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Name:

Date:

Group:

Mark: _____

100

(Time: 80 minutes)

Choose the correct item.

1. I'll.....these songs onto a CD and give you a copy.
A keep B edit C burn
2. Stephen.....talk to his teacher if he's having problems with the assignment.
A has B ought C should
3. Mum.....for her car keys for the last hour and she still can't find them.
A was looking B has been looking C is looking
4. Sophia never.....the car for short distances. She prefers walking.
A catches B takes C travels
5. It doesn't matter if you lose the game; just do....you can.
A the better B best C the best
6. Lydia is thinking of trying a new sport, so she might take.....tennis.
A up B in C over
7. Oliver wishes he.....his house earlier; then he wouldn't be stuck in traffic now.
A left B had left C would leave
8. This meal.....by a professional chef.
A prepared B was prepared C had prepared
9. Feel free to use my dictionary to look any words you don't know.
A up B out C in
10. What did John.....to you that you're so upset?
A say B ask C tell
11. By the time they got to the theatre, the play
A would already start B had already started C had already been starting
12. Andrew spends most of his free timethe Net.
A surfing B hanging out C chatting
13. Jill is very proud her son because he got top marks in all his exams.
A with B about C of
14. Harry is a very easy-going person and gets.....well with everyone in his class.
A by B around C on
15. Nathan asked Ian if.....his car for a few hours.
A could he borrow B he could borrow C he can borrow
16. Evelyn is the shortest student in her class, so her classmates are always picking.....her.
A at B on C in
17. A simple way to.....energy at home is to turn off the lights when you leave a room.
A save B protect C store
18. I'm sorry I took your bag. I mistook it..... mine.
A for B over C with
19. If I...you, I would book a table before going to the new Thai restaurant.
A had been B would be C were
20. Do you know what time the next train.....?
A does leave B leaves C will leave
21. Lucy has decided.....Law at university.
A to study B studying C she studies

22. Be careful! You.....off the ladder.
A are falling B would fall C are going to fall
23. The school rules clearly state that we.....leave the school grounds without permission from a teacher.
A had better not B might not C must not
24. Julie.....to fix her computer for two hours before she decided to call a technician.
A was trying B had been trying C has been trying
25. Having two jobs had become too exhausting for Daniel, so he gave one of them.....
A up B off C away
26. Juan prefers watching English films without reading the Spanish , so that he can practice his English.
A plots B subtitles C headings
27. Where.....on holiday last summer?
A had you gone B have you been C did you go
28. Helen said she.....in two weeks' time.
A has left B had been leaving C would be leaving
29. Will you drive me to the airport if you.....enough time tomorrow?
A are having B have C will have
30. The visitors.....on a tour of the city's major sights.
A will be taken B will have taken C will take
31. George.....trouble with his car these days, so he uses the bus to go to work.
A is having B has C had
32. Alan likes extreme sports, but I wouldn't say he's crazy.....them.
A about B with C in
33. Don't worry, the painters.....painting your house by the time you're ready to move in.
A are finishing B will have finished C are going to finish
34. David can't speak to you right now; he's talking to his mother..... the phone.
A in B at C on
35. Can you believe it started raining while we.....in the sea?
A had swum B have been swimming C were swimming
36. If Martha.....to Jenny, she would have forgiven her.
A apologized B had apologized C would apologize
37. I heard this.....tune on the radio this morning, and I've been humming it all day.
A catchy B predictable C pointless
38. I'm so glad I ran.....Joshua the other day. I hadn't seen him for ages!
A to B onto C into
39. Can you turn that music down? It's really starting to get on my.....!
A neck B nerves C shoulders
40. Julie.....play the guitar very well yet. She's only had four lessons.
A can't.....B mustn't C shouldn't
41. Can we have something to eat, please? My tummy is.....
A moving B rumbling C starving
42. Leslie and Susan.....yet. Should we leave without them?
A hadn't arrived B didn't arrive C haven't arrived
43. John doesn't let his cat out of the house; he's afraid it.....lost.
A to get B is getting C will get
44. This time next week we.....ourselves at a luxurious hotel in Hawaii.
A will have enjoyed B are enjoying C will be enjoying
45. If only my school.....so far from my house! Then I wouldn't have to get up so early to get there.
A weren't B hadn't been C isn't

46. Wendy didn't start cleaning up after the party until her last guest.....
A had been going B went C had gone
47. Mr Williams is the only one of our teachers.....tells jokes during the lesson.
A whose B which C that
48. Maxwell is thinking of.....a bigger house, as he needs more space.
A employing B renting C hiring
49. My aunt never misses her favourite daytime soap.....
A musical B opera C entertainment
50. Alex couldn't find his glasses and he asked me if I knew where.....
A were they B they were C are they
51. Jane needs to see a doctor because she has been suffering.....headaches lately.
A from B of C about
52. George.....to be the best student in the school.
A is said B said C has said
53. Don't use these eggs! They are.....
A rotten B bitter C sour
54. Let's order some dessert. I..... some chocolate cake.
A have B will have C going to have
55. These jeans are too..... You need a smaller size.
A lost B lose C loose
56. Has Henry found a way to deal.....his problem?
A about B to C with
57. Garry is so.....that very few people trust what he says.
A selfish B jealous C dishonest
58. What.....when he heard the good news?
A had Tom said B was Tom saying C did Tom say
59. A cold glass of water is more refreshing.....a glass of cola.
A than B from C to
60. Tonia is really interested..... photography and is planning to take classes.
A in B at C for
61. Of all the household....., ironing is my least favourite.
A jobs B chores C sprees
62. The children are really looking forward on holiday abroad.
A to go B to going C going
63. Lisa hasn't called me.....three weeks. I hope she is alright.
A so far B since C for
64. Frank told Jenny.....the dog for a walk, but she didn't have time.
A to take B take C she took
65. I.....for my MP3 player. Do you know where it is?
A am going to look B have looked C am looking
66. Andrew looks his older brother and wants to be like him when he grows up.
A down on B up to C up with
67. Some ways to help.....waste include buying products with as little packaging as possible and recycling.
A eliminate B congest C release
68. The Smiths prefer taking.....holidays, because it saves them the trouble of making all the arrangements themselves.
A package B packing C pack
69. I.....the report by Tuesday. Do you want me to email it to you then?
A be finished B have finished C will have finished
70. Alex isn't really keen.....video games; we'd better get him something else for his birthday.
A on B at C in

71. Evelyn is lucky.....friends who love her so much.
A she is having B to have C having
72. Little Nathan can't sleep at someone else's house unless he.....his own pillow with
him.
A takes B will take C is taking
73. People say that the train is the safest form of
A tour B transport C transfer
74. The printer isn't working because there's some paper.....in it.
A cracked B jammed C charged
75. Chris keeps himself fit by taking.....exercise.
A regular B well-balanced C natural
76. Films like «Kung Fu Panda» and «Shrek» are more suitable for younger.....
A members B spectators C audiences
77. The number of animal and plant species that are.....threat of extinction is growing every
year.
A in B at C under
78. Tudy.....in the garden all day today, and her clothes are dirty.
A has been working B was working C had been working
79. Liam.....the opening of the new art gallery and met many famous artists there.
A participated B attended C watched
80. Janet can't help..... presents for her baby nephew all the time; she absolutely adores
him!
A buy B to buying C buying

Writing activities.

You have received a letter from your English-speaking pen-friend Bill who writes:

... I am thinking about going away on a volunteer project for part of my gap year. Didn't you do this last year? Where did you go exactly? I found an interesting project in Africa that is in need of volunteers. I would have to pay my own travel expenses and find accommodation, so I will have to raise some money first. Do you have any suggestions on where I should look? Please, write me back with any ideas. Here is my new address: 5 Portland Square, London, W1K 7TN

Write a letter to Bill. In your letter:

- answer his questions;
- ask 3 questions about his volunteer project.

Write 100-140 words.

Module 1

Name:

Date:

Group:

Mark: _____

100

(Time: 80 minutes)

Vocabulary

A. Underline the correct item.

1. Although Patrick works long hours, his family still **takes/remains** priority over his work.
2. Mary rarely **agrees/approves** with her friend's views, but this doesn't affect their friendship.
3. The **swarm/flock** of bees that had gathered around us at the park spoiled our picnic.
4. Tony is of Italian **generation/origin**, but he grew up in England.
5. **As a** teenager, Stella had a strange taste in clothes, so she was **picked on/brought up** quite often.
6. Instead of **wasting/removing** paper, why don't you use both sides of the page to write on?
7. Jane and George got married in the States, so many of their **ancestors/relatives** from Scotland found it difficult to be there for the wedding.
8. Chris strongly **objects/refuses** to going **out** with his younger sister and her friends.
9. Working from home was a **concept/policy** that John wasn't really familiar with.

Mark: 9
9x1

B. Fill in the correct word/phrase. There are three answers you do not need to use.

(unheard of; extended; household name; envious of; noble; devoted; black sheep; immediate)

10. Janet has always been.....her younger sister because she thinks that their parents pay more attention to her.
11. Mr and Mrs Outtridge are extremely.....parents who will do anything to keep their children safe and happy.
12. Not having dinner together is.....in my family; all of us always eat together in the evenings.
- 13 The new singer has become a..... . He's on TV every day and most teenagers in the country have bought his new CD.
- 14 They wanted to have a very small and quiet.....wedding, so they only invited members of their families and very few friends.

Mark: 5
5x1

C. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present form.

e. g. A: What time *does the film start* (film/start)?

B: I think it *has already started* (already/start), let me check.

15 A:.....(**you/know**) if there's a problem between Cynthia and Kelly?

B: No, but I..... (**think**) of asking Cynthia about it.

16 A: I.....(**not/call**) Helen for ages. I wonder how she is.

B: Well, I know she.....(**stay**) in town this week, so maybe you two can meet while she's here.

17. A: What.....(**do**)? Your face is all red and you look really upset!
 B: I.....(**just/have**) another fight with Tom because he used my laptop without asking me again.
 18. A: Adam.....(**always/want**) to be part of a large family.
 B: What.....(**you/talk**) about? I know for a fact that he loved being an only child!
 19. A: Don't you think that Patty (**get**) to be more and more of a busybody these days?
 B: Yes, I do. Someone.....(**need**) to tell her to stop interfering in things that aren't her concern!

Mark: 10
 5x2

D. Underline the correct verb form.

20. By the time we arrive at the theatre, the play **will start/will have started**.
 21. I'm sure Harry **is going to forgive/will forgive** you when he hears your side of the story.
 22. Watch out! You **are crashing/are going to crash** into that tree!
 23. Although Tracy and Stephen aren't speaking to each other these days, they're **due to/bound** to become friends again; they've known one another too long to ruin their friendship.
 24. This time next Monday John **will be driving/is about to drive** his brand-new car.

Mark: 10
 5x2

E. Put the verbs in brackets into the past simple, past continuous, past perfect or past perfect continuous.

25. Linda.....(**try**) to find a present for her mum for over an hour before she....(**finally/see**) something nice to buy her.
 26. William.....(**already/hear**) the news when I.....(**call**) to tell him.
 27. While Emma.....(**do**) her homework, her brother.....(**play**) music loudly, and she couldn't concentrate.
 28. Nathan.....(**come**) across a photo of his great-grandfather as he.....(**look**) through some old things.
 29. Helen(**be**).....exhausted.

Mark: 10
 5x2

F. Underline the correct item.

30. Jeremy **hasn't got used to living/didn't used to live** away from home yet, as he's only been studying abroad for two months.
 31. When James was younger, he **used to like/ would like** listening to rock music, but now he isn't really interested in it.
 32. Jonathan **gets used to getting up/is used to getting up** early, so he doesn't mind that his new job starts at 7:00 am.
 33. When he was little, John **would always ask/was always used to asking** his parents to get him a dog for his birthday, but they never did.

Mark: 8
 4x2

Everyday English

G. Choose the correct response. (A. I can manage, thanks. B. I wouldn't miss it for the world! C. Nothing special. Why? D. Sure, go ahead. E. It won't happen again.)

34. Are you doing anything tonight?
 35. I'm really angry about all this litter your children dropped in my garden.
 36. Could I have a quick word with you?
 37. Would you like me to help you with that?
 38. Will you be able to make it to Jan's party?

Mark: 10
 5x2

Reading

You are going to read a magazine article in which four people talk about their neighbours. For questions 39-44, choose from the people A-D. A person may be chosen more than once.

Alex

They say "good fences make good neighbours", but this doesn't apply in Mrs Beasley's case, Edwina Beasley has managed to find a way of sticking her busybody nose into my business, though I barely speak a word to her when she starts asking me personal things. She's even taken it upon herself to find me a wife! Imagine my shock, when she knocked on my door last Sunday, in the company of a woman I'd never seen before and told me: "This is Mary Allen, dear. I'm sure you two have a lot in common, so I'll let you get to know each other" And then she left, almost certain that Mary Allen and I will name our first child after her!

Lucy

The truth is I grew up to believe that our neighbours were also our friends, all of us sharing our joys and sorrows as they presented themselves in our small but closely-knit community. Unfortunately, this was not the case in the big city I moved to. I realised that trying to be friends with your neighbours and be there for them in times of need was not always welcome when my next-door neighbour told me to mind my own business and stop trying to control other people's lives. All I had done was knock on her door to see if she was alright on a night I'd heard her crying out loudly!

Helen

Don't get me wrong, I love animals. Be it feathered, furry, two-legged or crawling, I simply adore all creatures. Except one: Mr Watson's poodle, Lulu. Though Mr Watson is a great neighbour, Lulu gets on my nerves so much that I'm seriously thinking of kidnapping her and secretly replacing her with a more tolerable look-alike. Not only does Lulu steal my newspaper every morning, she is also very selective with my friends. Whenever I have friends over that she doesn't like, she will stand outside my door barking or howling for hours if Mr Watson isn't home to come and pick her up. I know you're supposed to "love thy neighbour", but do you have to love his dog too?

Chris

I know you can't really choose your neighbours, but I thought that I had chosen the right ones when I decided to move to a nice, peaceful street where mostly elderly people resided. What I hadn't thought of was that these wonderful, friendly people, who mostly kept to themselves, had children and noisy grandchildren who visited on Sunday mornings. Worst of all, what I didn't know was that the same, seemingly quiet senior citizens would be having band practice every Saturday morning in the house right next to mine. I'm really having second thoughts about this neighbourhood!

Which person

- 39. was misunderstood by a neighbour?.....
- 40. seems more likely to move somewhere else?.....
- 41. has a problem which is not directly related to their neighbour?.....
- 42. has a neighbor who interferes into their social life?.....
- 43. got something different to what they expected?.....
- 44. had to get used to a new reality?.....

Mark: 12
6x2

Writing

1. Imagine you have read the following in a popular magazine: “...Send us a description of the teacher you remember most from primary school. Explain why you remember him/her so well. The winning entry wins a new-brand iPod».

2. Write your description for the competition (120-180 words). You may use the plan below to help you.

- name and when/where/how you met;
- physical appearance;
- personality/interests/achievements;
- why you still remember this teacher.

Mark: 15
5x3

Listening Comprehension

J. You will hear Donna Lowdon talking about her childhood. For questions 45-50, complete the sentences.

Donna has 45).....siblings. On a school day, Donna had to get up at 46)..... . There weren't many 47).....between the children in Donna's family. The children became very noisy around 48)..... . These days, Donna and her siblings usually meet at 49).....and 50)..... .

Mark: 6
6x1

Module 2

Name:.....

Date:.....

Group:.....

Mark: 100

(Time: 80 minutes)

Vocabulary

A. Choose the correct word for each sentence. An example is given.

e. g. effect influence

a) Joe's older sister is a good *influence* on him; she helps him make the right decisions.

b) His constant lying is having a terrible *effect* on their friendship.

1. denies regrets

a) Even though the teacher caught Penny cheating, she still..... it.

b) John his decision to leave school early and work at his father's shop.

2. missing losing

a) I have such a heavy work load! I feel like I'm.....control!

b) Brenda has been.....her friends terribly ever since she changed schools.

3. harm hurt

a) Stephen needs to apologize to Kate because he's really.....her feelings.

b) Not eating properly and getting too little sleep can eventually..... your health.

4. alone lonely

a) Jane gets a bit.....at times living on her own.

b) Kelly was.....in the house, as everyone else had gone to the cinema.

5. on down

a) It was pouring outside, so she put.....her raincoat.

b) Jeff will lose all his friends if he continues to put them..... .

6. minimal concentrated

a) Henry does his bit for the environment by buying goods that use.....packaging.

b) Why buy a big box of washing powder when you can choose one that comes in.....form?

Mark: 12
6x2

B. Fill in the correct word/phrase. There are two answers you do not need to use.

(rummaged; volunteered; confidential; essential; cope; strain; sighed; shrugged; bewildered; fit in; put up; obedient; stammered; put off)

7. Joe tried to.....with the other students in his class by wearing the same style of clothes as they did.

8. Janice.....her shoulders, unable to answer the teacher's question.

9. Betty.....through her backpack searching for her iPod.

10. Don't worry, the conversation between you and the student counsellor is.....

11. Ruby had to.....the dinner party for another day, as she had too much work to do.

12. Mark.....with relief when he realized that nobody had been hurt in the accident.

13. Students feel the..... of exams towards the end of the school year.

14. Exercising three times a week is.....for good health.

15. Jane went to see the school's counsellor because she couldn't.....with all the stress the exams were causing her.

16. Joseph.....to work for an environmental organisation.

17. Susan hadn't expected John to be so angry with the news, and she was truly.....by his reaction.

18. Mrs Thomson's children are very.....; they never argue with their parents, and they never cause any trouble.

Mark: 24
12x2

Grammar

C. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in bold. Use two to five words.

19. Mary's brother plays football professionally, so she's met many famous footballers.

whose Mary,football player, has met many famous footballers.

20. That church over there is where my parents got married.

which That's.....my parents got married.

21. Chris ran into Mr Potter, the man that owns the local bookshop.

who Chris ran into Mr Potter,of the local bookshop.

22. I borrowed a coat from Jenny and it was very warm.

lent The coat.....was very warm.

23. George is driving a car that cost him a lot of money.

paid George is driving a car for.....a lot of money.

24. Pat and Sue met at a cafe which is next to the lake.

where The café.....Sue is next to the lake.

Mark: 12
6x2

D. Underline the correct item.

25. Richard is studying hard **for getting/to get** good marks in all his exams.

26. Mr Roberts wanted to see Sam **with a view/ with the aim** to discussing his behaviour in class.

27. Lily left a note for James **so as/so that** to remind him about his dentist's appointment.

28. Ann couldn't sleep **because of/because** she was feeling stressed out.

29. Give Nathan your phone number again **due to/ in case** he's lost it.

30. The test had **so/such** difficult questions that nobody could answer them.

31. Alex came home late **due to/since** the fact that his teacher had asked him to stay behind after school.

32. Perhaps you could talk to someone about your problem, **so that/in order** you can get it off your chest.

33. Brian has **such/so** many problems that he doesn't know which to deal with first.

Mark: $\frac{9}{9 \times 1}$

Everyday English

E. Complete the exchanges using the phrases below.

(Well, I could be better; Well, suit yourself! All right, just this once; Sure. I suppose we could. It's not a big deal).

34. A: I'm really sorry I scratched your CD.

B:.....

35. A: Can you help me with my homework?

B:.....

36. A: Are you alright? You don't look very well.

B:.....

37. A: You don't need to drive me to the shops. I'll take the bus.

B:.....

38. A: Let's go see the football game. It might be fun!

B:.....

Mark: $\frac{10}{5 \times 2}$

Reading

F. Read the text and mark the statements 39-44 as T (true), F (false), or DS (doesn't say).

The Lowdown on Bullies!!!

At some point in our lives many of us will have to deal with a bully. Yet bullies are not all the same. To be able to handle such a threat, it is important to know what kind of person you are dealing with. The most dangerous and common bully is the aggressive one. Aggressive bullies use the fear of violence to control others. Unfortunately, it doesn't stop there. They are known to quickly lose their temper and harm their victims without ever feeling sorry for them. When faced with such a person, immediately tell a parent or teacher. Furthermore, stay in public places and amongst others for safety. Some people even learn self-defence to protect themselves against this kind of bully. However, violence is not the answer, as it leads to even more violence.

Next, are the verbal bullies. They attack with words and are only happy when others feel hurt. So when an unkind joke is made, show as little reaction as possible and just walk away. Remember, you cannot talk sense to an unreasonable person. And, above all, never make jokes about yourself to prove that nothing can hurt you. This will only encourage them. Last, is the computer bully. The best way to deal with this menace is by deleting their messages. Do not read anything they write and never send a reply. When faced with such a person, it is wise to seriously consider a change of email address. Keep in mind that bullies are simply people who envy the talents of their victims. The only way they can feel powerful is by putting others down. Therefore, never listen to anything they have to say!

39. Computer bullies use very advanced technology.

40. Bullies are jealous of what other people are good at.

41. Aggressive bullies later regret hurting someone.

42. When dealing with an aggressive bully, seek the help of an adult.

43. Humour will keep verbal bullies away.

44. One way to deal with computer bullies is to report them to the police.

Mark: $\frac{12}{6 \times 2}$

Writing

G. You have just received an email from a friend you haven't heard from for a long time. Write a reply to your friend, giving him/her your news and asking him/her to visit you for the summer (120-180 words). You may use the plan below to help you write your email.

- opening remarks;

- give your news;
- invite your friend/tell him/her what things you can do during his/her visit;
- closing remarks.

Mark: 15
5x3

Listening. H. Listen to a radio interview with some teens talking about ways they've helped friends in trouble. Match the speakers with the statements A-G below. There is one extra statement.

- 45. Speaker 1.
- 46. Speaker 2.
- 47. Speaker 3.
- 48. Speaker 4.
- 49. Speaker 5.
- 50. Speaker 6.

A: I'm always ready to protect my friend.
 B: I like sharing my friend's interests.
 C: A little help is often all that is needed.
 D: I want to help my friend with her family problems.
 E: My friends always come to me for help.
 F: I'm willing to make sacrifices for my friend.
 G: I encourage my friend to be honest.

Mark: 6
6x1

Module 3

Name:

Date:

Mark: 100

Group:

(Time: 80 minutes)

Vocabulary.

A. Choose the correct word/phrase.

1. When Maria's father got a new job in the States, the family had to leave their..... and move abroad.
 A harbour B gateway C homeland
2. Don't throw the batteries away, they're.....
 A disposable B rechargeable C achievable
3. Helen was.....hungry as she hadn't eaten all day.
 A timidly B ravenously C earnestly
4. Animal rights organisations work to prevent.....towards animals.
 A cruelty B offence C kidnap
5. It is important that students do not.....the school rules.
 A violate B abolish C reject
6. I won't.....impoliteness in my class! I will be informing the headteacher about your behaviour.
 A offend B defend C tolerate
7. Suzanne was holding her.....ticket, hoping that this time she had the right numbers which would make her rich beyond her wildest dreams.
 A lottery B winnings C scam
8. As Cindy **was** walking through the park, a stranger.....her handbag and ran away.
 A mugged B grabbed C burgled
9. Don't be so timid; you need to.....for your right to express yourself freely.

- A stand up B keep up C face up

Mark: 18
9x2

B. Underline the correct item.

10. It took Jessica a few minutes **to identify/realise** that someone was trying to break into her house.
11. When Sarah saw that her wallet was missing, she thought that **a pickpocket/burglar** must have taken it from her bag on the bus.
12. Morris found it difficult **to deal/face** with the fact that the police had arrested his son for shoplifting.
13. Weren't there any **suspects/witnesses** who can tell us how the accident happened?
14. The police were sure that Robert was keeping something **away/back** about the crime, so they called him in for questioning again.
15. Can you please stop **muttering/growling** and speak louder so that we can all hear you?
16. I was shocked to hear that my next-door neighbour was one of the **fraudsters/culprits** involved in the bank robbery.
17. As there was no evidence to prove his innocence, the man had to **accept/confess** to the crime he was accused of.
18. **My would-be/so-called** friends have been telling lies behind my back.

Mark: 9
9x1

Grammar

C. Put the verbs in brackets into the infinitive, -ing form, or infinitive without to.

19. She keeps.....(**tell**) everyone that she's innocent, but no one believes her.
20. You must.....(**share**) any knowledge you have of the theft with the police.
21. Dad's promised.....(**take**) us on a visit to the Statue of Liberty tomorrow.
22. The judge made Alex.....(**pay**) a fine for exceeding the speed limit.
23. In many countries it's illegal.....(**drive**) under the age of seventeen.
24. There's no point in.....(**deny**) that you stole the jewellery; you were caught red-handed!
25. Do you think this lawyer is experienced enough.....(**take on**) Robert's case?
26. The judge will not let any photographers or members of the press.....(**be**) present at the famous actor's trial.
27. Mike was found guilty of.....(**vandalise**) his neighbour's property.
28. Can you imagine.....(**spend**) the rest of your life in prison?

Mark: 20
10x2

D. Put the verbs in brackets into the infinitive or -ins form.

29. The thieves got in through the window which Sheila had forgotten.....(**lock**).
30. You'd better stop.....(**watch**) so many crime films; you're beginning to look at other people suspiciously!
31. Louisa will always remember.....(**solve**) her first case as a police detective.
32. The robbers tried.....(**escape**) from the bank, but the police had already surrounded the building.
33. The judge examined the evidence carefully and then went on.....(**announce**) his decision.

Mark: 10
5x2

E. Everyday English

Choose the correct response (A That's shocking! B I'm sorry. I won't do it again. C So you should. D Thank goodness, that's over! E No problem. Apology accepted!)

34. I'm so sorry, I broke your window.
 35. The police have caught the kidnappers and returned the child to his parents.
 36. A 12-year-old was responsible for the vandalism.
 37. I'm going to apologize to Jenny for losing her book.
 38. I can't believe you stole my newspaper again!

Mark: 10
 5x2

F. Reading

Match the texts 39-44 with the headings A-G. Use each headings only once. There is one extra heading. (A. keeping your young safe; B. protect your friends; C. support for the elderly; D. don't be deceived; E. safety for everyone; F. real-life learning; G. keep your eyes open)

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Neighbourhood Watch is one of the most successful crime prevention programmes ever. It was first set up in the UK in 1982. The scheme encourages neighbours in specific areas to work together by watching each other's properties and raising an alarm when they notice anything suspicious. Since the scheme began, crime has reduced dramatically. Today, Neighbourhood Watch includes 10 million residents, making it the largest voluntary organisation in the UK.

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The Help the Aged charity began in 1961 and is now a leading international charity for the elderly. The focus of the charity is to help senior citizens and ensure they do not suffer from poverty and neglect. They also offer a free home security service for all older people in the country. For this purpose, the charity raises money through its 370 charity shops all over the UK that sell second-hand items.

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The Suzy Lamplugh Trust was established in 1986 and has grown considerably over the past twenty years. The purpose of the trust has always been to promote personal protection. The trust offers advice and guidance on how to stay away from aggressive incidents and avoid dangerous situations. It offers its services to anyone, from big companies to young children and the elderly.

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The Card Watch agency raises awareness about credit card fraud in the UK. The agency provides information and advice to prevent the illegal use of all bank cards. It does this by working closely with shop owners and the police in reducing bank card fraud. The agency can also provide training for anybody who works on a cash register or handles payments. It's useful website is full of tips on how to avoid being the victim of credit card fraud.

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Kidscape is the first charity in the UK which works towards keeping children away from danger. The charity was set up in 1984 by Dr Michelle Elliot, a mother herself. So far over 2 million children have attended a programme the charity runs which teaches children how to avoid risky situations and also how to defend themselves if they are ever at risk. Children can also learn how to deal with bullies and what to do when a stranger approaches them.

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Streetwise Safety Centre is an award-winning safety education centre. The centre looks like a real village, but in fact, it is an artificial village inside a large warehouse. The area consists of a house, a street, a park, a farmyard, a railway track and a beach. In the village children are taught to be more aware in all aspects of their lives, from catching a bus to walking home at night. Skilled teachers work with young people so that they can have a first-hand, realistic experience of what it is like to be a victim of a crime.

Mark: 12
 6x2

Writing

G. A magazine is asking for opinions on the following: Teenagers today have too much free time. Write an essay for the magazine stating your opinion and giving reasons/examples to

support your point of view (120 – 180 words). You may use the plan below to help you write your essay.

- introduce the subject and state your opinion;
- give one viewpoint with reasons and/or examples to support it;
- present the opposing viewpoint with reasons and/or examples to support it;
- restate your opinion using different words.

Mark: 15
5x3

Listening Comprehension

H. Listen to the speakers and for questions 45-50 choose A, B or C.

45. Listen to a woman talking about a charity shop. What does she think about it?
A It's not as cheap as she would like.
B They should close the shop down.
C They do excellent work.
46. Listen to a man talking about young people. What is his opinion?
A Their parents are too demanding.
B They can plan their time better.
C They should work part-time with their parents.
47. Listen to a woman talking about credit cards. What does she think about them?
A They are useful when you have no money.
B Everybody should have one.
C People would be better off without them.
48. Listen to a girl talking about her exam results. What had she expected?
A She had failed all her exams.
B Her parents would be disappointed.
C She had done badly in all of her exams.
49. Listen to a boy talking about his part-time job. How does he feel about it?
A He doesn't like it.
B He's glad he took the job.
C He finds it too tiring.
50. Listen to a young man talking about his job interview. What happened?
A He got the job.
B He lied about his experience.
C The interview went terribly wrong.

Mark: 6
6x1

Module 4

Name:.....

Date:.....

Mark: _____

Group:

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(Time: 80 minutes)

Vocabulary

A. Underline the correct item.

1. Mike slept on a hard pillow last night, so he has a **swollen/stiff** neck today.
2. Jane's leg injury was so **hurtful/painful** that she had to be taken to hospital.
3. It took several hours for the fire fighters **to extinguish/establish** the fire in the old factory.
4. Tom had to get an x-ray to see if he had **bruised/fractured** his collarbone in the skiing accident.
5. Maria has not made a full recovery, as her nose is runny and her voice is still **hoarse/dizzy**.
6. I think I've developed an allergic reaction to something I ate; my skin is really **sore/itchy**.
7. After his crippling injury, Joe took the **excruciating/agonising** decision to give up professional football for good.
8. Jane's asthma makes it difficult for her to **wheeze/breathe** while she is exercising.
9. Sally **went on/went through** working, despite her splitting headache.

Mark: 9

9x1

B. Fill in the correct word. There are two answers you do not need to use.

(glimpsed; commemorate; colour; narrow; slim; irresistible; contagious; miraculously; restored; internal; weather; supposedly)

10. They had a.....escape just seconds before the flames engulfed the building.
11. Chickenpox is a disease which can be cured, but one that is highly.....
12. Jane's looking off -; she must be exhausted from working at the hospital all night.
13. We recommended Dr Brown, as he isone of the best doctors in the city.
14. He suffered serious injuries from the accident, but fortunately no.....bleeding.
15. Linda finds chocolate cake.....; she can never say "no" when someone offers her a piece.
16. After two weeks of therapy, Lan's health was fully....., and he could go back to work.
17. Against all odds, Doug.....recovered from his serious illness.
18. Annabel.....at a group of people waiting for the bus and realised it was time to go home.
19. Thailand is planning to build a memorial to.....the 2004 tsunami tragedy.

Mark: 20

10x2

Grammar

C. Change the sentences from active to passive.

20. Doctor Smith told the patient to take antibiotics.
21. Chris should make a doctor's appointment.
22. A nurse is taking Annabel's temperature.
23. The neighbour's cat causes her allergy.
24. The rescuers have carried the victims to safety.
25. They will build a medical clinic for cancer patients.

Mark: 12

6x2

D. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in bold. Use two to five words.

26. Some people think that snakes can predict earthquakes.
thought Snakes are.....predict earthquakes.

27. Mason will insist that James discuss the details of the rescue mission.
make Mason.....into the details of the rescue mission.
28. George is expected to fully recover from his accident.
expected It.....a full recovery from his accident.
29. A nurse bandaged Helen's wrist to give it support.
had Helen.....a nurse, to give it support.
30. Sally is trying to convince Sarah that she should stop mountain climbing.
get Sally is trying.....up mountain climbing.
31. They believe that the climbers were caught in a snowstorm.
believed The climbers.....caught in a snowstorm.
32. John asked Emma to leave immediately because she was distracting him from his work.
had John.....once because she was distracting him from his work.
33. William's mum has applied ointment to his rash.
had William.....to his rash.

Mark: 16
8x2

Everyday English

E. Use the sentences A-E to complete the dialogue. (A Thanks anyway; B I think you're right; C That's very kind of you; D You must have caught that virus that's going around; E You look awful).

- Sarah: 34).....Would you like me to make you a cup of tea?
 John: Yes, please. 35).....
 Sarah: Have you got a temperature?
 John: Yes, a slight one.
 Sarah: 36).....
 John: 37)..... My throat has been bothering me for days.
 Sarah: Would you like me to call the doctor?
 John: Actually, I've already done it. 38).....

Mark: 10
5x2

Reading

F. Match the sentences A-G with the gaps 39-44. There is one sentence you do not need to use.

Dogs to the Rescue

Dogs are great companions. But did you know that apart from being wonderful pets, these canine friends have made a vast contribution to saving countless lives?

SAR (Search and Rescue) dogs are used in search efforts to find missing people. They are specifically trained to find victims buried under snow or debris, so they can quickly be brought to safety

When it comes to emergency rescues, these dogs are fast and efficient, and their keen sense of smell enables them to locate accident victims much more quickly than humans. Any breed of dog can be trained to be part of SAR rescue missions.

First, they must be people-friendly. This is important, as the missing people they find are strangers, and many times the dogs have to stay with them and care for them until a rescue crew can get to them.

This is because when the puppies are being trained, it is through fun and game techniques that handlers are able to teach the necessary tasks to make them efficient rescuers later on.

Whether SAR dogs and their handlers work for a government agency or are volunteers, they go through extensive training and in many cases, have to pass a certification test. During basic training, the dogs learn how to detect and follow human scents.

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Avalanche dogs, for example, need to be able to dig and search in snow in very low temperatures. Other dogs are taught to walk over disaster areas carefully so as not to endanger victims under the debris.

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Whatever the task, SAR dogs are not only man's best friend, but in life or death situations, they are truly heroes!

- A. An SAR dog will even enter a burning building to save someone's life.
- B. After this, the dogs are taught a variety of tasks to prepare them for different kinds of emergencies.
- C. In snowstorms, earthquakes and landslides, SAR dog teams are usually the first on the scene.
- D. Trainers have to be careful when choosing the appropriate diet for an SAR dog.
- E. It is also very important that they have a playful nature.
- F. However, they must have two basic characteristics.
- G. A welcome addition to any household, they are loyal, affectionate and playful.

Mark: 12
6x2

Writing

G. You have decided to enter a short story competition in a teenage magazine. The story must be entitled «An Extreme Adventure». You may use the plan below to help you write your story (120-180 words).

- set the scene (who/where/when);
- narrate events in the order in which they happened;
- continue narration and describe climax event;
- consequences/feelings, etc.

Mark: 15
5x3

Listening Comprehension

H. You will hear part of a talk from a television programme about home safety. For questions 45 – 50, complete the notes below which summarise the passage.

- 45. Adults older than sixty-five and children younger than..... are more likely to be injured.
- 46. Falls are usually predictable and.....
- 47. Falls in the home are caused by slipping or.....
- 48. It is important not to leave.....lying around the house.
- 49. During night hours, staircases should be.....
- 50. Night lights should be placed in bathrooms and.....

Mark: 6
6x1

Mid-Year Test (Module 1 – 4)

Name:.....

Date:.....

Mark: _____
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Group:

(Time: 80 minutes)

Choose the correct item.

1. How did you.....Stephen to help you with the housework?
A make B get C have
2. This time next week we.....at Sydney's Bondi Beach.
A are surfing B will have surfed C will be surfing
3. The local council has decided to go.....with the construction of a new library.
A into B ahead C away
4. Can you please stop complaining? It's really.....on my nerves!
A getting B going C putting
5. The painter's amazing biography made quite an impression.....the art students.
A on B to C for
6. Becky's teeth always start to.....when she stays out in the cold for too long.
A shiver B chatter C mutter
7. The school.....team reaches the finals will enter the state championship.
A whose B that C which
8. This house is said.....in the 1930s.
A to have built B it was built C to have been built
9. Paul.....young children before, so he found it quite demanding.
A wasn't teaching B hadn't taught C hasn't taught
10. He recommended.....a burglar alarm to protect the house against thieves.
A to install B installing C to installing
11. My mother came.....a beautiful antique vase at the bazaar.
A into B across C with
12. Joey always.....his fists when he's angry.
A clenches B folds C taps
13. Frank should see a doctor; that.....cough of his sounds bad.
A streaming B splitting C hacking
14. Lisa was ashamed.....her rude behavior and apologised to Ben.
A of B with C for
15. The conman spent five years in prison after he was.....of fraud.
A arrested B charged C convicted
16. Henry never borrows money from anyone because he can't stand.....debts.
A having B to have C of having
17. Take your umbrella with you because it.....like it's going to rain.
A has looked B looks C is looking
18. Since no one could attend the staff meeting, it was put.....until the following week.
A down B away C off
19. Liam is suffering from a back.....and won't be able to compete in today's match.
A damage B injury C wound
20. Since there's nothing you can do about the situation, you'll just have to..... and bear it.
A smile B laugh C grin
21. Ron felt a sharp pain in his knee, so he decided to.....by a doctor.
A have checked it B having it checked C have it checked
22. Maria won't forget.....first place in the dance competition; it was the best moment in her life!
A to win B winning C to have won
23. Nick.....on the project for hours; I'm sure he's exhausted.

- A has been working B will be working C had been working
24. The teacher asked to see Brad.....to talking about his poor exam results.
A with a view B in order C so as
25. Tommy has no respect.....elderly people; he talks to them as if they were his peers.
A for B about C to
26. The police wanted to question James again because they suspected he had kept.....important information.
A away B down C back
27. Put these batteries in the recycling bin; they're not.....so we can't use them again.
A disposable B rechargeable C biodegradable
28. She spent hours looking for her purse, but it.....
A was disappeared B was disappearing C had disappeared
29. Ian usually has tough deadlines to meet at work, so he.....under pressure.
A used to work B is used to working C gets used to working
30. Alan wanted to quit his studies, but his parents managed to.....him.
A dissuade B influence C persuade
31. I'd better see a dentist; I have this toothache that just won't go.....
A away B off C out
32. Emma isn't a very sociable person, she usually.....to herself.
A takes B sticks C keeps
33. Jane wasn't really hurt in the accident; she just.....her arm and her leg.
A broke B bruised C fractured
34. Clever salesmen often trick people.....buying things they don't really need.
A with B against C into
35. If a bully tries to.....a fight with you, the best thing to do is to walk away.
A create B pick C make
36. The parcel to you.....as soon as possible.
A will be delivered B will have delivered C will be delivering
37. You shouldn't use Eric's computer without.....him first.
A to ask B you ask C asking
38. The ferry boat.....for the island an hour later at weekends.
A is going to leave B is leaving C leaves
39. I haven't seen Nathan since he.....the company.
A has left B had left C left
40. It didn't take Malcolm long to recover from the accident; he was back on his.....in a few days.
A legs B feet C toes
41. Albert's classmates often pick.....him because he has bright red hair.
A at B on C of
42. The increase in greenhouse gases.....bad news for the future of our planet.
A says B states C spells
43. Take your keys with you.....I'm not home when you return this evening.
A in case B so that C so as
44. It was.....terrible weather that there were hardly any people out in the streets.
A such a B such C so
45. It.....by people in the office that Jacob was caught red-handed stealing the money.
A says B has said C is said
46. I can't wait.....Matthew the good news!
A telling B I tell C to tell
47. Be careful with that sharp knife! You.....yourself.
A are to cut B are going to cut C are cutting
48. Bill won't be attending the conference.....he's out of town.

- A because B because of C due to
49. A hidden camera inside the bank enabled the police to.....the criminals.
A announce B realise C identify
50. The students are looking forward.....part in tree-planting day.
A taking B to take C to taking
51. As a child, Debbie.....a lot, but now she speaks quite clearly.
A stammered B whispered C groaned
52. The fire fighters spent six hours trying to.....the fire in the factory.
A engulf B extinguish C establish
53. William thinks he is the black.....of his family because he's the only one without a university degree.
A sheep B wolf C dog
54. David never stops boasting.....his high marks; it's so annoying!
A for B with C about
55. The mountaineers..... the summit by late afternoon.
A have reached B will reach C will have reached
56. When my brother and I argue, our parents.....to take sides.
A object B refuse C reject
57. There is a great need to.....a recycling centre in our area.
A make up B bring up C set up
58. We'd better get on the bus now; it's.....
A due to leave B about to leave C to leave
59. Their wedding invitation came as a surprise; we didn't even know they were.....!
A engaged B married C divorced
60. We never expected that Celia would move to the country. Her decision was out of the.....
A blue B white C grey
61. Do you know the names of the people who were involved.....this project?
A at B of C in
62. Cynthia.....living in the city centre, but now she's grown tired of it.
A would like B used to like C was used to liking
63. Teens often find it difficult to.....peer pressure, as they want to fit in with their friends.
A deny B resist C regret
64. Why.....the cheese? Has it gone off?
A do you smell B have you smelled C are you smelling
65. I saw Oliver yesterday, but he.....to catch the bus, so I didn't have a chance to talk to him.
A was running B has been running C had been running
66. Charlotte had to.....many difficulties in her new job, but she managed to handle them successfully.
A face B cope C deal
67. It was.....bad book that I never finished reading it.
A a such B such a C a so
68. The men who.....the jewellery shop got away with £100,000 worth of jewellery.
A stole B broke C robbed
69. Charles tried to move his broken leg, but felt.....pain as soon as he did so.
A hurting B excruciating C nagging
70. The museum doesn't let visitors.....the exhibits.
A photograph B photographing C to photograph
71. Have you decided whether to buy this car, or are you still in two.....about it?
A thoughts B heads C minds

Module 5

Name:

Date:

Group:

Mark: _____

100

(Time: 80 minutes)

Vocabulary

A. Choose the correct word/phrase for each sentence.

1. cottage manor

- a) Speke Hall is a large, impressive.....built in the 15th century.
- b) The Smiths bought a nice little.....in the country.

2. industrial residential

- a) All the warehouses are in the.....area near the port.
- b) This is a.....area; you won't find any office space to rent here.

3. stable shed

- a) The farmer had to put the horses back in the....., as it had started raining.
- b) If you need to borrow any tools, look in the little.....behind the house.

4. beggar hawker

- a) The street.....said the jacket he was selling was made of real leather.
- b) Luke feels very sad when he sees a.....living on the streets.

5. drain sink

- a) When Juliet goes away for the weekend, she takes everything but the kitchen.....with her!
- b) Don't throw money down the.....renovating the kitchen in your rented apartment.

6. filthy run-down

- a) Your clothes are.....! Have you been repairing your bike again?
- b) They will demolish the old,school and build a new one in its place.

Mark: 12
6x2

B. Fill in the correct word/phrase. There are two answers you do not need to use (do up; descendants; ornamental; abandoned; exterior; commuters; do without; conflict; stray; burden; vast; posh).

- 7. Modern Mexicans are.....of the Mayan civilisation.
- 8. The wooden jug cannot be used to put flowers in. It's only for.....use.
- 9. Ethan wanted to paint the.....of his house dark green.
- 10 Tracy found a(n).....cat at the park, and took it home with her.
- 11 Many.....started complaining when they heard the 8:00 train would be delayed.
- 12 This.....between Shawn and Ian has to end; they shouldn't be arguing like that all the time.
- 13. Homeless people occasionally find shelter in the.....warehouse down the street.
- 14. Beverly Hills is famous for its.....mansions of rich Hollywood stars.
- 15 The.....number of cars on the city streets every day causes terrible traffic congestion.
- 16 People who live in shanty towns often have to.....basic utilities.

Mark: 20
10x2

Grammar

C. Underline the correct item.

- 17. Alex can't/mustn't have moved into his new house yet; it still doesn't have running water or electricity.

18. You **shouldn't/don't have to park** your motorbike on the pavement; you'll get a fine if you do so.
19. **Can/Should** you help me clean up this mess, please?
20. If you're planning to have a loud party, you **may/ought to** inform your neighbours.
21. You **can't/needn't** park your car on Cowper Street any more; it's been pedestrianised.
22. Cynthia **might/is to** move to a house in the suburbs, but she's not sure yet.
23. The council **may/should** really do something about all this graffiti on public buildings; it's really awful.
24. Tom **needn't have given/didn't need to** give Sarah a lift to work because she had taken her own car.
25. If you don't like dark colours, you are **supposed to/could** try painting your bedroom in soft pastel tones.

Mark: $\frac{9}{9 \times 1}$

D. Fill in: needn't have; can't; ought to; mustn't; could; must; shouldn't; **and** didn't need to.

26. You.....throw litter on the street; it's against the law.
27. He.....have trespassed on private property without getting permission first.
28. We.....have avoided the heavy traffic if we'd left home earlier.
29. James.....have bought a mansion! He hardly makes ends meet!
30. Lily.....have been terribly upset to find all that rubbish in her garden.
31. Harry.....have apologised to Mrs Thomson for breaking her window; she'd have appreciated it.
32. Emma.....pay much for the renovations to her house; the cost was quite low.
33. You.....turned the music down; it wasn't bothering me at all.

Mark: $\frac{16}{8 \times 2}$

Everyday English

E. Choose the correct response.

34. A: Our noisy neighbours are moving away soon.
B: a) It's a disgrace!
b) What a relief!
35. A: Can I have a word with you?
B: a) Sure. What is it?
b) That's a fair point.
36. A: The bus is late again.
B: a) That's annoying!
b) Sorry about that.
37. A: Tom's parked in front of our driveway again.
B: a) Of course. What do you expect?
b) It really makes my blood boil!
38. A: I promise to pay for your broken window.
B: a) Er ... I don't know.
b) I appreciate that.

Mark: $\frac{10}{5 \times 2}$

Reading

F. You are going to read an article about a popular magazine. For questions 39-44, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D which you think fits best according to the text.

Small change for a Big Difference

Help, in the form of a magazine, is available for homeless people who seek a better existence than the uncertain lives they lead on the streets. The Big Issue is one of the first magazines of its kind and its main concern is to provide income and better chances to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It is sold exclusively by homeless people, who get to

keep 80 pence out of the £1.50 that they sell the magazine for. This prized magazine, which offers entertainment as well as the latest news developments, was started by John Bird and Gordon Roddick in 1991. Worried about the enormous number of people living on the streets of London, the two businessmen decided to do something about it. The idea for the magazine arose when Roddick went to New York and came across a newspaper that was sold by homeless people there. Originally, the magazine came out monthly, and was distributed around London. Yet, such was its success, that two years after its first publication, The Big Issue started coming out once a week. Not only that, but shortly later it became available in other areas of England, as well as Scotland and Wales. Today, along with the five local editions that go out to most parts of the UK, the magazine also enjoys international status. The quality of the magazine is very high, as its pages are filled with informative and entertaining articles written by expert reporters. There is also a section where homeless people have their stories and articles published. Not only this, but respected celebrities such as David Beckham and Sir Paul McCartney have at times contributed their thoughts and ideas to the pages of The Big Issue.

The increasing number of homeless people who were willing to participate in the sale of the magazine gave rise to another great idea. In 1995 The Big Issue Foundation was set up. This is a charity organisation, but it is not one that sees the homeless as beggars in need of a few pounds. In the organisation's own words, they are there to help homeless people "off the streets and into a life, that is, training, education, accommodation and transformation."

39. The Big Issue mostly aims at
 - A raising money for the homeless
 - B making the streets safer for the homeless
 - C improving the living situation of the homeless
 - D providing homes for the homeless
40. The idea for The Big Issue occurred
 - A when the two men went to the States
 - B after talking to some homeless people
 - C from a similar foreign publication
 - D after watching a news story
41. The Big Issue magazine
 - A was hugely successful as soon as it came out
 - B began as a weekly publication
 - C originally came out in Scotland and Wales once a week.
 - D became more popular a while later
42. At present, The Big Issue is available
 - A in several countries around the world.
 - B everywhere in the United Kingdom
 - C in most African countries
 - D only in different areas around London
43. All articles in The Big Issue are
 - A respected by famous people
 - B about homeless people
 - C written by professionals
 - D educational and enjoyable
44. The Big Issue Foundation
 - A was set up by homeless people
 - B gives money to beggars
 - C wants to increase the sales of the magazine
 - D offers classes for the homeless

Mark: 12
6x2

Module 6

Name:

Date:

Group:

Mark: _____

100

(Time: 80 minutes)

Vocabulary

A. Choose the correct item.

- Let me have a quick look at the.....and I'll give you the newspaper in a few minutes.
A headings B headlines C articles
- The strange object floating in the sky was ending out.....of bright light.
A beams B waves C signals
- Why is the dog.....? Is there something wrong with it?
A neighing B roaring C howling
- The.....story on the news tonight is about a man who claims to have been abducted by aliens.
A hit B top C flash
- If you don't.....your mind, people won't pay much attention to you.
A talk B speak C analyse
- Interest in using historic native tongues has been.....over the last few decades.
A revived B declined C conveyed
- You must have read about the latest political scandal. It's on the.....page of every newspaper.
A front B first C cover
- Professor Betts has devoted his entire career to studying the Roman civilisation and can speak Latin.....
A roughly B decisively C fluently
- Mr Burns is a rude man who often offends his employees by talking.....to them.
A down B out C round

Mark: $\frac{9}{9 \times 1}$

B. Fill in the correct word/phrase. There are two answers you do not need to use (faint sounds; into orbit; live coverage; extraterrestrial life; human race; latest developments; gutter press; news bulletin).

- The last 10 minutes of Wendy's favourite show were interrupted by an important.....
- Right now on every television station there is.....of the President's speech from the White House.
- Brian was interested in learning about the.....in the off-shore drilling operation.
- Many people believe that there is.....in the universe.
- Foxes have such good hearing that they can locate.....from a great distance.
- Millions watched from home as the satellite was sent.....

Mark: $\frac{12}{6 \times 2}$

C. Rewrite the following statements in reported speech.

- "I'm watching a documentary on the SETI programme," Andrew said.
- "I may get a job with the local TV station," Helen said.
- "Peter won't like the news at all," he told her.
- "John thinks his neighbour is an alien!" she said to Betty.
- "Peter lent me a book about UFOs," Sammy said.
- "The scandal will be all over the press tomorrow," she told me.

Mark: $\frac{12}{6 \times 2}$

D. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use the word in bold. Use two to five words.

22. "Don't try to persuade me to become a journalist like you, Dad," Sue said.

talk Sue told her father.....her into becoming a journalist like him.

23. "Are you going out later, Jenny?" Larry asked.

whether Larry asked Jenny.....later.

24. "Where can I find Spanish magazines?" Anita asked.

could Anita wanted to know.....Spanish magazines.

25. "Keep me informed on the latest news, Jason," Ian said.

told Ian.....informed on the latest news.

26. "Do you think this magazine is informative?" Jane asked Philip.

if Jane asked Phillip.....magazine was informative.

27. "Where were you last week, Tom?" Joanne wanted to know.

had Joanne asked Tom where.....week.

Mark: $\frac{12}{6 \times 2}$

E. Use the verbs in brackets to rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

e.g. "I'm sorry I forgot our appointment," said Linda, (apologised).

Linda apologised for forgetting their appointment.

28. "Why don't we visit the Science Museum?" Mark said, (suggested).

29. "Don't believe any gossip about Max," Emma said to Paul, (warned).

30. "You must inform the police about your problem," my friend told me (insisted).

31. "Don't forget to buy today's paper, John," Liam said, (reminded).

32. "Tabloid journalists keep calling my house," he said, (complained).

33. "I didn't say anything to those reporters!" she said, (denied).

Mark: $\frac{12}{6 \times 2}$

Everyday English

F. Complete the exchanges using the phrases below.

Serves him right! Good for you! Not at all. Oh, come on! That's ridiculous! Well, don't believe everything you read!

34. A: I've been offered a job with a big newspaper.

B:

35. A: Would you mind lending me your magazine?

B:

36. A: He'll go to jail for lying in court.

B:

37. A: Did you know that aliens secretly inhabit the Earth?

B:

38. A: According to this magazine, the president will fly to space.

B:

Mark: $\frac{10}{5 \times 2}$

Reading

G. Read and match the sentences A-G with gaps 39-44. There is one extra sentence.

The race is on as to which country will be the first to inhabit the Moon. Apart from the United States, India, China, Japan and Europe plan on sending astronauts to the Moon in the next 20 years. So, a station on the Moon might soon be possible 39 The most obvious include the questions of power, water, air and shelter.

At this time scientists feel that the best place to establish a station would be either at the North or South Pole. Here the temperature does not change as much throughout the day as it does near the equator. 40

At present, NASA is in the process of sending a spacecraft to the Moon. Their high-tech computers will be able to analyse the signals sent back to Earth, providing useful knowledge for the researchers. 41

The search is based on the theory that the comets which have been hitting the Moon over the last 2 billion years have left ice in its craters. 42

Once this is done, the water could be separated into hydrogen and oxygen, providing an atmosphere that can support life. As for the question of material to build shelters, it would be best to get as many resources as possible from the Moon, since the cost of transport is extremely high. 43

Luckily, the Earth's satellite is rich in minerals that could be used to build a future station and even for rocket fuel. Once we inhabit the Moon, who knows? 44

- A. Just think, \$400,000 is needed to send an object that weighs around four kilos to the Moon.
- B. All the same, we have not found any evidence that the Moon has water.
- C. Perhaps the human race may be able to live on Mars in the future!
- D. Yet, we must face the fact that before this can happen we have a few problems to deal with.
- E. With this information they will be able to finally know if there is water on the Moon.
- F. Moreover, the poles see much more sunlight, which can be used for solar energy.
- G. If this is the case, astronauts can use solar energy to melt the ice into water.

Mark: $\frac{12}{6 \times 2}$

Writing

H. Your class has had a discussion about studying abroad. Your teacher has now asked the class to write an essay discussing the advantages and disadvantages of studying in a foreign country. Write your essay (120 – 180 words). You may use the plan below to help you.

- present the topic and say that the issue has two sides;
- present one side of the issue;
- present the other side of the issue;
- offer a brief, balanced summary of the topic
- and state your opinion.

Mark: $\frac{15}{5 \times 3}$

Listening Comprehension

You will hear six people talking about celebrities in the media. Match the speakers with the statements A-G below. There is one extra statement.

- A. The speaker believes that viewers have the choice of tuning in to celebrity news or not.
- B. The speaker believes there is nothing wrong with following celebrity gossip.
- C. The speaker doesn't really care about celebrity news.
- D. The speaker doesn't believe everything he/she hears about celebrities in the media.
- E. The speaker doesn't understand why the public is so interested in celebrities.
- F. The speaker believes that the media shouldn't talk about the private lives of the famous.
- G. The speaker believes that the media is providing stories that interest the public.

45 – Speaker 1

46 – Speaker 2

47 – Speaker 3

48 – Speaker 4

49 – Speaker 5

50 – Speaker 6

Mark: $\frac{15}{5 \times 3}$

Module 7

Name:.....

Date:.....

Group:.....

Mark: $\frac{\quad}{100}$

(Time: 80 minutes)

Vocabulary

A. **Fill in the missing word/phrase. There are three answers you do not need to use** (overcome; dropping out; outspoken; triumph; graduating; longed; interactive; banished; beating; pinned; applying for; dashed; virtue)

1. We told Sue to stop.....around the bush and tell us what had happened.
2. Bob built his business from scratch, and considers his success a personal.....
3. Jane had to.....many obstacles before she was able to open up her own business.
4. Jim's hopes for a promotion were.....when the position was given to someone else.
5. The students were.....about the need for improving library facilities at the university.
6. Why don't you try.....a scholarship? With your high grades, I'm sure they'll give it to you!
7. Jan's thinking of travelling around the world after.....from university.
8. Anne's trying her best to get high marks, as she has.....her hopes on winning a scholarship.
9. If you're having problems at university, you should talk to your professors; is not the answer.
10. Jane had always.....to do a postgraduate degree, but had never found the time.

Mark: $\frac{20}{10 \times 2}$

B. Underline the correct item.

11. Tom's apprenticeship has **taught/learned** him a lot of technical skills.
12. Mary succeeded in becoming a doctor after years of **hard/tough** work and perseverance.
13. Despite his **weakness/defeat** last year, David has high hopes of being elected Class President this year.
14. After their **lessons/subjects**, Rob and Danny spend time with their friends at their favourite hangout.
15. My brother advised me not to worry too much, and just **face/take** things as they come.
16. Sharon has **enrolled/attended** on an art course, as she is very interested in French Impressionism.
17. Lyn was able **to carry out/carry through** the difficult task with the help of her colleagues.
18. Ian was turned down for the job, as he didn't have the necessary **academic qualifications/qualities**.
19. In spite of his **meagre/insurmountable** salary, Henry manages to pay for all his tuition fees.

Mark: $\frac{9}{9 \times 1}$

Grammar

C. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

- 20. If only he.....(**prepare**) his speech in advance.
- 21. If George had more confidence, he.....(do) better at job interviews.
- 22. I don't know what I.....(**say**) if I had been in your position.
- 23. If you.....(**try**) your best, you will succeed in whatever you want to do.
- 24. Jim would be a doctor today if he.....(**chose**) to study Medicine.
- 25. If I.....(**know**) what to do, I wouldn't be asking you for advice.
- 26. If Sara wasn't so imaginative, she.....(**not/win**) last month's writing contest.
- 27. If Cindy.....(**not/find**) the book she's been looking for, she'll look for it in the reference library.
- 28. Suppose they.....(**get**) the grant, would they have continued the research?
- 29. Professor Adams.....(**not/accept**) my work if I had handed it in late.

Mark: $\frac{20}{10 \times 2}$

D. Rewrite the following conditional sentences omitting if.

e. g. If you write to the college, they'll send you a prospectus.
Should you write to the college, they'll send you a prospectus.

- 30. If he had asked for my help, I would have given it to him.
Had.....
- 31. If they offer him a place at Bristol University, he will gladly accept it.
Should.....
- 32. If she found the time, she would become a community volunteer.
Were.....
- 33. If she accepts the offer, she will gain valuable work experience.
Should.....

Mark: $\frac{8}{4 \times 2}$

Everyday English

E. Choose the correct response.

- 34. How's student life? A I guess I'll get a job.
- 35. How are your courses going? B I can imagine!
- 36. I've decided to do a Master's degree in European History. C Really well, thanks!
- 37. It's really hard work. D Good for you!
- 38. Have you made any plans for next year? E I'm loving every minute of it!

Mark: $\frac{10}{5 \times 2}$

Reading

F. Match the sentences A-G with the gaps 39-44. There is one extra sentence.

Lance Armstrong was born in Piano, Texas on 18th September, 1971. Interested in sports from an early age, he got involved in biking, running and swimming. 39

After competing in the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992, he began to compete professionally. He won several titles in 1993 and became the World Champion in Oslo, Norway. Slowly, Armstrong was starting to make a name for himself. The highlight of his career was in 1995, when he became the number one cyclist internationally. 40

Unfortunately, in 1996 Armstrong was diagnosed with cancer. After the disease spread to three areas of his body the athlete's life was under serious threat. 41

He promptly started treatment and had to go through several painful operations. During his struggle, many people thought that he would never compete again. 42

Lance Armstrong is probably one of the most inspirational athletes in the world today. Not only did he succeed in overcoming a life-threatening disease, but he went on to become one of the best cyclists the world has ever known.

Miraculously, by 1997, Armstrong had made a full recovery. Having beaten the odds, he was determined to race professionally again. 43

He made his return to the world of cycling by participating in events around the US, and signed up with a professional team. In the years that followed, Lance Armstrong's achievements came one after the other. His most noted accomplishment was winning the Tour de France, which is probably the world's most celebrated bicycle race, every year from 1999 to 2005. He was the first cyclist in history to win the prestigious event seven consecutive times. Since then, Armstrong has won countless awards, and become a worldwide celebrity. 44

Through the Lance Armstrong Foundation, he has been helping and inspiring victims of the disease that had once threatened his life cope with the difficulties they have in their fight against the disease.

- A And that's exactly what he did.
- B His fame has helped him in his campaign to help others.
- C Yet disaster struck a year later.
- D He agreed with everything they had to say.
- E But it wasn't until his teens that he realised he wanted a career as a cyclist.
- F However, Armstrong never gave up hope, and he never stopped cycling.
- G Armstrong was heartbroken, but he was also determined to beat the crippling disease.

Mark: 12
6x2

Writing You recently went on holiday to a seaside hotel and were disappointed with your stay there. Using the information in the advertisement below and the notes you have made, write an email to the hotel manager to complain about the services offered (120 – 180 words). You may use the plan below to help you.

- reason for writing;
- state your complaints;
- state more complaints;
- other comments.

BUENA VISTA HOTEL
Your home away from home!

Just minutes away from our private white sandy beach, our four-star hotel offers luxurious and comfortable accommodation with a tropical touch.

great ocean views from' every room V 24-hour room service

four-star restaurant with world-class chef / Olympic size swimming pool

For more information and reservations please call us at (+1619) 555-3202 or visit our website: www.buenav.net

30-minutes walk

No one at reception after 11 pm

Closed for renovations

Full of litter

Mine had view of car park

Listening

H. You will hear an announcement about the Open Day at Brinpine College. For questions 45-50, complete the missing information.

Brinpine College Open Day

DATE: Sunday 5th October,
TIMES: 10 am to 45).....
TALKS: held every 46).....at 47).....Hall
INFO: students and staff answer questions on student life, 48).....and funding
CONTACT: College secretary from Monday to 49).....
 Telephone number: 50).....
 Email address: info@brinpine.co.uk

Mark: 6
6x1

Module 8

Name:.....

Date:.....

Group:.....

Mark:
100

(Time: 80 minutes)

Vocabulary

A. Choose the correct word for each pair to complete the exchanges.

e.g. **desk** **control**

- a) Do we get our boarding passes when we go through passport **control**!
b) No, they give them to us at the check-in **desk**.

1. **archaeological** **ancient**

- a) Why aren't visitors allowed on the site when there is an.....excavation?
b) Because important research is being done to discover what life was like in..... times.

2. **stream** **river**

- a) Have you ever been rafting on a.....?
b) Actually, where I come from there's just a little.....flowing through the park, so I've never had the chance!

3. **downpour** **drizzle**

- a) We'd better stay inside in case there is a.....; I've forgotten my umbrella.
b) Don't worry. I heard on the weather forecast that they're only expecting a light.....today.

4. **contribution** **legacy**

- a) Did you know that Richard Branson, the owner of Virgin Atlantic Airways, has received awards for his.....to air travel?
b) Oh, really? That's quite a.....to leave his children.

5. **familiar** **known**

- a) Do you know that man over there? He looks.....
b) Well, he is.....to be successful in the business world.

6. **fail** **miss**

- a) When you go to Rome again, don't.....the chance to visit the Colosseum.
b) You're right. I won't.....to do it this time!

Mark: 12
6x2

B. Fill in the correct word. There are three answers you do not need to use (forecast; utmost; storm; remote; unique; clap; bolt; consult; bridge; jet; rain; assume; depiction; become; gust).

7. The architect designed this building in an attempt to.....the gap between modern and traditional architecture.
8. Punctuality is of the.....importance in both the USA and the UK.
9. My uncle lives in a.....village which is a two-hour drive from the nearest town.
10. They have.....light showers for later in the afternoon.
11. If you need ideas for where to spend your holidays, you should.....a travel agent.
12. A strong.....of wind blew the hat off a woman's head.
13. The worst.....lag I have ever had was after a long flight from England to Australia.
14. Jason is determined to go surfing this weekend, come.....or shine.
15. The artist has been very accurate in his.....of early 18th-century life in the countryside.
16. The fire in the woods was caused when a.....of lightning struck a tree.

17. What will.....of the animals when they are released back into the wild?
 18. We should not.....that the children will want to come away with us; they have their own interests nowadays.

Mark: $\frac{24}{12 \times 2}$

Grammar

C. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first using the word given. Use two to five words.

19. Peter and his friends hate having football practice on Sundays.
so Peter hates having football practice on Sundays,.....his friends.
 20. After checking her work, Jessica handed it to her teacher.
had Not until.....Jessica hand her work to her teacher.
 21. She shows such friendliness that no-one has anything bad to say about her.
friendly So.....that everyone has something good to say about her.
 22. If it were me, I wouldn't leave so late tomorrow.
set Were I.....out earlier tomorrow.
 23. Both Jane and George missed their flights.
neither Jane didn't catch.....George.
 24. It's not very often that I see such a lot of people at this small airport.
do Rarelymany people at this small airport.

Mark: $\frac{6}{6 \times 2}$

D. Choose the correct item.

25. My luggage.....extremely heavy, so it wasn't allowed onto the aircraft.
 A was B were C are
 26. If you want to book a seat on Monday's flight, you'd better hurry; there are.....left.
 A any B hardly any C a lot
 27. My grandmother gave me.....useful advice before I left to travel the world.
 A some B the C a
 28. Jason can't go on holiday this summer because he's only managed to save.....money.
 A much B a few C a little
 29. James talked to two travel agents, but.....could find him a direct flight to Montreal.
 A either B none C neither
 30. During our trip to Paris, we spent a(n).....day visiting the Louvre Museum.
 A all B every C whole
 31. Paul has been to Madrid.....times, but he never grows tired of it.
 A several B a lot C plenty
 32. A.....of the people on the tour complained about the guide.
 A few B plenty C lots
 33. Ask.....and they'll tell you that the best time to visit Greece is during the summer.
 A no one B everyone C anyone

Mark: $\frac{9}{9 \times 1}$

Everyday English

E. Choose the correct response (Yes, of course. It's to the right of the departures lounge. I know. I missed my connection. Sure. Here you are. No, it's fine, sir. No, go ahead).

34. May I see your boarding card, please?
 35. Do you mind if I take the aisle seat, Bill?
 36. I thought you'd have arrived hours ago.
 37. Could you please tell me where gate 5 is?
 38. Is this suitcase too heavy to take on the plane?

Mark: $\frac{10}{5 \times 2}$

Reading

You are going to read a magazine article about eco-projects. For questions 39-44, choose from the projects A-D. Each project may be chosen more than once.

Monkey Sanctuary, Kruger Park, South Africa

The Kruger Rehabilitation Centre is home to approximately 500 monkeys. At the centre much of your time will be spent caring for ill, injured or orphaned monkeys. Depending upon your skills, you will be expected to do a little general repair work around the centre, but if you don't already possess such abilities, you can learn on the job. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of earlier volunteers we are able to build a number of new facilities. In your spare time you can take advantage of the great location and enjoy spotting the country's wild animals.

Sea Turtle Conservation, Sri Lanka

The Sea Turtle Conservation Project takes care of five different species of sea turtle. On this project most of your time will be spent clearing beaches in time for the turtles to come and lay their eggs there. Unfortunately, the island is still suffering from the damage caused in the 2004 tsunami, so there is plenty of repair work to be done. Yet, if you are looking for a small island with golden sandy beaches, mountains, jungle, welcoming people and you are not afraid of hard work then this is the place for you.

Which project:

39. ...involves providing an education?
40. ...is held at a place in need of major restoration?
41. ...asks participants to help repair existing amenities?
42. ...constructs accommodation for local residents?
43. ...involves looking after the breeding areas of animals?
44. ...teaches participants new skills?

Mark: 12
6x2

Community work with children, Kenya

This project in Mombassa, Kenya needs your support helping children in need. Mombassa is Kenya's second largest city and home to more than 300,000 orphaned street children. The project involves caring for the children. You will also have a teaching role where you will be expected to engage in learning activities and games as well as homework support. In return you will be given a small financial reward along with a basic apartment. On your days off you can enjoy the world-renowned beaches of this stunning coastal city.

Building Project, Costa Rica

Make a difference to the lives of families in the region by helping them build their own dwelling. There are approximately 150,000 people in Costa Rica who live in unsafe housing conditions. On this practical project you will be expected to help with everything from making bricks to painting walls. Once the project is complete you can take great satisfaction in knowing that you have helped to create a better future for a Costa Rican family.

Writing

G. A travel magazine is looking for articles on popular places close to the city which are ideal for a weekend break. Send in your article recommending such a place, explaining what makes it ideal for a weekend away (120 – 180 words). You may use the plan below to help you write your article.

- state name/location/reason for choosing particular place;
- describe the place;
- mention available facilities and particular activities that can be enjoyed there;
- make final comments/express feelings about the place.

Mark: 15
5x3

Listening Comprehension

H. Listen to the speakers and for questions 45-50 choose A, B or C.

45. Listen to a woman talking about taking holidays. What does she wish she could do?
- A Spend more time at her country house
 - B Travel to different European cities
 - C Visit more popular places
46. Listen to a man talking about a trip he went on recently. Which was his original destination?
- A Bangkok
 - B Beijing
 - C Melbourne
47. Listen to a woman talking about a holiday she took. What did she find most surprising about the place she visited?
- A its busy nightlife
 - B the friendliness of the locals
 - C the familiarity of the area
48. Listen to a teenager talking about family holidays. How does he feel?
- A He finds taking a holiday with his family enjoyable
 - B He thinks he is too old to go on holiday with his parents
 - C He does not find family holidays exciting any more.
49. Listen to a man talking about holidays abroad. What does he think?
- A It is necessary to get some information on local customs
 - B The preparations can be very exciting
 - C Your travel agent should be well-organised.
50. Listen to a woman talking about duty-free shops. What is her opinion?
- A It takes less time to shop there.
 - B They sell the best souvenirs and perfume.
 - C They sell fewer things than regular stores.

Mark: $\frac{6}{6 \times 1}$

EXIT TEST (Modules 1-8)

Name:.....

Date:.....

Group:.....

Mark: _____

100

(Time: 80 minutes)

Choose the correct item.

1. They caught the.....red-handed as he was carrying the stolen TV out of the house.
A vandal B mugger C burglar
2. What I enjoy most about this.....city is the fact that I meet people from all corners of the Earth.
A industrial B cosmopolitan C residential
3. He gave me.....good advice that it really helped me solve my problem
A so B such C such a
4. When.....by the coach that the match would be postponed?
A was it announced B did it announce C had it announced
5. Dylan.....out of his hotel yet; you can still call him there.
A didn't check B doesn't check C hasn't checked
6. You can't blame everything...your friends; you must take some of the responsibility, too.
A on B to C at
7. By the time it stopped raining, our basement.....
A would already flood B had already flooded C has already flooded
8. The company placed a big advert on the.....page of the local newspaper.
A front B first C top
9. They carried.....cheering for some time after their team scored the winning goal.
A out B through C on
10. All that food I ate.....to have filled me up, but I'm still hungry!
A ought B might C must
11. The traffic delays are.....the fact that the street lights aren't working.
A since B because C due to
12. A.....of beautiful butterflies was flying around in our garden.
A flock B herd C swarm
13. Alex can't repair his computer on his own, so he.....by a technician.
A will have it repaired B will have repaired it C will be repaired
14. Rarely.....her mind; she's very shy.
A Alison speaks B does Alison speak C doesn't Alison speak
15. The car is.....really bad condition; we'd better take it to a mechanic.
A of B at C in
16. An argument broke out in the queue at the check-in.....when someone tried to cut in.
A desk B lounge C control
17. If I had known your car had broken down, I.....you a lift to work.
A would have given B will be giving C will have given
18. I can certainly use a break. Cleaning the whole house by myself has certainly done me.....!
A up B off C in
19. Can you pay some attention, please? I feel like I'm.....to the wall!
A speaking B talking C saying
20. It wasn't fair of Jeff to talk to Helen like that; he really.....her feelings.
A harmed B hurt C damaged

21. What's come.....Olivia; she's not her usual polite self.
A across B down C over
22. I remember.....my mobile phone with me this morning, but now I can't seem to find it anywhere.
A taking B take C to take
23. Harry told us he.....to the opera before.
A has never gone B had never been C did never go
24. Ethan insisted.....complaining to the restaurant manager about the poor service.
A of B to C on
25. packaging can solve the problem of landfill waste, because it breaks down naturally.
A Concentrated B Biodegradable C Minimal
26. You.....have seen Will at the Metallica concert! He can't stand heavy metal music.
A mustn't B shouldn't C can't
27. His decision to sell the company was so sudden, it was like a.....out of the blue.
A bolt B clap C gust
28. is one of Logan's most extraordinary characteristics; he never stops trying to achieve whatever he sets his mind to.
A Perseverance B Inspiration C Perspiration
29. I'm surprised you.....Lucas to wash the car; he never does it when I tell him!
A had B got C made
30. Did you know that our next-door neighbor has been charged.....fraud?
A of B for C with
31. I didn't know mobile phones had video cameras!
I suppose you live and.....!
A know B teach C learn
32. Libby.....the tickets from the travel agent because they were delivered to her home.
A needn't have picked up B didn't need to pick up C shouldn't have picked up
33. Noah tried his tea with honey instead of sugar, but didn't like it very much.
A to take B to taking C taking
34. When Sean lost his parents during a tragic accident, he was placed with a(n).....family.
A foster B nuclear C extended
35. Why don't you talk to the school counsellor?
It'll help you to get things off your.....
A mind B head C chest
36. I don't have time to go.....the details of the plan now; I'll just give you a general idea.
A through B into C on
37. Sandra accused Sam.....his promise to her.
A he broke B of breaking C to have broken
38. Harrison is really dissatisfied.....his college course and is thinking of dropping out.
A of B about C with
39. Zoe.....her bike to school only after she'd done it for a couple of weeks.
A was used to riding B got used to riding C used to ride
40. The weather forecast says we'll have very.....winds this weekend, so I doubt we'll be able to go sailing.
A strong B furious C thick
41. Mark would never cheat.....an exam; he thinks it's too dishonest.
A in B to C of
42. I'm not five years old, you know. Stop talking to me!
A down B round C back

43. The doctor has advised Jim to rest and.....it easy for a few days.
A keep B take C do
44. Can you believe how.....Gabriel is? He's constantly showing off!
A aggressive B pessimistic C arrogant
45. Why do you keep throwing money down the.....? You should be saving up for your future.
A drain B chimney C sink
46. He is said.....his job after he'd had a huge fight with his boss.
A he quit B to quit C to have quit
47. Physics.....my favourite subject when I was at school.
A weren't B wasn't C wouldn't be
48. There's no point.....a car when you don't even have a driving licence!
A to buy B of buying C in buying
49. to return the item, you will receive a full refund.
A Had you decided B Should you decide C If you would decide
50. Martha has been complaining.....a nagging pain in her lower back.
A of B for C for
51. Evan has got trapped into a.....circle of borrowing money and then taking out loans to pay off his debts.
A derelict B troublesome C vicious
52. Some ancient societies.....various animals as gods.
A worshipped B consulted C preserved
53. Patrick wishes he.....more time to devote to his hobbies, but his work keeps him quite busy.
A would have B had C had had
54. The house may look run-down, but it should be perfectly fine once they do it.....a bit.
A in B over C up
55. Lydia left her house at 6:30 am.....she could avoid early morning traffic.
A in order B so that C so as
56. Jessica interviewed several people for the post, but.....of them made a good impression on her.
A no one B none C neither
57. Evelyn is really feeling.....the weather; she's probably caught that virus going around.
A below B down C under
58. After years of hard work, Andrew finally succeeded.....getting a promotion.
A in B to C at
59. This month's issue of the magazine has a specialon environmental organisations around the world.
A search B feature C text
60. I usually like going to an Indian restaurant for dinner, but tonight I'd prefer.....the new Thai restaurant.
A to try B trying C try
61. There's been a large.....of complaints regarding the local bus service.
A amount B deal C number
62. That's the park in.....they're planning to hold the town festival.
A where B that C which
63. Jason had a.....nose and couldn't breathe very easily.
A hacking B blocked C dry
64. With all that pressure Stephen is feeling, no wonder he's.....having a nervous breakdown.

- A on the point of B about to C due to
65. The batteries in the torch were running low, so it was giving out a very weak.....of light.
A signal B wave C beam
66. The culprit received a life sentence for all the crimes he had.....
A submitted B committed C permitted
67. Owen won't be joining us for dinner tonight; he's.....the flu.
A come up with B put up with C come down with
68. It's typical.....Tyler to lose his temper when someone disagrees with him!
A for B of C with
69. Peter couldn't find his reading glasses, so he asked me where.....
A they were B were they C are they
70. Don't believe a word he tells you! He's just trying to lead you up the garden.....
A track B passage C path
71. Eleanor felt that her consumer rights had been....., and decided to get legal advice on the matter.
A punished B tortured C violated
72. You went to Coburg High School? Well,..... !
A so went I B so did I C so I did
73. It's time Paul.....a house of his own. At 36, he's too old to be living with his parents.
A found B to find C finds
74. Don't you ever wonder what.....of your old high school friends?
A happened B became C developed
75. Their new house isn't bad, but it does need
A painting B to be painting C to paint
76. Would you like to wait for Harry? He should be here in.....ten minutes.
A shortly B roughly C hardly
77. I'm sure the situation isn't that bad; you're just getting things out of.....
A transaction B attention C proportion
78. For decades, scientists have been.....the skies in search of extraterrestrial life.
A sweeping B analysing C orbiting
79. Look where you're going! You.....into that hole in the ground!
A are to fall B are going to fall C are falling
80. Emily would like to study at a private college, but she can't afford the high tuition.....
A fees B values C prices

Writing

Comment on the following statement. Some people prefer to shop at large supermarkets. Other people like to purchase items from various shops and markets.

What are the benefits and drawbacks of each? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answers. Write 200-250 words. Use the following plan:

- write an introduction (state the topic);
- provide the advantages for both;
- discuss the disadvantages for both;
- draw a conclusion.

Key to Tests & Tapescripts

Entry Test

1.C	17. A	33.B	49.B	65.C
2.C	18. A	34.C	50.B	66.B
3.B	19. C	35.C	51.A	67.A
4.B	20. B	36.B	52.A	68.A
5.C	21. A	37.A	53.A	69.C
6.A	22. C	38.C	54.B	70.A
7.B	23. C	39.B	55.C	71.B
8.B	24. B	40.A	56.C	72.A
9.A	25. A	41.B	57.C	73.B
10.A	26. B	42.C	58.C	74.B
11.B	27. C	43.C	59.A	75.A
12.A	28. C	44.C	60.A	76.C
13.C	29. B	45.A	61.B	77.C
14.C	30. A	46.C	62.B	78.A
15.B	31. A	47.C	63.C	79.B
16. B	32. A	48.B	64.A	80.C

Writing

Bill,

Good to hear from you! Of course I'm happy to share whatever tips and advice I can about planning a gap year. Last year I spent two months in the Brazilian rainforest, working for an environmental organisation. It was a rewarding experience and I'd definitely recommend that you try something similar.

There are many helpful websites for finding cheap accommodation around the world. Also, I know of some programmes that locate jobs for gap year students. But it would help if you told me more. Where exactly in Africa is the project? What sort of work does it involve? Also, have you considered all of the difficulties involved in a project like this? It won't be all fun, you know.

Write back soon with some details of the project, and we can plan it together.

Yours,

Steven

Test1

A	1. takes	4. origin	7. relatives
	2. agrees	5. picked on	8. objects
	3. swarm	6. wasting	9. concept
B	10. envious of	13. household name	
	11. devoted	14. immediate	
	12. unheard of		
C	15. a) Do you know b) am thinking	16. a) haven't called b) is staying	17. a) have you been doing b) have just had
		18. a) has always wanted b) are you talking	19. a) is getting b) needs
D	20. will have started	21. will forgive	22. are going to crash
		23. bound to	24. will be driving
E	25. had been trying, finally saw	26. had already heard, called	27. was doing, was playing
		28. came, was looking/had come, had been looking	29. was, had been jogging

F. 30. hasn't got used to living	31. used to like	32. is used to getting up
	33. would always ask	
G. 34. C 35. E 36. D 37. A 38. B		
H. 39. C 40. D 41. B 42. A 43. D 44. C		

I. Suggested Answer Key

I first met Mrs Ackerman on my first day of school. I was a bit anxious, as I had just changed schools and didn't know any of my classmates. Little did I know then, that Mrs Ackerman would become my all-time favourite teacher.

Mrs Ackerman was middle-aged, but looked much younger because of her freckled face and rosy cheeks. She never wore make-up, and dressed in casual clothing. Amazingly, she looked more like a college student than a teacher!

Mrs Ackerman also had a wonderfully warm personality. She was supportive and always encouraged us to try and do our best. Her lessons were never boring, as her classes were always filled with interesting things to do. We would sing songs, write stories, have puppet shows and every Friday we had storytelling day.

I will always remember Mrs Ackerman, as she taught me the love of learning, something I will always be thankful for.

J. 45. six; 46. half past seven/7:30' 47. arguments; 48. dinnertime; 49. birthdays; 50. weddings

Test 2

A	1.	a) denies b) regrets	4. a) lonely b) alone
	2.	a) losing b) missing	5. a) on b) down
	3.	a) hurt b) harm	6. a) minimal b) concentrated
B	7.	fit in	13. strain
	8.	shrugged	14. essential
	9.	rummaged	15. cope
	10.	confidential	16. volunteered
	11.	put off	17. bewildered
	12.	sighed	18. obedient
C	19.	whose brother is a professional	
	20.	the church in which	
	21.	who is the owner	
	22.	(which/that) Jenny lent me	
	23.	which he paid	
	24.	where Pat met	
D	25.	to get	28. because 31. due to
	26.	with a view	29. in case 32. so that
	27.	so as	30. such 33. so
E	34.	It's not a big deal.	
	35.	All right, just this once.	

36.	Well, I could be better.
37.	Well, suit yourself!
38.	Sure, I suppose we could.

F. 39. F 40. T 41. F 42. DS 43. DS 44. T

G. Suggested Answer Key

Hi Greg,

Thanks for dropping me a line. It was great to hear from you after all this time!

As for me, I've been pretty busy lately. I'm studying for exams and working part-time delivering pizza. I've also taken up volleyball, so as you can guess, I'm exhausted. To tell you the truth, I can't wait for the summer break. I could really use the rest.

I've got a great idea! Why don't you visit me this summer? I have the whole summer off, so you can come anytime. I'd love to show you around my town. If you want, we can also spend a few days at my parents' summer house. I know how much you love sports and there are a lot of great things to do there. There's a horse riding club and we could also do some surfing. Best of all, the beach is just a ten-minute walk from the house!

Hope you can come. It'll be lots of fun! Write back soon, Cindy

H. 45. F 46. C 47. A 48. D 49. G 50. B

Test 3

A. 1. C 2. B 3. B 4. A 5. A 6. C 7. A 8. B 9. A

B. 10. realise	13. witnesses	16. culprits
11. pickpocket	14. back	17. confess
12. deal	15. muttering	18. so-called

C. 19. telling	23. to drive	27. vandalising
20. share	24. denying	28. spending
21. to take	25. to take on	
22. pay	26. be	

D. 29. to lock	31. solving
30. watching	32. to escape 33. to announce

E. 34. E	35. D	36. A	37. C 38. B
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F. 39. G	41. E	43. A
40. C	42. D	44. F

G. Suggested Answer Key

These days, many people believe that teenagers have more than enough time on their hands.

I strongly disagree with this view, as I believe that teens do not have enough time to relax and enjoy their youth.

Nowadays, there is so much pressure on young adults to succeed that they often take on more than they can handle. For example, many teens are expected to do well at school, participate in sports, as well as help with all the household chores. Moreover, many teenagers have a part-time job and

struggle to keep up with their studies, so they experience a great deal of stress trying to manage their time.

However, opponents of this view argue that teens have lots of free time and spend it watching television or playing video games. In particular, they claim that young people are just wasting all this free time they say they have.

All things considered, I believe that teenagers do not have as much free time as is generally believed. They are busy young adults, who could certainly do with a little extra time.

H. 45. C 46. B 47. C 48. C 49. B 50. A

Test 4

A. 1. stiff 2. painful 3. extinguish	4. fractured 5. hoarse 6. itchy	7. agonising 8. breathe 9. went on
B. 10. narrow 11. contagious 12. colour 13. supposedly 14. internal	15. irresistible 16. restored 17. miraculously 18. glimpsed 19. commemorate	

C. 20. The patient was told to take antibiotics by Doctor Smith. /The patient was told by Doctor Smith to take antibiotics.

- 21. A doctor's appointment should be made by Chris.
- 22. Annabel's temperature is being taken by a nurse.
- 23. Her allergy is caused by the neighbour's cat.
- 24. The victims have been carried to safety by the rescuers.
- 25. A medical clinic for cancer patients will be built.

- D. 26. thought to be able to
- 27. will make James go
- 28. is expected George will make
- 29. had her wrist bandaged by
- 30. to get Sarah to give
- 31. are believed to have been
- 32. had Emma leave at
- 33. had his mum apply ointment

E. 34. E 35. C 36. D 37. B 38. A

G. Suggested Answer Key

An Extreme Adventure

Last spring, my family and I were on holiday at our summer house near the coast. We were sailing in perfect weather, when out of the blue, we heard a loud noise.

We had hit a rock and our boat started to fill with water and began sinking. Terrified, my mother turned as white as a sheet, and my father shouted "Robbie, grab the lifejackets!" My brother hurried into the cabin below and brought them up. My father immediately made a distress call, but there was no reply; that was when we realised we were in serious danger.

Some minutes later, the water was up to our knees, and with no other boats around and a faulty radio, we had started to lose hope. Just then, we sighted another boat. What we didn't know then was that our distress signal had gone out, and the coastguard was on its way.

After the rescue, we were all relieved to be safe and sound and back on dry land. We all knew how lucky we were to be alive.

H. 45. fourteen/14 46. preventable 47. tripping 48. toys 49. well-lit 50. hallways

Mid-year test (Modules 1-4)

1. B	17. B	33. B	49. C	65. A
2. C	18. C	34. C	50. C	66. A
3. B	19. B	35. B	51. A	67. B
4. A	20. C	36. A	52. B	68. C
5. A	21. C	37. C	53. C	69. B
6. B	22. B	38. C	54. A	70. A
7. A	23. A	39. C	55. C	71. C
8. C	24. A	40. B	56. C	72. A
9. B	25. A	41. B	57. B	73. C
10. B	26. C	42. C	58. B	74. B
11. B	27. B	43. A	59. A	75. C
12. A	28. C	44. B	60. A	76. B
13. C	29. B	45. C	61. C	77. B
14. A	30. A	46. C	62. B	78. A
15. C	31. A	47. B	63. B	79. C
16. A	32. C	48. A	64. C	80. A

Writing

Today, with rising living expenses and the high cost of education, more and more students are choosing to study close to home and live with their families in order to save money. This is a practical choice, but are these students missing out on valuable life lessons by not leaving the safety of home?

In my view, living away from home is an important part of the university experience, perhaps just as important as actual studies. For instance, students who must adapt to an unfamiliar environment acquire useful social and domestic skills. In addition, the challenge of living alone can help young people to develop a more independent and responsible character by teaching them to rely on themselves.

On the other hand, it could be argued that students can gain these skills and qualities without leaving home. Furthermore, many families simply cannot afford the costs involved in supporting a child who studies away from home, and many students are unable to take on these expenses themselves.

All things considered, students who have the option of studying in another city or country, but who choose to remain with their families during their student years, are probably missing out on valuable character-forming experiences. Of course, not everyone has the resources to leave home at an early age. But if the opportunity presents itself, why pass up the chance to learn lessons from real life?

Test 5

A. 1. a) manor	4. a) hawker
b) cottage	b) beggar
2. a) industrial	5. a) sink
b) residential	b) drain
3. a) stable	6. a) filthy
b) shed	b) run-down
B. 7. descendants	12. conflict
8. ornamental	13. abandoned
9. exterior	14. posh
10. stray	15. vast
11. commuters	16. do without

C. 17. can't		22. might
18. shouldn't		23. should
19. can	24. didn't need to give	
20. ought to	25. could	
21. can't		
D. 26. mustn't	29. can't	32. didn't need to
27. shouldn't	30. must	33. needn't have
28. could	31. ought to	

E. 34. B 35. A 36. A 37. B 38. B

F. 39. C 40. C 41. D 42. A 43. D 44. D

G. Suggested Answer Key

Introduction

The aim of this report is to suggest ways of improving the services of Newtown Public Library, so that it can attract more young people to use it.

New activities

Firstly, the library needs to offer some new activities. For example, cinema nights or book discussion clubs could interest young people in going to the library.

New services

Youth today are becoming increasingly involved with technology and if the library were to offer Internet services, and a CD and DVD lending service to its members, it would certainly draw a large number of young people.

Additional book sections

The library needs to keep up with the reading needs of young people. Therefore, it would be a good idea to introduce a section which offers the latest fashion, computer and music magazines. Another suggestion would be to create a book section which would hold books by the writers young people find most popular.

Conclusion

All in all, the introduction of new activities, such as clubs and events, and new services, such as the Internet and new book sections, would make the library especially appealing to youths.

H. 45. B 46. B 47. C 48. B 49. A 50. C

Test 6

A. 1. B 2. A 3. C 4. B 5. B 6. A 7. A 8. C 9. A

B. 10. news bulletin

13. extraterrestrial life

11. live coverage

14. faint sounds

12. latest developments

15. into orbit

C. 16. Andrew said (that) he was watching a documentary on the SETI programme.

17. Helen said (that) she might get a job with the local TV station.

18. He told her (that) Peter wouldn't like the news at all.

19. She said to Betty (that) John thought his neighbour was an alien.

20. Sammy said (that) Peter had lent him a book about UFOs.

21. She told me (that) the scandal would be all over the press the following/next day.

- D.** 22. not to try to talk
 23. whether she was going out
 24. where she could find
 25. told Jason to keep him
 26. if he thought that
 27. he had been the previous

E. 28. Mark suggested that we should visit the Science Museum./Mark suggested visiting the Science Museum.

29. Emma warned Paul not to believe any gossip about Max.

30. My friend insisted (that) I inform the police about my problem./My friend insisted on me/ my informing the police about my problem.

31. Liam reminded John not to forget to buy that day's paper.

32. He complained that tabloid journalists kept calling his house.

33. She denied saying/having said anything to those reporters.

F. 34. Good for you!

Not at all.

Serves him right!

Oh, come on! That's ridiculous!

Well, don't believe everything you read!

G. 39. D 40. F 41. E 42. G 43. A 44. C

H. Suggested Answer Key

Today, more and more people decide to go abroad in order to attend college or university. However, this is a choice that offers both advantages and disadvantages.

One major advantage of studying abroad is the fact that students get to experience a whole new way of life. They come in contact with a culture different to their own, and have to get used to the customs and habits of their host country.

However, studying abroad does not come without its disadvantages. A major drawback is the fact that people who go to a foreign country to study may feel lonely. Being away from their friends and families, they are quite likely to miss the comfort and familiarity provided by those close to them.

All things considered, studying in a foreign country can certainly be the experience of a lifetime, provided the person who takes such a decision can get accustomed to being away from home and making new friends. I believe it is a valuable experience.

I. 45. E 46. G 47. F 48. B 49. A 50. C

Test 7

A.	1. beating	6. applying for
	2. triumph	7. graduating
	3. overcome	8. pinned
	4. dashed	9. dropping out
	5. outspoken	10. longed
B	11. taught	14. lessons 17. carry out
	12. hard	15. take 18. qualifications
	13. defeat	16. enrolled 19. meagre
C	20. had prepared	25. knew
	21. would do	26. wouldn't have won
	22. would have said	27. doesn't find
	23. try	28. had got
	24. had chosen	29. wouldn't have accepted

- D. 30. Had he asked for my help, I would have given it to him.
 31. Should they offer him a place at Bristol University, he will gladly accept it.
 32. Were she to find the time, she would become a community volunteer.
 33. Should she accept the offer, she will gain valuable work experience.

E. 34. E 35. C 36. D 37. B 38. A

F. 39. E 40. C 41. G 42. F 43. A 44. B

Suggested Answer Key

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the services offered by your hotel during my stay there from 15th to 23rd June, this year.

Unfortunately, there were a number of problems. First of all, in your advertisement you claim that the hotel is “just minutes” away from the beach. In fact, it took us and other hotel guests thirty minutes to walk to the beach. Not only that, but when we finally got there we were shocked to see that it was full of rubbish.

As for the room, though your advertisement stated that every room had a view of the ocean, ours overlooked the hotel’s busy and noisy car park. In addition, the four-star hotel restaurant that you advertised was closed for renovations. Moreover, when we tried room service, we found that no one would answer the phone at the reception desk after 11 pm, even though the hotel supposedly has twenty-four hour room service. All in all, I am extremely disappointed, and feel I am entitled to a partial refund of the money I paid you. I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,
 Christopher Johnson.

H.	45. 5pm/five in the afternoon	48. scholarships
	46. hour	49. Thursday
	47. Henry	50. 5522400

Test 8

A.	1. a) archaeological	4. a) contribution	
	b) ancient	b) legacy	
	2. a) river	5. a) familiar	
	b) stream	b) known	
	3. a) downpour	6. a) miss	
	b) drizzle	b) fail	
B.	7. bridge	11. consult	15. depiction
	8. utmost	12. gust	16. bolt
	9. remote	13. jet	17. become
	10. forecast	14. rain	18. assume
C.	19. and so do		
	20. she had checked it did		
	21. friendly is she	23. her flight,	
	22. you, I would set	24. do I see so	

D. 25. A 27. A 29. C 31. A 33. C
26. B 28. C 30. C 32. A

E. 34. C 35. E 36. B 37. A 38. D
F. 39. C 40. B 41. A 42. D 43. B 44. A

G. Suggested Answer Key

Beautiful Brighton

Whenever the hustle and bustle of London becomes too much to bear and a weekend break is necessary, Brighton is the place to be. Just 82 kilometres south of London, this seaside resort is ideal for a relaxing and entertaining weekend.

Located on the shores of the English Channel, Brighton can certainly boast about its stunning beach and six-kilometre promenade, which is a must for any visitor wishing to take a relaxing stroll by the sea and enjoy a unique sunset. The beauty of Brighton's colourful landscape never ceases to amaze visitors, all year round.

The town's centre is buzzing with activity. With its many small antique shops, as well as a huge variety of other shops, Brighton is certainly a shopper's paradise. For those who are more active, the beachfront is where they will enjoy all sorts of sports. As for entertainment, Brighton offers something for everyone. Whether it is an opera performance or a top nightclub that visitors are looking for, Brighton's exciting nightlife has it all.

Brighton is simply a fantastic place! Its combination of fun and relaxation offer an unforgettable experience that makes people visit the town again and again.

H. 45. B 46. C 47. B 48. A 49. A 50. C

Exit Test (Modules 1 – 8)

1. C	17.	A	33.	A	49.	B	65. C
2. B	18.	C	34.	A	50.	A	66. B
3. B	19.	B	35.	C	51.	C	67. C
4. A	20.	B	36.	B	52.	A	68. B
5. C	21.	C	37.	B	53.	B	69. A
6. A	22.	A	38.	C	54.	C	70. C
7. B	23.	B	39.	B	55.	B	71. C
8. A	24.	C	40.	A	56.	B	72. B
9. C	25.	B	41.	A	57.	C	73. A
10. A	26.	C	42.	A	58.	A	74. B
11. C	27.	A	43.	B	59.	B	75. A
12. C	28.	A	44.	C	60.	A	76. B
13. A	29.	B	45.	A	61.	C	77. C
14. B	30.	c	46..	C	62.	C	78. A
15. C	31.	c	47.	B	63.	B	79. B
16. A	32.	B	48.	C	64.	A	80. A

Writing

Nowadays, so many options are available to food shoppers that the consumer must make a difficult choice between shopping at large supermarkets or buying from a variety of smaller shops and markets. Clearly, both choices offer benefits and drawbacks.

Perhaps the greatest appeal of shopping at a supermarket is that so many items are to be found under one roof. This convenience saves time for shoppers with busy lives. Another advantage of supermarkets is their competitive prices. But smaller shops offer benefits as well. For example, goods sold by local greengrocers and butchers are often fresher and of a better quality than what is found in supermarkets. Also, by frequenting smaller shops, consumers support their local economy, giving business to independent merchants rather than to large corporations.

But there are also disadvantages to both. Supermarkets are impersonal and provide a hurried, unfriendly atmosphere. Also, it is often difficult for shoppers to find specialty items at a supermarket. And local shops, while offering a pleasant atmosphere, take up more of a shopper's time. For example, the shopping done in two hours at local shops can be done one hour at a supermarket.

Taking everything into consideration, it seems that consumers must choose depending on what they feel is most important. Those shoppers who value convenience and low prices will naturally prefer supermarkets. But those who wish to support local businesses, and who value familiarity and food quality, will probably remain loyal to a variety of smaller shops.

Tapescripts

Test 1 – Listening Comprehension

(young woman)

Growing up with two brothers and four sisters was a curse and a blessing at the same time.

A good thing was that there was always someone to talk to and play with. And having two older sisters also meant that I was never short of clothes and accessories I could borrow, which was great! However, there were practical disadvantages to living with so many people. One of them was sharing the bathroom. I remember that in the mornings when I had school, the only way to be ready to leave at eight thirty was to beat my siblings to the bathroom. And that meant getting up as early as half past seven! Another thing I remember is that our house was always very noisy. Funnily enough, we didn't really argue with each other, but when we all gathered together and started talking you needed to shout if you wanted to make yourself heard. Dinnertime for our parents was more about trying to keep us all quiet than enjoy a meal. We were at our loudest then! I do miss it, though. Now that we're all busy adults we only get to see each other on family occasions, like birthdays or weddings. But even now, we can still be as loud as we used to be when we were kids!

Test 2 – Listening Comprehension

Interviewer (male)

I asked some young people to share with me how they've helped a friend in need. Here's what they had to say.

Speaker 1 (teenage girl)

I don't like going to parties... it's not for me... but my friend Lucy does. Last week, Lucy got an invitation to a birthday party. The problem was that she couldn't go because her parents wouldn't let her go alone. Naturally, I offered to go with her. I mean, she's my best friend and I didn't want her to miss out on something she'd have really liked. I know she'd do the same for me!

Speaker 2 (teenage girl)

My best friend has many talents but maths is not one of them. When I saw him struggling to do his maths homework, I offered to help. I didn't give him the answers but I gave him some hints to help him solve the problems on his own. He felt so proud that he had managed to complete the assignment!

Speaker 3 (teenage boy)

It was the first day of school and one of the older students was picking on my friend because of his height. I'm very tall for my age, so I went up to the boy and looking down at him said: "Why don't you pick on someone your own size?" The bully said nothing and ran away!

Speaker 4 (teenage girl)

I knew my friend's parents were getting a divorce, but I didn't know how badly it was affecting her until I saw her crying after school. As we walked home together I told her that she could talk to me about anything and that I'd be there for her. With that, she wiped away her tears and started to smile.

Speaker 5 (teenage boy)

During a test, one of my friends tried to look at my paper since she hadn't studied. I continued with the test and hid my answers. After class I could see she was furious. I went up to her

and said that if she needed help studying for the next one, I'd be glad to lend her a hand. She apologised and thanked me for the offer.

Speaker 6 (teenage girl)

My friend Jody is concerned with helping the homeless. She feels it is an important cause. So I got several teenagers together and we went with her to volunteer at the local shelter. It was such a rewarding experience for all of us!

Test 3 – Listening Comprehension

Speaker 1 (middle-aged woman) I know the work they do for the homeless is fantastic, and they do raise a lot of money to help but, really, I would never buy anything from there. I'd like to, but I'm not keen on buying something second-hand when I can find what I want somewhere else brand-new. I'm not saying the shop should close down though!

Speaker 2 (middle-aged man)

I know that young people today are busier than my generation used to be. Their schoolwork is more demanding, and there's extra pressure to go to university or college. But this doesn't mean that they shouldn't help out their parents, though. I mean, if they organise their schedules better, they can find a couple of hours in the day to help out with the housework or even get a part-time job, so they can have their own money.

Speaker 3 (middle-aged woman) I'm sure some people find credit cards useful at times when they need to spend more money than they have. But everyone I know that has a credit card finds it difficult to pay it off. I think our lives would be easier if this plastic temptation didn't even exist!

Speaker 4 (teenage girl)

When the envelope containing my exam results arrived, I couldn't have been more anxious. I was sure I hadn't passed at least half of my exams and that I'd got terrible marks in the rest of them. What would I tell my parents? But when I opened the envelope, I was far from disappointed. I had received top marks for all my exams!

Speaker 5 (teenage boy)

The money I get from working in the cafe is really good. My parents couldn't afford to give me more pocket money, so they suggested I get a part-time job. At first I didn't want one. I thought it would be really tiring going to work after school, but now I wouldn't have it any other way.

Speaker 6 (young man)

The interview was going really well until he asked about my previous experience, and then I just didn't have anything to say. All my friends had told me to lie about it, but I told him honestly that I had never had a job before. In the end he told me he really appreciated my honesty and that I could start working for them as soon as I could! Can you believe it?

Test 4 – Listening Comprehension

In the UK alone, there are more people rushing to accident and emergency for fall-related injuries than any other cause, and most of these injuries take place in the home. In addition, adults over the age of sixty-five and children under fourteen are at a greater risk of injury. However, falls are quite often predictable and preventable. Falls in the home are commonly caused by slipping or tripping. Fortunately, there are steps we can take to make our home a safer place to live in. To start off, floors should always be kept clean and dry, and make sure never to leave toys lying around the house on the floor or on the stairs. This could very well be a recipe for disaster.

If you have to use a ladder, make sure that it is steady and stand at a safe level. It's also a good idea to keep things you use on a regular basis on low shelves, so that you don't have to get up on a chair to reach them. Use non-slip carpets on the stairs and non-slip mats in showers and on bathroom floors. Keep stairs protected with a handrail on each side of the staircase, and safety gates at the top. Staircases should also be well-lit during the night. It's a good idea to also put night

lights in bathrooms and in hallways. Last but not least, if you have a lamp or telephone wire that is sticking out of the wall, it's best to tuck it away behind a piece of furniture.

In a nutshell, it is important that we identify a potential danger in the home and take action before it's too late.

Test 5 – Listening Comprehension

Sam: Hi, Tom. You look upset. What's the matter?

Tom: Oh, hi, Sam, I went to the office at ten today, and I'm supposed to start at nine! And it's not the first time this has happened.

Sam: Did you have car trouble? I know you've been meaning to take it to the garage.

Tom: Even worse! I was stuck in traffic again. It took me an hour just to get through the city centre. I just can't put up with it any more!

Sam: Why don't you use Shared Wheels, then?

Tom: What's that? A new bus service?

Sam: Actually, it's a car sharing service. What happens is that you and other people travelling in the same direction every day go in one car. In this way, there are fewer cars in the street, which means less traffic.

Tom: It sounds interesting, but that would mean getting into a car with complete strangers every day! I'm not sure I like the idea of that!

Sam: Really? It wouldn't really bother me. I mean, I know I walk to work, but if I had to drive, I'd see Shared Wheels as an opportunity to meet new people!

Tom: Well, I'm still not totally convinced. But I will go online and see what else I can find out about the programme.

Sam: Good idea. They have a really informative website.

Check it out.

Tom: I will. Thanks, Sam.

Som: Don't mention it!

Test 6 – Listening Comprehension

Interviewer (male)

I spoke to some people to find out what they thought about all the celebrity coverage in the media.

Speaker 1 (female)

I, for one, believe that there is too much talk of celebrities in the news. I don't understand why the general public wants to know about the lives of stars. They are just people, like you and me... the only difference is that they have more money to go on holiday!

Speaker 2 (male)

There is so much celebrity coverage in the media, because that is what people want to hear... there is a high demand for it. If people didn't tune in to hear the latest gossip or read about what happened to one star or another, then there wouldn't be as much.

Speaker 3 (female)

I love reading about the stars but I think the press has gone too far. They should respect the privacy of celebrities. Getting involved in their personal lives is wrong. Tougher laws are needed to stop the gutter press from interfering in their lives.

Speaker 4 (male)

I can't get enough of celebrity coverage in the media. I'm a big movie fan, so I want to know all about the stars on the big screen. Everyone enjoys hearing a bit of gossip every so often, and I don't think that there is anything wrong with that. After all, it's the price celebrities have to pay for being famous.

Speaker 5 (female)

I agree there is too much celebrity coverage in the news but people can certainly choose what they want to watch. Personally, I simply change the channel if I'm not interested in the latest celebrity scandals.

Speaker 6 (female)

For some, tuning in to celebrity news is a way of escaping the pressures of everyday life.

Hearing about the famous helps people dream about a life of riches. I understand but... I'm not interested in hearing about celebrities, not one bit.

Test 7 – Listening Comprehension

Open Day at Brinpine College will be held on Sunday 5th October. The day will start at 10 in the morning and end at 5 in the afternoon. Throughout the day, visitors will have the chance to take a tour of the campus and attend hourly talks given by senior academic staff at Henry Hall. At Glendale Hall, visitors will be able to speak with Brinpine students and administrative staff and get information and advice on matters concerning college life, as well as student funding and scholarships. Those wishing to book a place at Brinpine College Open Day should contact the College secretary on all weekdays except Friday by phone at double five, double two, four hundred, or via email at info@brinpine.co.uk.

Test 8 – Listening Comprehension**Speaker 1 (woman)**

Spending the weekend at the country house was perfect when I was younger, but now I've grown rather tired of it. For me, an ideal weekend away involves going to popular nearby locations and taking in new scenery. Of course, it'd be great if I had the money to jet off to the cosmopolitan capitals of Europe every other week, but I suppose that won't be happening any time soon.

Speaker 2 (man)

Bangkok must be one of the best places I've ever visited. I had the chance to see the city during a three-day stopover on my way to Melbourne. I'd never expected it, but Thailand's capital turned out to be a tourist's paradise! So fascinated was I by the Asian culture, I've decided that my next destination will be Beijing, another great culture capital in Asia.

Speaker 3 (woman)

When I agreed to join my friends on a five-day trip to a remote island in the Mediterranean, I never expected to have such a great experience. Being an island of few inhabitants, it sounded like a terribly boring place. But the truth is that we found so many things to do there that we barely had a moment's rest! What truly amazed me, though, was the ease with which the locals struck up conversation with us, or offered to show us around the island. It was as if they'd known us for years!

Speaker 4 (teenage boy)

I'm happy to join my parents and my younger sister on family trips, but I'm also at an age where I need to spend some time off with my friends too. Mum and Dad think that going on holiday with them has become a boring routine for me, but nothing could be further from the truth. Perhaps, on our next trip, I could bring a couple of friends along. Then we'd all be happy!

Speaker 5 (man)

Everyone is excited at the idea of a foreign holiday, but not many of us are crazy about all the preparations. Yet a reliable travel agent and good organisational skills on your part will make holiday planning much easier for you. Of course, it's important to do a bit of reading on the traditions and habits of your chosen destination, so you don't find yourself experiencing a culture shock!

Speaker 6 (woman)

Whenever I travel by plane, I always make sure that I allow myself a little extra time to do some duty-free shopping at the airport. Although many of them have a limited range of goods compared to shops in the city, their low prices are certainly appealing. My brother says they're great for last-minute shopping, but for me duty-free shopping is just an opportunity to buy my favourite perfume and nice souvenirs at almost half price.

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