

Unit 9 Progress Test A

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

Gary Don't leave now – it's only five thirty.

Tim Sorry, but I ¹ _____. My parents said I had to be back home for dinner.

A may leave B have to

Brad You really upset Megan.

Lucy Really? I ² _____. I'll go and apologise.

A didn't mean to B didn't upset her

Mum The baby wasn't alone in the kitchen just now, was she?

Toby No, Mum. I wouldn't be so ³ _____ let that happen.

A careless to B careless as to

Maddy Will you be able to help me with my school project?

Dad I'm ⁴ _____. I've got a lot of work to do this afternoon.

A sorry no B afraid not

Tom Why didn't you get into the junior football team?

Ali I guess I didn't play well enough ⁵ _____ the selectors.

A to impress B for impressing

Jonas Will Roberto's parents be preparing the food for his party?

Rachel I ⁶ _____ – they run a restaurant in town.

A guess not B assume so

Mum Can you tidy your room, please, Sophie? It was a real mess when I went in there earlier.

Becky I ⁷ _____. Come and have a look!

A already have B did do it

Mark: ____ / 7

2 Complete the sentences with 1–2 suitable words.

- 1 You need a larger suitcase. That one isn't big _____ fit all your things.
- 2 We could still win the talent competition, but I doubt _____. I think some of the other acts are a bit better than us.
- 3 We didn't give any money to that poor man in the street, but we really _____. It was wrong to just ignore him.
- 4 We raced through the airport _____ find our flight had been delayed.
- 5 It's possible that I could fail the exam of course, but I don't imagine _____. It didn't seem very difficult.

Mark: ____ / 5

3 Choose the correct words to complete the dialogue.

- Fran We waited for you outside the cinema for ages. We were probably the last people ¹ _____ in. Why didn't you come?
- Chris I tried ² _____, but I ³ _____. Dad offered to drive me into town, and we set off in plenty of time ⁴ _____ down on the road. Dad called some mechanics, and they towed us into town. But by then, the film had started.
- Fran That's bad luck, but never mind. Have they fixed your dad's car then?
- Chris Yes. Dad's planning to pick it up this afternoon. Anyway, how was *San Andreas*? Did you like the film?
- Fran I ⁵ _____, but it wasn't anything special. It was just an action film about earthquakes destroying city after city in California. It wasn't very realistic, ⁶ _____ honest. The special effects were way over the top.
- Chris Well, they have to keep people on the edge of their seats, don't they?
- Fran I ⁷ _____. And maybe the only way ⁸ _____ that is by having lots of action.

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|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1 a going | b went | c to go |
| 2 a to | b it | c coming |
| 3 a wasn't able | b couldn't | c can't |
| 4 a only to break | b breaking | c so as to break |
| 5 a imagine so | b presume not | c guess so |
| 6 a being | b as to be | c to be |
| 7 a suppose so | b hope so | c imagine so |
| 8 a for | b to do | c of |

Mark: ____ / 8

Vocabulary

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

put fall take collapse corruption unleash give

- 1 The Persian empire _____ into decline after they lost a war against Alexander the Great.
- 2 Millions of people are losing their jobs as industries close down, and prices are rising much faster than wages. Basically, the country is near to economic _____.
- 3 People in wealthy nations _____ their comfortable, safe lives for granted. But disaster could strike at any time.
- 4 Several islands in the Pacific have recently disappeared under the sea. This _____ us an indication of what will happen if sea levels continue to rise.
- 5 The Chinese Ming Empire was weakened by _____ – government officials were taking money and not serving the people.
- 6 Some people worry that creating new viruses and bacteria in laboratories is unsafe and could one day _____ a terrible new pandemic.
- 7 More than twenty million people died when a great pandemic swept Europe in the mid-1300s. To _____ that into perspective, that's about the same as the population of Scandinavia.

Mark: ____ / 7

5 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The fact that the artist signed his name on this work is **significant** / **essential**. He didn't usually do that.
- 2 The bad news **came** / **did** as a terrible shock to everyone.
- 3 We've only got a small suitcase, so don't pack anything that isn't **imperative** / **essential**.
- 4 Thomas Hardy didn't **spell** / **enjoy** much success as a novelist during his lifetime. Only later were his works really appreciated.
- 5 At the start of the film, a man pulls **out** / **off** a gun and tries to shoot James Bond.
- 6 The director was wondering who to cast in the role when Jack Cutter **came** / **went** to mind.
- 7 Big internet companies began to **do** / **take** notice of Penelope's website after she'd signed up 1 million users.

Mark: ____ / 7

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

internal conflict vital triggered overpopulation wreak pressure

The world is dotted with the ruins of ancient cities – once great and powerful but now abandoned. Throughout history, many different factors have ¹ _____ the demise of cities and civilisations. Sometimes a natural disaster like an earthquake has ² _____ havoc on a community overnight. Warfare – either ³ _____ or foreign invasion – has also destroyed many great cities, forcing their inhabitants to flee for their lives.

Other reasons for the demise of ancient cities were more gradual. Some cities slowly began to lose resources which were ⁴ _____ to their prosperity. For example, rivers ran dry as farms took more water for agriculture, or natural harbours slowly became filled with mud. ⁵ _____ often made these problems worse, as having more and more people put increasing ⁶ _____ on the area's dwindling natural resources.

Weighing up all the different factors that caused ancient cities to die, it is clear that these factors are still at work today. For example, in the last fifty years the city of Doha has risen out of the desert, Kabul has been devastated by war and Pripyat has been wiped out by a man-made disaster.

Mark: ____ / 6

Use of English

7 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Write no more than six words, including the word in brackets.

- 1 Sorry for interrupting, but do you have any evidence for that statement? (interrupt)

Can _____ there for a moment? Do you have any evidence for that statement?

- 2 Can I say something before you continue? (on)

Before _____, I'd just like to say something.

- 3 If I could just come in here, I think vaccinations should be compulsory. (in)

Excuse me _____, but I think vaccinations should be compulsory.

- 4 Could I interrupt here, because I think climate change is the main reason for this. (come)

If I could _____ here, I think climate change is the main reason for this.

- 5 Certainly, please speak.

Yes, of course, _____. (go)

- 6 Please let me get to the end of what I'm saying.

Can I complete my _____? (train)

- 7 Broadly speaking, the food is of low quality.

Broadly speaking, the food _____. (desired)

- 8 To continue what I was saying, I think the threat of war is increasing.

_____, I think the threat of war is increasing. (saying)

- 9 In terms of cost, Airbnb accommodation is definitely better than a hotel.

In terms of cost, Airbnb accommodation _____ a hotel. (edge)

- 10 What point was I making? Oh yes, it has the best employment prospects of any other university.

_____? Oh yes, it has the best employment prospects of any other university. (Where)

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

8 9 Listen to a talk by an archaeologist. Complete each sentence with a word or short phrase.

- 1 In space archaeology, _____ is used to search for ancient sites.
- 2 The presence of ruins beneath the ground changes the surface soil and _____.
- 3 The lost city of Tanis once played an important role in _____.
- 4 The discovery was surprising because people didn't expect to find _____ in the area.
- 5 Gadoury's research isn't enough _____ the existence of Mayan ruins in the place he has identified.

Mark: ____ / 5

Reading

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

Which text mentions ...

- 1 the rapid spread of a deadly illness?
- 2 an object from space which affected the climate?
- 3 a place which could change our understanding of the past?
- 4 a catastrophe big enough to be remembered for millennia?
- 5 people who knew that a disaster was coming?

Mark: ____ / 5

Ancient death and destruction

This week's blog looks at four historical events that spelled disaster for people of their time and changed the course of history.

A Archaeologists excavating the world's oldest-known temple at Göbekli Tepe, Turkey, have found stone carvings depicting an ancient meteorite impact. Carvings on a pillar at the site have been found to represent constellations in the night sky, several meteorites and the deaths of many people. Computer simulations made to study the carvings show that they record the night sky exactly as it looked in 10,950 BC.

At this time, ice core samples from Greenland show a sudden cooling of the Earth's climate, known as the Younger Dryas event. Climatologists have long suspected that a meteorite was to blame for the Younger Dryas event – slamming into Earth and filling the atmosphere with dust that blocked out the sun. The carvings at Göbekli Tepe appear to confirm this.

The Younger Dryas event played a huge role in human history because it led to a scarcity of wild food. This in turn caused ancient hunters to settle down, farm crops and build the first permanent settlements. The Göbekli Tepe carvings were actually made about 2,000 years after the event described. This suggests that the disaster, and the changes it brought, were so great as to be remembered for tens of generations!

B In 541 AD, thousands of people began to die every day in Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine (Eastern Roman) Empire. The emperor himself, Justinian I, became ill, but he was one of the lucky few to recover. The so-called 'Justinian Plague' was probably the bubonic plague – an illness carried by fleas that live on rats. The disease almost certainly arrived in Constantinople from Asia. It then spread to port cities all around the Mediterranean, and along rivers and overland trade routes to Northern Europe.

The pandemic killed between 25 and 50 million people, only to disappear a year later. It may not have lasted long, but it changed the balance of power in Europe. The disease hit the Byzantine Empire hardest, weakening it at a time when the Byzantines had conquered Italy and were rebuilding the entire Roman Empire. So if it hadn't been for the plague, European history would have been very different.

Recent studies suggest that a volcanic eruption in Asia may have unleashed the chain of events which caused the Justinian plague. The eruption could have changed weather patterns in Asia, disrupting ecosystems there. This in turn could have brought disease-bearing animals into closer contact with humans.

C In 2001, Indian Oceanographers were using sonar equipment to measure water depths in the Bay of Cambay, Gujarat, India. Purely by accident, they came across man-made structures 36 metres down on the sea bed. Later investigations revealed the site to be an ancient settlement measuring over five miles long and two miles wide – possibly even a huge ancient city. Artefacts recovered from the area include pottery, human bones and statues. But what isn't clear is who lived in the settlement, and how it disappeared under the sea.

Massive earthquakes or landslides can submerge land, wiping out whole cities – and they often have. But many scientists think the most likely explanation for the demise of the Cambay settlement is climate change. At the end of a cold period in Earth's history 9,000 years ago, the polar ice caps shrank, gradually raising global sea levels and submerging low-lying land.

The waters in the Bay of Cambay are notoriously dangerous for divers, so it will take some time before the site reveals its secrets. But potentially the find could rewrite history. If a large city existed in Gujarat 9,000 years ago, it would be by far the oldest big settlement on Earth.

D The Minoans were a sophisticated culture that spread across the Aegean three thousand years ago, only to come to a sudden end. The two great centres of Minoan civilisation were the Greek Island of Thera, now called Santorini, and Crete. But in about 1645 BC, a huge volcanic eruption on Thera spelled disaster for both islands.

The Thera eruption was a truly massive event, destroying half the island and blanketing the Aegean in volcanic ash. Lighter particles of ash will have made their way into the upper atmosphere, affecting the weather worldwide. As far away as China, chronicles from the time record a terrible year when the sun was obscured and it was too cold for crops to survive. As Santorini collapsed into the sea, a massive tsunami raced towards Crete. When it reached land, huge waves wiped out all the Minoan settlements on the island.

For decades, archaeologists on Santorini have been slowly uncovering the buried Minoan town there. Surprisingly though, only buildings and large possessions have been found in the ruins. There are no bodies or significant small possessions. This suggests that earthquakes preceded the main eruption, warning people and giving them time to escape.

Writing

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

You have just come back from a two-week stay in Britain as part of a cultural exchange organised between your school and a twin school in Britain. You stayed with local families, attended regular lessons at a British school and participated in cultural activities. The programme organiser has asked you to write a report evaluating the programme. State what you found most and least useful about the programme, and how it could be improved in the future.

Mark: ____ / 10

Total: ____ / 70