

Unit 7 Progress Test A

Grammar

1 Choose the correct words to complete the mini-dialogues.

- Peter What time do we ¹**ought** / **have to** get up tomorrow?
- Amaya We ²**need** / **'d better** get up at about six thirty. Dad says we really ³**ought** / **should** to be on the road by seven. So don't get up late.
- Peter Amaya! I always ⁴**manage** / **am able to** get up on time, don't I?
- Zoe Your job must be great – working on a cruise ship. Do you ⁵**manage** / **need** to see some nice places?
- Joshua Well, sometimes. I only get one or two days off per week. When the ship is in a nice port somewhere, I'm often ⁶**unable** / **didn't manage** to visit the city because I ⁷**ought** / **have** to stay on board and work.

Mark: ____ / 7

2 Match the parts of the sentences, completing the gaps in the second halves with 1–2 words only. Use modal verbs for advice, prohibition, ability, etc.

- 1 The traffic was terrible, and it was half past twelve by the time we finally ...
- 2 We have to leave early in the morning, so we'd ...
- 3 Jess searched at home for hours, but she was ...
- 4 If I'd known you were arriving today, I would have met you at the airport. You ...
- 5 In my view, people who drop rubbish in the streets ...
- 6 It was very dark in the room, and I wasn't ...

- A _____ to see a thing.
- B _____ to have emailed me and let me know.
- C _____ to get home.
- D _____ have to pay bigger fines.
- E _____ not stay up late tonight.
- F _____ find her concert ticket.

Mark: ____ / 6

3 Rewrite the sentences so that they have the same meaning but use the words in brackets.

- 1 It wasn't necessary to leave home so early because we arrived at the airport hours before our flight. (needn't)

- 2 It's easier for you to change money when you arrive, rather than getting it in the UK. (better off)

- 3 After taking several wrong turns, we finally succeeded in finding our hotel. (managed)

- 4 It was a big mistake to book a holiday in the Caribbean in the hurricane season! (shouldn't)

- 5 I wish we'd been able to stay in Cape Town longer, because it was an amazing place. (could)

- 6 Not speaking Dutch isn't a problem in Amsterdam – nearly all Dutch people speak English. (unable)

- 7 We should get our show tickets online because they'll be cheaper. (better)

Mark: ____ / 7

Vocabulary

4 Circle the word which is different in each line.

- 1 overcrowding congestion safari gridlock
- 2 city break cruise road trip flyover
- 3 brake kerb lay-by level crossing
- 4 cancellation stall delay tailback
- 5 repairs chain levers handlebars

Mark: ____ / 5

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

hit lost luggage city break gridlocked sampling get away security alert sightseeing

Hi Lucy,

Guess what! Last week my parents decided we should ¹ _____ from it all and go on a ² _____. So here we are in South America's most exciting city – Rio de Janeiro!

We're having a great time here, but we had a terrible journey over! We boarded our plane in Lima right on time, but then it was delayed due to a ³ _____, and everyone had to disembark. When we finally arrived in Rio, either the airport or the airline had mislaid our bags, so we applied to the airport ⁴ _____ office. They soon located our things – in Calgary, Canada of all places! But the bags didn't arrive from Canada for two days, so we had to buy some new clothes.

Anyway, that was the bad part of our holiday. The great thing is that Rio is a beautiful city. We've been on a few ⁵ _____ tours, but there are so many amazing places to visit here that we won't have time to see them all. It's a great city, and I'm also really enjoying ⁶ _____ the local cuisine, which is fantastic. But I can't say I like the traffic here though – it's ⁷ _____ 24/7.

Anyway, tomorrow we're going to ⁸ _____ the beach for a bit of a rest.

See you next week.

Pablo

Mark: ____ / 8

6 Complete the words in the sentences.

- 1 We walked out onto the boat j_tt_ and sat there, looking at the lake.
- 2 There was a d_ve____n on the way due to a closed road, so we had to drive a lot further than normal to get here.
- 3 Refugees flee p__se__t__n and other hardships, but settling down in a new country is often difficult too.
- 4 I've always fancied doing a r__d t_i_ – for example driving across the USA from coast to coast.
- 5 People are always vandalising things around here. Why can't the police catch the d_li_q__nt_ that are doing it?
- 6 A minor m__h__i__l fault quickly developed into an emergency which nearly caused the plane to crash.
- 7 Scientists have invented a new device which uses nanotechnology to clean c_nt__na__ sea water.

Mark: ____ / 7

Use of English

7 Complete the dialogue with the words below.

view fair to be bonus being agree pros drawback benefit minus

- Jude Don't you ¹ _____ that it would be fun to visit somewhere more exotic this year?
- Anna How about an eco-tour? Imagine ² _____ able to go cave diving or to explore a rainforest!
- Jude I'm not sure. There are lots of ³ _____ and cons to ecotourism.
- Anna Really? For me, the main ⁴ _____ seems to be that it provides jobs for local people and is good for the economy.
- Jude Yes, and it does encourage tourists ⁵ _____ more respectful of the local culture. However, for me the main ⁶ _____ is the impact on the environment.
- Anna But a lot of the trips are about raising awareness about environmental issues. What's your ⁷ _____ of, say, trips to Antarctica? You get to see whales, seals and penguins in their natural habitat, rather than a zoo.
- Jude Personally, the cruise ships carrying the tourists to Antarctica and polluting the oceans along the way is a real ⁸ _____. There is evidence that the penguins are stressed by the increase in visitors too.
- Anna Would it be ⁹ _____ to say that you're concerned with how the *journey* to a destination affects the environment, just as much as what happens when the tourists are there?
- Jude Yes. I think a place where we could see animals in their natural habitat, but which didn't involve a plane or ship to get there, would be a ¹⁰ _____.
- Anna In that case, why don't we just go camping to Wales? It's stunning and you can find seals and whales along the coast too!

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

8 7 Listen to five people talking about moving to another place. Choose the correct answer (A–H) for each speaker (1–5). There are three extra sentences.

Why did each speaker move to a different place?

- A to escape unemployment
- B to pursue a dream
- C to do research
- D to save their family
- E to get married
- F to make money in order to buy something
- G to study English
- H to have a more exciting life

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

Time travel – truth or fiction?

There are many urban myths about time travel, but are any of them able to stand up to serious examination? Here are some of our favourite tales.

In 2002, Andrew Carlssin suddenly appeared on Wall Street, New York and began buying shares. Starting out with only \$800, he made 126 high-risk investments in a row – and managed to turn his cash into \$350 million! His activities must have come to the attention of fraud investigators because he was soon arrested. Carlssin later 'confessed' that he was a time traveller from the year 2256 who had used his knowledge of the past to make money. It all sounds fascinating, but unfortunately Carlssin doesn't exist. The story originated from a tongue-in-cheek magazine and later appeared on Yahoo News, who can't have made it very clear they were reporting a fictional story. After that, the story spread across the internet, with details being constantly added, until it was extremely believable.

Old photographs and films are another source of time traveller stories. A few years ago, an old film clip caused a sensation on YouTube. The video showed people arriving for the première of a Charlie Chaplin film in Los Angeles in 1928. At one point, a woman walks past in the background, holding something which is ostensibly a smartphone. It looks as if she could be speaking into it, making a mobile call half a century before mobiles were invented. There might be other explanations, however. Experts say that she may have been using a large, square portable hearing aid – a new technology at the time – holding the bulky device up to her ear. It also seems unlikely that a time traveller with a smartphone would wear period costume, unless of course, she wanted to blend in.

Another alleged 'time traveller' photo shows a young man standing in a crowd in Canada in 1941. The people around him are wearing the typical suits and hats of the 1940s, but he's got casual trousers, modern-looking sunglasses and what could well be a T-shirt with a logo on it. The photo is apparently genuine, so the man must have been there in the crowd that day in 1941. Printed T-shirts didn't exist in 1941, so could this be a tourist from the future, getting away from it all on a sightseeing tour to the past? Vintage clothing experts say not. Although the man is dressed much more casually than the people around him, the glasses and trousers look modern, but are correct for the period. And the so-called T-shirt could be a woven sports shirt with a team logo – something that was worn at the time.

Aside from any photographic evidence, there is also the question of how time travellers would manage to visit us. What kind of machine would be able to travel through time? One famous story, the Philadelphia experiment, attempts to answer this question. It's claimed that in 1943, the US navy conducted a top-secret experiment aimed at making ships invisible. A US navy ship, the USS Eldridge, was fitted with huge electro-magnetic generators at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. Allegedly, these created a force-field which not only made the ship invisible – as expected – but briefly moved it in both space and time.

The experiment took place at the height of World War II, when German submarines were hunting down allied ships. So clearly the government might have investigated ways to make ships less visible to the enemy. However, the navy has no official record of such an experiment and denies that it took place. Some commentators also question the basic science behind the story. Interestingly, however, the equations that the great physicist James Clerk Maxwell developed to describe electro-magnetism do work equally well going forwards and backwards in time. This fact, along with some recent experiments in quantum physics, makes some people believe that we may be able to travel in time one day.

Scientists have long debated whether the laws of physics allow for time travel to the past, with such great minds as Albert Einstein, Kurt Gödel and Stephen Hawking weighing in. It may be generations before we can answer that question. However, although we can't actually visit the past right now, we do have a way of seeing it. Point any telescope at the stars, and, depending on where you look, you are seeing the universe as it was hundreds, thousands or even millions of years ago.

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

- 1 The writer uses the story of Andrew Carlssin to illustrate ...
 - A how easy it would be for a time traveller to make money.
 - B how difficult it is to believe stories about time travel.
 - C how a made-up story can become believable.
 - D why the authorities would consider time travellers a threat.
- 2 The author suggests that the woman in a 1928 video ...
 - A was added to the image later.
 - B contains a device which looks like a cell phone but isn't.
 - C shows the woman isn't correctly dressed for the period.
 - D is very difficult to explain.
- 3 Clothing experts explain a photo of a man in a crowd in 1941 by saying that ...
 - A it must have been faked.
 - B he's wearing clothes which were unusual, but available at the time.
 - C his clothes were similar to the people around him.
 - D he was a member of a sports team.
- 4 The story of the Philadelphia experiment is quite easy to believe because ...
 - A similar experiments really took place.
 - B there was a reason why such experiments might have been useful.
 - C the US navy was good at camouflaging its ships.
 - D the story is taken from many sources.
- 5 The author's opinion of time traveller stories is that ...
 - A they can't all have been made up.
 - B there are other explanations for them.
 - C it's difficult to discover the truth about them.
 - D they are ruled out by the laws of physics.

Mark: ____ / 5

Writing

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

You recently went on a five-day sightseeing tour to another country. Unfortunately, you were unhappy with the tour coach, your hotel room, and extra costs that you had to pay. Write a letter of complaint to the travel company, explaining what happened and demanding action.

Mark: ____ / 10

Total: ____ / 70