

Unit 8 Progress Test A

Grammar

1 Rewrite the sentences keeping the meaning the same. Use emphatic forms or *whatever*, *whoever*, etc.

- 1 That I really like about your story is the ending.

- 2 You look great in your Instagram shots, Kate.

- 3 Whichever people do, they'll never be able to copy our barbecue sauce exactly.

- 4 The facts are we'll probably never know what happened.

- 5 You must tell the truth, however it is difficult.

- 6 What in the earth is the matter, Sam? You look like you've seen a ghost!

Mark: ____ / 6

2 Choose the correct words to complete the email.

Hi Clara!

Thanks for your email. I'm really looking forward to seeing my long-lost cousin when you visit us next month! We can pick you up from ¹___ airport you arrive at – La Guardia, Newark or JFK – so you don't have to work out the transport system ²___ when you arrive after a long flight. But ³___ let Dad know your flight details ⁴___ you have time.

I don't know what you want to do when you arrive, or which sights you'd like to see. My parents ⁵___ suggest a few things that you might like to do when you're with us, but we'll do ⁶___ you'd like to do really. ⁷___ that really matters is being together and having a good time. And the ⁸___ is, there are far more places to see in New York than you'll ever manage to get to – ⁹___ many times you visit the city.

Bye for now

Mark

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|----------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 a wherever | b whichever | c whenever |
| 2 a whatsoever | b itself | c yourself |
| 3 a do | b it's important | c what you |
| 4 a whenever | b however | c whatever |
| 5 a themselves | b have | c did |
| 6 a wherever | b whoever | c whatever |
| 7 a What | b All | c It |
| 8 a truth | b problem | c question |
| 9 a whatever | b however | c whenever |

Mark: ___ / 9

3 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using the words in brackets.

- 1 How do we solve this problem? (question)

_____ to solve this problem.

- 2 People first heard about the scandal in October. (it)

_____ people first heard about the scandal.

- 3 I usually enjoy going out, but tonight I just want to relax in front of the TV. (all)

I usually enjoy going out, but _____ relax in front of the TV.

- 4 I like your plan, but getting the money to do it will be difficult. (trouble)

I like your plan, but _____ how to get the money to do it.

- 5 Nobody gave the boys singing lessons. (themselves)

The boys learned _____.

Mark: ___ / 5

Vocabulary

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

- Liam I'll tell you what happened to Rick, but don't ¹**breathe** / **quote** a word about it.
- Anna Don't worry, my ²**lips are** / **mouth is** sealed. Anyway, what's the big news?
- Kathy Why were the police ³**brokered** / **called in** to your neighbour's house the other day?
- Ross Well, don't ⁴**rumour** / **quote** me on this, but I heard that he was making and selling illegal pirate copies of DVDs and books. Nobody can ⁵**bear** / **confirm** the story, mind you.
- Kathy Then it might just be ⁶**tongue** / **hearsay**. But he must have done something wrong, I suppose.
- Sheldon Have you heard the ⁷**latest** / **word** about Mrs Wilson? ⁸**Rumour** / **Hearsay** has it that she's getting divorced.
- Tanya Never! She only got married last summer. And they look really happy together.
- Sheldon Apparently it's true, but promise not to tell anyone. It mustn't go ⁹**any further** / **out**.

Mark: ____ / 9

5 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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- 1 The minister resigned after it emerged that he tried to _____ a police enquiry into his business dealings.
- 2 Keep this under your _____, but we're planning a surprise party for Jake next weekend.
- 3 What sources did you use to _____ your article? I think that some of your facts are incorrect.
- 4 The government will have to pay out a lot of money to _____ lawsuits from people whose phones were illegally tapped.
- 5 The company has managed to _____ a deal with a Chinese textile company.

Mark: ____ / 5

6 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets or a word formed from that word. Make any other necessary changes.

- 1 Jessica is very careful to look after her health. (conscious)

- 2 If people hear about this, everyone will know that I told you. (gets out)

- 3 Getting a huge order really helped the company to recover after a year of bad sales. (restore)

- 4 Tennis stars get a lot of money from companies to use and wear their sports equipment. (endorse)

- 5 Since it's a very old vehicle, we need to check it to make sure that it's safe to drive. (worthy)

- 6 My cousin Samantha has announced that she's pregnant. (expect)

Mark: ____ / 6

Use of English

7 Complete the dialogue with one word in each space.

- Jess Do you believe it's ever justified to write stories about the private lives of celebrities?
- Matt Sometimes. The main reason for ¹ _____ this is that if famous people do charitable work, they can help to promote that cause.
- Jess I ² _____ agree more. However, it ³ _____ always the case that they want the cameras to be there simply to promote a charity. To ⁴ _____ you just one example, Madonna has adopted children from Malawi and this has ⁵ _____ rise to a big debate in the media about her actions. Is this really about helping those children or is about improving her image?
- Matt As a ⁶ _____ of fact, the boy she adopted wasn't even an orphan. His father was still alive.
- Jess And I ⁷ _____ add that many charities don't think it's always in the children's best interests to be adopted and moved to different countries and cultures.
- Matt To be ⁸ _____, I think that a lot of celebrities are doing charity work because it's become the fashionable thing to do. As well as that, I'd ⁹ _____ they only choose the glamorous causes, not necessarily the most urgent ones.
- Jess I'm with you 100% ¹⁰ _____ that!

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

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

Conversation 1: You hear two people talking about a friend's summer job.

- 1 The boy says that Ben has ...
 - A just started his summer job in a café.
 - B already lost his summer job.
 - C found a better summer job.
- 2 The girl is surprised by the news because ...
 - A she saw Ben recently and he didn't mention it.
 - B Ben is very a hard-working person.
 - C Ben is one of her best friends.

Conversation 2: You hear two people talking about new neighbours.

- 3 The boy criticises his new neighbours' ...
 - A choice of jobs.
 - B characters.
 - C taste.
- 4 He says that some gossip about the man next door ...
 - A is just hearsay.
 - B is probably true.
 - C is the fault of other neighbours.

Conversation 3: You hear two people talking about a concert.

- 5 The girl is surprised that ...
 - A the band are paid to perform.
 - B anyone lets them perform.
 - C the band have to hire their venues.

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

A It was completely by chance that workers in Nevşehir, Turkey recently discovered underground tunnels while digging foundations for a housing project. As a result, archaeologists were called in. They discovered that the tunnels lead to underground living quarters, store rooms, churches, wells and air shafts and miles of interconnecting passages. What they had found was an underground city, dating back about 1500 years.

Cappadocia is a region known for its surreal, chimney-like rock formations and for the many dwellings and churches carved out of the volcanic rocks over nearly two millennia. The region is also home to 36 large underground complexes, called 'underground cities', which were used in times of trouble. Whenever enemies appeared, and the people of Byzantine Cappadocia had plenty of those, the shelters provided a hiding place where people, animals and supplies could remain for months.

What is most impressive about the new site is its scale. Initial surveys suggest it may cover four square kilometres and go down over 110 metres! This makes the Nevşehir complex much bigger than other underground cities in the region – including the one at Derinkuyu, which could house up to 20,000 people!

B A drawing has come to light which many experts are attributing to Leonardo Da Vinci. If confirmed, it will be one of Leonardo's earliest drawings, produced in about 1473. The beautiful red chalk drawing shows the profile of an old man, and whoever the subject is, he appears deep in thought.

The drawing had been hidden for centuries, glued between the cover and first page of a book that passed through many different hands; sold with the house and library in which it belonged. It was only in 1940 that someone came across the drawing and framed it. It then hung in the house for decades, but nobody realised its significance. Only recently did an antiques dealer buy the picture and decide to investigate it.

However much the materials used are consistent with Leonardo's studio practice, what really suggests that the drawing is by the master himself, and not one of his pupils, is the beautiful, confident style and technique. Additional evidence comes from the Codex Atlanticus – the bound collection of Leonardo's drawings and writings held in Milan. This contains a blank space where a drawing has been removed. It is a space which perfectly matches the dimensions of the newly-discovered drawing.

C In April 2016, divers came across the wreck of a wooden ship off the coast of Israel. What they didn't realise at the time was that the ship was 1,600 years old – an ancient Roman cargo vessel. Later dives revealed a precious cargo still sitting in the ship's remarkably well-preserved hold. Among other things, bronze heads and statues were discovered – a rare find because most Roman bronze-work was melted down and used again by later civilisations. Another significant find was two large lumps of metal that weighed eighteen kilograms. These turned out to be piles of coins which had fused together over time. The coins bore the head of Emperor Constantine, who ruled the Eastern Roman Empire in the 4th century AD.

According to Israeli archaeologists, anchors found near the ship show that whoever was on board tried to stop the vessel from drifting as it neared the Roman port of Caesarea – probably battling to save it in heavy seas. Whatever actually happened, the location helped to protect the vessel's cargo. The metal artefacts were quickly covered in sand, which kept them in near-perfect condition.

D Experts may have just solved the greatest mystery in aviation – the disappearance of Amelia Earhart. Pioneer aviator Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic – a journey which made her a household name in 1932. After breaking several more aviation records, Earhart attempted to fly around the world in 1937 with navigator Frederick Noonan. On July 2nd, their plane took off from New Guinea to fly 2,556 miles to Howland Island in the Pacific. They were never seen again.

It was long assumed that they ran out of fuel and crashed into the sea due to missing Howland Island. However, in 2016, aviation experts released studies conducted on a skeleton found on Nikumaroro Island, Kiribati. DNA and skeletal studies reveal that the bones belonged to a woman of approximately Earhart's age, height and ethnic origins. They also showed that the skeleton had unusually large forearms – something which is apparent in historical photos of Earhart.

Only one skeleton was found which was near to the remains of meals and camp fires. If the bones do belong to Earhart, this suggests that she was the sole survivor of a crash near the island. All she could have done then was try to survive – and wait for help that never came.

9 Read about four discoveries. Match texts A–D with questions 1–5. Each text can be matched with more than one question.

Which text mentions ...

- 1 a place that wasn't used all the time??
- 2 not realising the importance of something for a long time?
- 3 studies of old human remains?
- 4 the reason why something was so well preserved?
- 5 a place which hasn't yet been fully explored?

Mark: ____ / 5

Writing

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

Your class recently had a discussion about whether allowing the police to stop people for random ID checks would be a good thing or not. You have made the notes below.

Help to identify criminals & terrorists.

Bad for civil liberties.

Need ID cards that can't be forged.

Police could unfairly focus on some social groups.

People would feel safer.

Write an essay discussing TWO of the possible effects of introducing random police checks. You should explain which arguments are more important, giving reasons. You may make use of the notes above, but use your own words as far as possible.

Mark: ____ / 10

Total: ____ / 70