

Unit 5 Progress Test B

Grammar

1 Correct the sentences.

- 1 She had a medal award to her as a result of her actions in the battle.

- 2 To selected for the Olympic team was a great honour for Carl.

- 3 All the new recruits were their health checked by a doctor when they arrived at the army base.

- 4 That was a very stupid thing to do – you could have had badly hurt.

- 5 Protestors in the streets of Bogota had tear gas fire at them.

- 6 I accept it necessary that we have to sit exams, but they are a pain.

Mark: ____ / 6

2 Choose the correct words to complete the text.

Hi Jessica

How's life over there in Asheville? ¹ _____ was great to get your email and know that I ² _____! Sorry it's taken me four days to reply, but we have to take turns to use the base recreation block's computers as our mobile devices ³ _____. Anyone caught using their phone on base ⁴ _____ confiscated.

Arriving here last week as a new recruit was a shock to the system though, especially as I'd only just got home from my year in the States. First we ⁵ _____ a hot, dark room with no air con and told that was our sleeping quarters. Then we ⁶ _____ our hair completely shaved off. When I objected to losing all of my hair, an aggressive-looking officer told me I ⁷ _____ extra duties cleaning the block toilets if I ever complained again.

So ⁸ _____ here at the 7th Army Division base in Montero isn't much fun, but it's alright, I suppose. I view it ⁹ _____ something I just have to do before I can go to university in La Paz and get on with life. And I'm lucky that they didn't send me to Cochabamba, where most of the 7th division is based. If I had been sent there, I would be running up and down mountains all day!

Bye for now. I have to go because someone else wants to use the PC.

Juan Carlos

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| 1 a What | b That | c It |
| 2 a haven't been forgotten | b were not forgotten | c had not forgotten |
| 3 a being banned | b are banned | c had banned |
| 4 a has it | b is having it | c would be |
| 5 a were shown | b had shown | c being shown |
| 6 a had got | b were | c had |
| 7 a was given | b had given | c would be given |
| 8 a to be | b being | c having been |
| 9 a as | b like | c for |

Mark: ____ / 9

3 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Write 2–5 words.

- If you want the judges to choose you for the final, you'll have to give a brilliant performance.
To _____, you'll have to give a brilliant performance.
- Undercover agents read all of the man's emails.
The man had _____ by undercover agents.
- Can you turn the music down, please?
I'd appreciate _____ the music down.
- There's a rumour that our local library is closing down.
It _____ our local library is closing down.
- It's really annoying when people push in front of you in a queue.
I don't like _____ in front of me in a queue.

Mark: ____ / 5

Vocabulary

4 Choose the correct words to complete the email.

Hi Jordan

We're still on holiday in China, and at the moment we're staying in Xi'an. Today we've just got back from an exhausting, and quite terrifying, day trip to Mount Hua. On the bus this morning our guide ¹**announced / warned** us that the mountain path we would walk was very steep. He didn't ²**mention / propose** that at one point it would involve going along wooden planks less than half a metre wide, with a sheer drop on one side!

There was no other means ³**for / of** getting to the end of our walk, so we had to go along the planks, and admittedly walkers are attached to a safety line. But it's a ⁴**ferociously / compulsively** steep drop, and you feel as if every step could be your last. It didn't help at all when another walker remarked with a grin that anyone who was unattached and fell would plunge several hundred metres to their death!

Anyway, much to my surprise, I made it across OK, and I have to ⁵**admit / confirm** that I feel pretty pleased about that. I can certainly ⁷**boast / concede** that I've done one of the scariest walks on the planet now, but I ⁷**deny / doubt** that I'll ever do something like that again.

Tomorrow we're doing something a lot safer. We're going to see some amazing ancient tombs at Hang Yang Ling. I'm really excited about that.

Bye for now.

Scott

Mark: ____ / 7

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

resent complain remind announce question deny

- 1 Seth _____ us that we needed to get tickets for the concert.
- 2 We _____ the need for all these security checks, but the soldiers carried on searching our bags.
- 3 I _____ that the neighbours were making a lot of noise.
- 4 Martin _____ breaking the vase, although he was the only person who could have done it.
- 5 Kelly came home really excited and _____ that she was engaged.
- 6 Gary _____ having to work all summer when everyone else was on holiday.

Mark: ____ / 6

6 Rewrite the sentences using one of the two words in brackets, and making any other necessary changes.

- 1 Helen said that she would report me to the teacher if I cheated again. (concede / threaten)

- 2 Andy insisted that he was the fastest runner in the school. (argue / inform)

- 3 Yes, Cathy was very late. But that doesn't mean you can be rude to her. (disapprove / justify)

- 4 We disagreed strongly with the government's proposals. (object / concede)

- 5 Several soldiers were killed in the recent rebel attack. (insurgency / guerrilla raid)

- 6 I don't pretend to be an expert, but I think you're putting that motor part on the wrong way around. (propose / claim)

- 7 Ten years after the invasion, the country is still under foreign control. (coalition / occupation)

Mark: ____ / 7

Use of English

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

Let me ¹ _____. Well, what the photos have in common is that they both show people working with animals. The first photo shows a vet, who is examining a cow with something, but I'm not ² _____ what it is in English. You ³ _____ it to listen to the heartbeat. It's not entirely ⁴ _____ what is wrong with the cow. In all ⁵ _____, the cow is pregnant and she's checking on her health.

In contrast to the first photo, the second photo depicts a police officer with some dogs. My ⁶ _____ guess would be that he's training them. There are some white bars ⁷ _____ to the things athletes jump over in races, and he's getting the dogs to jump over them. His expression ⁸ _____ that he is pleased with the dogs' progress. He's also holding a small bag and I ⁹ _____ that it has some biscuits to reward the dogs for jumping. I wonder, in ¹⁰ _____, if the dogs are being trained to recognise the smell of what is inside the bag.

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

8 5 Listen to three conversations and choose the correct answers.

Conversation 1: You hear two people talking about a cultural difference.

- 1 Kate explains ...
 - A why Faysal felt she was doing something wrong.
 - B why it was important for Faysal's grandfather to be served first.
 - C that she doesn't understand Faysal's culture at all.
- 2 The man suggests ...
 - A that she should apologise to Faysal's grandfather.
 - B that she was completely right to do what she did.
 - C that she should be more flexible.

Conversation 2: You hear two people talking about a disagreement between two members of a band.

- 3 Jessica ...
 - A regrets something that she said.
 - B feels that someone should leave the band.
 - C thinks that they need a new song writer.
- 4 The boy suggests ...
 - A that Jessica should go to Scott and apologise.
 - B that the band should break up.
 - C that Jessica should avoid calling Scott for a while.

Conversation 3: You hear two people talking about a family disagreement.

- 5 Steph concedes ...
 - A that she did something without asking for permission.
 - B that her brother Sean is right to be annoyed.
 - C that she's always doing things like this.

Reading

9 Read about Naomi Uemura and match gaps 1–5 with paragraphs A–F. There is one extra paragraph.

Naomi Uemura, the man who walked alone

It's difficult to think of any twentieth century adventurer who took as many risks as Naomi Uemura, let alone someone who faced those risks alone. Uemura completed epic journeys and climbed Earth's most challenging mountains alone. It was something that shaped – and ultimately ended – his life.

1 _____

It was his shyness that indirectly led to this destiny. Uemura was taken on a climbing trip by a teacher and later decided to take up the sport as a way of gaining more confidence. He quickly developed his skills and conquered more and more difficult peaks. Then he walked the length of Japan – all 2,800 kilometres.

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With such difficult peaks conquered – usually alone – Uemura was ready to tackle Everest. He reached the summit in 1970, becoming the first person to leave the Japanese flag at the top. When later asked about the trip, Uemura was typically self-effacing, pointing out that this time he was only part of a team.

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Two years later, Uemura attempted to reach the North Pole by dog sled too. The journey was painfully slow because of all the ridges and cracks in the sea ice. Uemura recorded every stage using a special camera produced for him by National Geographic Magazine. One night a polar bear broke into his camp – something which could easily have resulted in Uemura being killed. On another occasion, the ice around him broke, leaving Uemura and his dogs to spend all night on an island of ice, surrounded by water. Uemura eventually used a small bridge of ice to cross the water, but he later admitted that he'd thought he would die.

It took Uemura 57 days to reach the North Pole, but he finally arrived on April 29th 1978. His achievement was reported in the media worldwide, making him an international celebrity. Back home, Uemura was also well known for his books – accounts of his adventures which are still read avidly by people in Japan today.

At the height of his fame, Uemura announced that he wanted to climb Mount Denali alone again: this time in winter. It was a very dangerous thing to attempt. Mount Denali is frequently hit by terrible winter storms, when temperatures of minus fifty centigrade and ferocious winds make it impossible to move.

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One of Uemura's preparations involved tying bamboo poles to his shoulders. The poles extended behind and in front of him, and Uemura hoped that they would form a kind of bridge, stopping him from falling into any crevasse.

Setting off in February 1984, Uemura reached the 6,000 metre summit of Mount Denali on his 43rd birthday. The next day, people reported seeing him from a light aircraft, his bright red jacket standing out against the snow. Then a storm closed in, and nobody saw him again.

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Uemura's death was a terrible blow in Japan, where he was a hugely popular figure. To honour his achievements, the Naomi Uemura Memorial Museum was built in Tokyo – a light, bright building where you can learn all about his expeditions.

Four years after Uemura's disappearance, Vernon Tajas became the first person to scale Mount Denali in winter, and return. He explained how one day on the mountain, sheltering in an ice cave, he felt Uemura's spirit beside him – so Tajas said 'hello' in Japanese.

- A After climbing the toughest mountains that Japan had to offer, Uemura started going on expeditions abroad. By his mid-twenties, he had already climbed many of the world's highest and most challenging mountains, like the Matterhorn, in Switzerland and Mount Denali in Alaska.
- B Alone with the dogs on the ice, coping with both the extreme climate and the sheer loneliness, he was probably very grateful to be visited by Ira Block, a national Geographic photographer who flew in several times during the trip. And when he finally reached the North Pole, Block was there to record his historic achievement.
- C In addition to such weather, deep cracks called crevasses lie hidden under fresh winter snow on the mountain. These can suddenly open under a climber's feet, plunging them to their death. But despite these dangers, Uemura was confident because he had prepared well.
- D Uemura followed up his conquest of the world's highest mountain with a journey he later described as 'pure bliss'. For two months he rafted alone down the length of the Amazon, a journey of 6,000 kilometres. He followed this in 1976 by travelling 12,000 kilometres by dog sled from Greenland to Alaska, setting a record for the longest dog sled journey which still stands today.
- E The chances are that Uemura tried to find shelter from the storm. But perhaps he was blown off the mountain, or his bamboo poles failed to save him from a crevasse. In all probability we'll never know. After the storm cleared, teams of climbers searched for days. They managed to find some of his equipment, but Uemura's body was never located.
- F Uemura was born in 1941 in Hidaka, Japan. He grew up in a country which had been devastated by war and occupied by foreign troops. He was shy as a young boy, and nothing about him suggested that he would become a famous explorer one day.

Mark: ____ / 5

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.**

Some people view nuclear power as a good alternative source of power to burning polluting fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas. Others think that nuclear power stations are dangerous and should be banned. Write an essay which presents the advantages and disadvantages of nuclear power.

Mark: ____ / 10

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