in the way that she studied it.
 - B She didn't think about her safety very much.
 - C She tried not to be near X-ray machines for very long.
 - D She took longer than she needed to do her experiments.
- 4 What does the speaker say about Franklin's work with DNA?
 - A Two other scientists used it without properly acknowledging her.
 - B It was disproved by a team from Cambridge.
 - C It won her the Nobel Prize for Science.
 - D It helped her to construct a model of the DNA molecule.
- 5 What do we know about Franklin's death?
 - A A book written by her was published after she died.
 - B She was completely forgotten after she died.
 - C Years after her death, people are beginning to appreciate her.
 - D Her sister was with her when she died.

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

A Michelle Payne

Six months after Australian jockey Michelle Payne was born, her mother died in a car accident. It left a painful and lasting impression on the whole family, and Payne recalls how her father would always talk to her about her mother.

Michelle's parents used to work with horses, and the whole family would often go to watch horse races. Michelle and seven of her nine siblings carried on the family tradition of horse racing, and Michelle rode in her first race in 2000 when she was fifteen. She won – the first of many victories. In 2004, she had a horrific fall while racing and suffered bad head injuries. Her family tried to convince her to retire, but she refused.

As well as being injured several times since then, Michelle Payne has continually fought sexism in the racing industry, which still tends to look down on female jockeys. In 2015 she proved the sceptics wrong once and for all when she won the prestigious Melbourne Cup. She startled race-goers by winning this \$6.2 million race on a horse that the betting professionals had given odds of 100 to 1! The win made her a national celebrity, and a role model for young Australian sportspeople.

B Nikki Lauda

When Austrian Andreas Nikolaus Lauda first took up motor racing, he used to hide his racing car from his parents, who didn't approve of such a career. After racing successfully in lower motor racing categories, Nikki applied to enter a Formula One team. The big teams turned him down, and he had to pay a smaller team a lot of money to let him race in their car. Finally, in 1974, he joined the Ferrari racing team. After that, Nikki won win race after race, and in 1975 he became the World champion.

In August 1976, Nikki nearly refused to drive in Germany due to bad weather conditions, but in the end he raced. His car later hit a barrier and began to burn. By the time people had pulled him from the wreckage, he had terrible burns all over his body. In hospital, the doctors thought that he would die, but Nikki survived. Amazingly, he raced again six weeks later in the Italian Grand Prix, but in terrible pain. Why suffer so much for sport? The answer probably lies in Nikki's sheer guts and determination – qualities that made him world champion again in 1977 and 1984.

C Wilma Rudolf

At the age of four, Wilma Rudolf contracted an illness which paralysed her legs. The doctor told her mother that she would never walk again, but Wilma's mother simply refused to accept that. Although she had to look after a huge family of twenty-two children, Wilma's mother would massage and move Wilma's legs every day. Wilma used to use a leg brace to move around, but after eight years of slow improvements, she could finally walk normally again when she was twelve. Although she had a lot of catching up to do, she soon became very good at sports. She began playing basketball at school. Later, a coach at Tennessee State University spotted her talent at running and trained her in athletics.

Just four years after starting to walk normally again, Wilma qualified to represent the United States at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. She won a bronze medal in the 4x400 metre relay. Four years later at the 1960 Rome Olympics, she won three gold medals: in the 100 metres, 200 metres and 4x100 metres relay. Wilma came home from Rome as a national hero, celebrated and greeted wherever she went in her home town. To this day, Tennessee remembers June 23rd as Wilma Rudolf Day.

D Jackie Robinson

Growing up in Cairo, Georgia in the 1920s, Jack Roosevelt Robinson and his four brothers experienced both poverty and racial prejudice. Despite these difficulties, Jackie took after his older brother, an athlete, and excelled at sports. He later went to university, but had to leave owing to the cost of studying. After playing professional football in Hawaii, Jackie joined the army during World War II. There he experienced prejudice again: he faced a military trial simply because he had refused to give up his seat to a white soldier.

After the war, Robinson became a professional baseball player. In 1947 he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers, becoming the first African-American player in a Major League baseball team. At first, Robinson suffered a lot of racial abuse not only from baseball fans, but even from narrow-minded members of his own team. However, his ability at baseball was undisputed, and he was named the best new player of that year. It was the start of a brilliant career for Robinson, which ended with him entering the Baseball Hall of Fame. In 1972, the year he died, the Dodgers announced that nobody would wear the number 42 again. It was the number Jackie used to wear.

9 Read about four sportspeople. Match people A–D with questions 1–5. Each person can be matched with more than one question.

Which sportsperson ...

- 1 reluctantly agreed to compete in one race?
- 2 was helped to recover from an illness by someone in their family?
- 3 was different to all their teammates in some way?
- 4 lost a member of their family at an early age?
- 5 is associated with a particular number?

Mark: ____ / 5

Writing

10 Read the task below and write an opinion essay (220–260 words). Remember to plan your paragraphs before beginning to write.

What is more important for your education: school, your family or your own interests and talents? Write an essay in which you discuss this question and give your opinion.

Mark: ____ / 10

Total: ____ / 70