

Progress Test 1A

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Grammar

1 Complete the sentences. Use the present perfect simple or present perfect continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 _____ (think) of telling him the truth?
- 2 Simon _____ (not have) lunch at the Thai restaurant since he got food-poisoning.
- 3 The reason I'm so wet is that I _____ (wash) the car.
- 4 My brother _____ (play) on his Xbox for nearly six hours – I think he should take a break!
- 5 So far, his novels _____ (always, sell) thousands of copies on the first day.
- 6 There should be some milk left, I don't think we _____ (drink) it all.
- 7 He's still very shaken, even though his friends _____ (help) him get over the shock.
- 8 Paula was reading until midnight, but she still _____ (not finish) her book.
- 9 My boyfriend has been more considerate recently. He _____ (even, open) doors for me.
- 10 Emma and Peter _____ (stay) at the youth hostel in Blackpool several times.

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2 Using the words in brackets, complete the sentences with the correct verb pattern.

- 1 Last time she failed _____ (complete) the course.
- 2 The fire brigade succeed in _____ (put out) the blaze before it spread.
- 3 So far, I haven't considered _____ (ask) Kate for help.
- 4 He didn't want to risk _____ (take) the exam before he was ready.
- 5 That evening we enjoyed _____ (watch) the sun sink below the horizon.
- 6 Please remember _____ (make) lunch for your little brother.
- 7 I don't usually stop _____ (watch) TV before midnight.
- 8 I was very tired, so I left the others _____ (finish) the cleaning.
- 9 Is this jacket mine? I don't remember _____ (buy) it.
- 10 I don't like celery, but when I was little my parents forced me _____ (eat) it.

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Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one word you do not need.

conceited grumpy daring penny-pinching dedicated immature assertive
 stubborn unassuming

- 1 Although he is old enough to get married, he is still too _____ to settle down.
- 2 The band has been getting very popular lately. It already has loads of _____ fans.
- 3 I thought the shop assistant was very _____. I don't think he's had a very good day!
- 4 Sasha is so _____ – he thinks he's the smartest boy in the world!
- 5 Although he's already very famous, he's so _____ that he charges very little for his paintings.
- 6 Oliver is so _____. He lets everyone pay for him but never returns the favour.
- 7 I let someone jump in front of me in the bus queue. I need to be more _____ next time.
- 8 I wanted to wear a short skirt to the party, but in the end I wasn't _____ enough!

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4 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 **Aside from** / **Alongside** his classmates at school, he doesn't meet many people.
- 2 If I had to choose **among** / **between** all the extra-curricular activities, I would go for drama.
- 3 **Alongside** / **Except** his regular job, Matt does a lot of voluntary work.
- 4 **Regarding** / **Considering** how expensive it was, it hasn't lasted very long.
- 5 They had few interests **beyond** / **towards** partying and clubbing.
- 6 For the last week I've been phoning the telephone company **owing to** / **regarding** the last bill.

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5 Complete the second sentence with a set phrase, so that it means the same as the first sentence.

- 1 Mrs Jackson was starting to panic because her husband hadn't called for three days. When Mrs Jackson's husband didn't call, she was expecting _____ .
- 2 I don't have any problems with exams. I usually _____ exams in my _____ .
- 3 Helen always has something to say for herself. Helen is never _____ .
- 4 He lets everybody see his emotions. He wears his heart _____ .
- 5 You're always willing to get involved and try new things. You are _____ .
- 6 Our team's goalkeeper has always been reliable. Our team's goalkeeper has never _____ .

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Use of English

6 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 David is thoughtful and kind. In fact, he's the most _____ person I know.
a considerate b conventional c assertive
- 2 My aunt is so _____ that she wears odd-coloured socks and sings in the supermarket.
a responsible b eccentric c dedicated
- 3 I wish I were more _____-skinned. Then I wouldn't get so upset when people criticise me.
a fat b strong c thick
- 4 Penny _____ her bedroom walls all morning, but she still hasn't finished
a is painting b has painted c has been painting
- 5 How long have _____ that bike?
a you own b you owned c you been owning
- 6 I visited a number of _____ temples in Thailand.
a Buddhism b Buddhist c Buddha
- 7 These days, most people go to university _____ to starting their career.
a apart b regarding c prior
- 8 She offered _____ on behalf of her class.
a speaking b to speak c for speaking
- 9 Ruth has a tendency _____ things.
a exaggerate b to exaggerate c exaggerating
- 10 Sally is very quiet and you never know what she's thinking. She doesn't _____ much away.
a take b have c give

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Listening

- 7  Listen to five people talking about a person they know. Match the speakers with the statements. There is one extra statement which you do not need.

Speaker 1 _____

Speaker 2 _____

Speaker 3 _____

Speaker 4 _____

Speaker 5 _____

- A wishes that this person would be replaced by someone else
- B thinks this person's character is not suited to the job he/she does.
- C appreciates what this person has done
- D thinks that this person's character is well-suited to his/her job.
- E likes socialising with this person
- F knows he/she can depend on this person

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Reading

8 Read the text. Choose the correct answers.

Youngest Master's graduate at Oxford

Unlike most other children, Kyle Jameson was able to read at the age of two. He started writing at the age of three and reached Grade 7 on the violin by the age of five. At the staggeringly young age of fourteen he has just graduated from Oxford University and is the proud holder of an Honours degree in Physics.

When Kyle was a pupil at primary school, he demonstrated an outstanding ability in science, progressing at a rate not previously seen by his teachers. His teacher suggested he take a general science exam intended for students in the first year of a degree course. Kyle took the test and passed with flying colours.

As doing other subjects at school interfered with his ability to learn science, his teacher considered sending him to a secondary school specialising in science. However, Kyle's parents wanted him to have a normal childhood. Kyle had severe problems with communication, which affected his popularity at school, but was ambitious and serious about his academic achievements, and at the age of ten completed three university modules in maths, physics and chemistry. At this point, his parents asked him to stop studying, but he was stubborn and enjoyed his unconventional lifestyle, so he decided to go to university.

Despite his abilities and IQ level, several universities rejected him because they believed that at the age of ten he'd be far too immature to integrate with his much older fellow students. Some faculties were worried that they would be robbing him of his childhood years. He was asked to complete several IQ tests and psychological tests of his personality traits. In the end, Kyle was accepted by Oxford University, where he has just completed a physics degree.

Intelligence is not Kyle's only natural gift, although his IQ is too high to be measured accurately. He is certainly considered a genius, but his passion for science does not dominate his life. He goes kayaking, performs on the violin at concerts and is also a dedicated singer in a choir. He takes everything he does in his stride. If you look beyond his messy appearance, spiky hair and piercing eyes, and if you ignore the fact that he is often described by his friends as grumpy and irritable, you will see a witty and extremely rational young man who has just started research in nuclear physics at the age of fourteen.

- 1 According to the text,
 - a Kyle was a far more conscientious pupil than his classmates at primary school.
 - b Kyle's primary school teachers did not recognise how advanced his scientific skills were.
 - c Kyle's primary school teachers had not experienced a pupil progressing in science as rapidly as Kyle did.
 - d Kyle was not good at science before he started primary school.

- 2 At primary school, Kyle
- a only made progress in science subjects.
 - b wasn't able to concentrate properly on his science work.
 - c was popular with his classmates.
 - d only liked serious academic subjects.
- 3 Certain universities didn't want to accept Kyle because
- a he was too small.
 - b they were worried he wouldn't be able to mix well with the older students.
 - c they didn't think his IQ was sufficiently high.
 - d there were problems with his psychological development.
- 4 According to the text,
- a Kyle is extremely passionate about science but devotes his time to other pastimes, too.
 - b science has been a huge part of Kyle's life which leaves no time for other activities.
 - c Kyle's dedication to science has helped increase his IQ levels.
 - d Kyle is extremely intelligent but certainly not a genius.
- 5 The writer of the text
- a thinks Kyle is just an ordinary teenager.
 - b believes Kyle is bad-tempered.
 - c sees Kyle only as a young genius.
 - d sees Kyle as clever and sensible.

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Writing

- 9 **Write a description (200-250 words) of a school friend. In the description you should:**
- Describe what your friend looks like.
 - Describe his/her personality traits.
 - Write about why you like him/her.
 - Compare yourself and your friend in terms of personality.

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