

Unit 3 Progress Test A

Grammar

1 Rewrite the sentences. Use the correct form of the words in brackets, and make any other necessary changes.

- 1 The policeman insisted that we didn't stay. (order / leave)
- _____
- 2 Danny's brother is a lot more sociable than him. (not half / friendly)
- _____
- 3 The sculpture is almost the same size as a person. (nearly / as big)
- _____
- 4 Allie said she'd run into Kate in town. (mention / see)
- _____
- 5 The questions increased in difficulty towards the end of the test. (become / more and more)
- _____
- 6 Frida said that Liam wasn't telling the truth. (accuse / lie)
- _____
- 7 This is one of the most amazing concerts I've ever been to. (practically / good)
- _____

Mark: ____ / 7

2 Complete the mini-dialogues with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- Kate

I ¹ _____ (warn / you / against / attend) that gig last Friday, but you still went.
- Hamad

I know ... I reluctantly ² _____ (agree / go) there with Rachel. You were right about the band, though. I've seen ³ _____ (far / good) bands at *The Round House* before.
- Joshua

You're reading Isabelle Allende – I love her books, but I don't know that one. ⁴ _____ (you / recommend / read) it?
- Ruth

Well, it's alright. I mean, she's a good writer. But I think *Ripper's* ⁵ _____ (not / half / good) her previous novel. I found that ⁶ _____ (much / interesting). And this one is ⁷ _____ (a good deal / violent) too.

Mark: ____ / 7

3 Correct the sentences.

1 Kelly asked you were a vegetarian, but I said 'no'.

2 She's the practically most intelligent person I've ever met.

3 I was born in Singapore, like was Mei Lee. In fact, we grew up in the same neighbourhood.

4 The more harder we tried to get out of the mud, the more our car became stuck.

5 Can you remind me phone Jessica and invite her to the party?

6 Sally admitted to have left my laptop on the train.

Mark: ____ / 6

Vocabulary

4 Replace the underlined words in the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box. Some words do not need to change.

perplexed get acquainted with doomed toy with drop out of profound honoured devastated

1 Tom's parents were upset when he suddenly left university. _____

2 Jack felt very proud to be given the award. _____

3 Everyone was surprised and confused when they announced the winner. The fact is, she didn't deserve to win.

4 The ship was sinking fast, and nobody could do anything about it. _____

5 I considered the idea of working abroad for a while, but eventually decided not to. _____

6 The changes will affect us all in a very significant way. _____

7 Have you met up with any nice people at your new job? _____

8 I was so miserable when I failed my exams. It was as if I would never be happy again. _____

Mark: ____ / 8

5 Match the parts of the sentences, choosing the correct words to complete them.

- 1 After the artist was given an important award, sales ...
- 2 The government didn't pay them in time, so the company building the stadium decided ...
- 3 Tim and Robbie met on their first day at work many years ago and ...
- 4 He knew that he might be late for the plane, but he ...
- 5 Sam and I have been married for more than a decade. Like most couples ...
- 6 After an unusual amount of time without rain, the garden was ...

A remained **unconcerned** / **baffled** until the last minute.

B of her work really **took off** / **dropped out**.

C **to talk into** / **pull out of** the deal.

D we have our ups and **offs** / **downs**.

E as dry as a **mouse** / **bone**.

F know each other **inside out** / **outside in**.

Mark: ____ / 6

6 Match the words in the box with the definitions.

urge captivating startling run into gutted daunting

- 1 To be very attractive or interesting to others _____
- 2 Very upset, devastated _____
- 3 To meet someone by chance _____
- 4 Intimidating _____
- 5 To insist or strongly suggest that someone does something _____
- 6 Very surprising _____

Mark: ____ / 6

Use of English

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

- Sophie Well, the main ¹ ____ of living at home while you're at university is financial.
- Maria Yes, that's definitely a ² ____ benefit. Rent is so expensive nowadays. But I can't ³ ____ thinking that it makes you lazy and less self-reliant when you stay at home.
- Sophie That's one ⁴ ____ of looking at it I suppose. But it also has the added bonus of not having the stress of flatmates.
- Maria Maybe, but I just ⁵ ____ if you aren't missing out on an important aspect of university life? It's an important time to meet new friends and develop social skills.
- Sophie Good ⁶ _____. It is a time for discovering yourself.
- Maria And another ⁷ ____ is that you have less motivation to find new friends and discover new places, as you'll be living in the area that you grew up in. For me, the impact on your social life is a ⁸ _____.
- Sophie Yes, I ⁹ ____ you're right. ¹⁰ ____ up the pros and cons, I'd say if you can afford it, it's probably better to move into student accommodation when you start university.

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| 1 A advantage | B plus | C pro |
| 2 A plus | B fair | C major |
| 3 A help | B suppose | C come |
| 4 A wrap | B way | C wonder |
| 5 A wonder | B suppose | C think |
| 6 A way | B advantage | C point |
| 7 A upside | B downside | C side |
| 8 A minor | B minimum | C minus |
| 9 A would | B suppose | C wonder |
| 10 A Weighing | B Outweighing | C Weigh |

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

8 🎧 3 Listen to an interview about friendships. Choose the best answer (A–D).

- 1 Naomi Watts and Nicole Kidman first became friends because ...
 - A they were both models.
 - B they lived in the same street.
 - C they both wanted to be actors.
 - D they became acquainted after an audition.
- 2 How did Monet meet Boudin?
 - A They were both painting outside one day in Le Havre.
 - B A mutual acquaintance introduced them.
 - C Monet wanted to have lessons from Boudin.
 - D Boudin bought one of Monet's caricatures.
- 3 How does the speaker say that Boudin affected Monet?
 - A Boudin improved his drawing.
 - B He taught Monet how to paint rain and clouds.
 - C He helped Monet to sell more work.
 - D He showed Monet that it was better to work outdoors.
- 4 How did the members of John Lennon's band feel when they first met Paul McCartney?
 - A amazed
 - B worried
 - C cautious
 - D offended
- 5 What important thing happened to the band in Germany?
 - A They were involved in a few fights.
 - B Practise made them much better.
 - C A new drummer changed their sound.
 - D They met someone who gave them a record contract.

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

The wolves of Yellowstone

Until the 1800s, several species of wolves (*Canis Lupus*) roamed free across most of the United States, living in balance with the animals it preyed upon and respected by native American populations. But this changed as more and more settlers of European descent began to move into the American West.

European pioneer farmers were worried about wolves attacking their cattle. So in the early 1800s, the US government proposed the total eradication of wild wolves, and provided funds to pay for hunters. Farmers willingly agreed to help, embarking on their own extermination campaign, which saw wolves trapped, shot, and poisoned in huge numbers. Fewer and fewer wolves were left in the wild, until in 1960, they were almost extinct in all American states except Alaska. Only a few small populations hung on in the wild north of Michigan and Minnesota. Not even the wolves of Yellowstone National Park were spared, despite Yellowstone being America's first national park, created in 1872 to protect 'natural wonders'. Restrictions on hunting within the park didn't apply to wolves, and the last two grey wolves there were shot in 1921.

It wasn't until the 1974 Endangered Species Act that things began to change. This huge milestone for conservation enabled the preservation of many endangered animals, including wolves. It's also led to the gradual reintroduction of packs of Mexican grey wolves, northern grey wolves and red wolves into thirteen American states. Initially wolves were just brought in from places like Canada and released into the wild, but it was difficult for the animals to get used to their new homes. When rangers kept track of one female northern grey wolf released in a park in Idaho, they discovered that she had walked sixty miles on her first day because she was trying to find her old home.

Early in 1995, fourteen wolves were captured in the wild in Alberta Canada, then transported to Yellowstone National Park. At first they were kept in pens for several months inside the park, to help them to get used to their new environment. Then finally, the strongest male, the alpha male, gained the confidence to lead his pack out of captivity and into the national park. That year, park rangers at Yellowstone announced that the first wolf cubs had been born in the park for 75 years. The population quickly took off, and by 2003 the park was home to 174 wolves. However, the reintroduction of wolves into Yellowstone has proved to be far from plain sailing. Before the wolves returned to Yellowstone, arguments had raged about the benefits and drawbacks of reintroducing them. Whilst some argued that it would restore Yellowstone to its natural state, others suggested that it would upset the ecosystem in the park, which had changed since the extinction of the wolves.

Since then, biologists have been studying the impact of the wolves' return on the wildlife of Yellowstone. By far the biggest effect has been on elk, the wolves' favourite prey. A decade after the wolves' return to Yellowstone there were about half as many elk in the park. This was blamed on the fact that generations of elk had grown up without any fear of wolves. They had become less and less concerned about predators, so it was easier for the wolves to catch them. And the more the wolf population grew, the greater this problem became. Some people warned that the elk would soon disappear from the park, and then of course, the wolves would disappear too.

Luckily, this didn't happen. Slowly, the elk got used to the wolves. They became more cautious, and avoided places where it would be easy for the wolves to attack them. Slowly, the old balance of predator and prey was returning. But what the wolves had done was to control the population of elk in the park. Surveys of the park's wildlife have found that has generally been good for other species. The elk were eating too many plants and young trees, creating problems for the animals who depended on these things for food. And when wolves kill elk, they tend to eat about half of the animal and leave the rest. This has been great for animals which scavenge, like bears and birds of prey.

It's been a bumpy ride, and there have been some downsides to reintroducing the wolves. This proves just how difficult it is to restore an ecosystem once people have meddled with it. Conservationists estimate that it will take many more years for the ecosystem of Yellowstone to fully recover from the original extinction of wolves. But slowly the park is beginning to find its natural balance again.

9 Read about the wolves of Yellowstone and answer the questions.

- 1 What does the writer suggest about the reputation of wolves in popular culture?
- 2 Why were people keen to exterminate wolves in the United States?
- 3 Why do you think the writer calls the 1974 Conservation Act 'a milestone'?
- 4 What creature has been affected most by the reintroduction of wolves, and why?
- 5 What does the experience tell us about the effects of man on nature?

Mark: ____ / 5

Writing

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

The new head teacher of your school is looking for ways to get the school more involved in the local community, building relationships with organisations and people in the town. She has invited you to write a proposal explaining what projects the school is currently involved in (for example, cultural events and open days), and what more could be done to build links between the school and the local community.

Mark: ____ / 10

Total: ____ / 70