

Unit 9 Progress Test B

Grammar

1 Rewrite the sentences in the passive. Do not include the agent.

- 1 Companies use aluminium to make bicycles these days because it is lighter than other metals.
Aluminium _____ .
- 2 People collect coins from countries around the world, particularly if they are rare.
Coins _____ .
- 3 Criminals have stolen copper from many buildings in London because of its value.
Copper _____ .
- 4 A miner found gold in Australia in 1851.
Gold _____ .
- 5 People often give leather items as a third wedding anniversary present.
Leather items _____ .
- 6 People won't need paper to write on in the future.
Paper _____ .
- 7 In the past, people built their houses with local stone.
In the past, houses _____ .

Mark: ____ / 7

2 Write questions using the prompts. Use the present simple, past simple, present perfect or future passive.

- 1 **A** (how many / emails / send / every day) _____ ?
B More than 145 billion, and this number is growing every year.
- 2 **A** (why / the Great Wall of China / build) _____ ?
B To protect the border. It is the longest man-made structure in the world!
- 3 **A** (where / the next Olympic Games / hold) _____ ?
B Oh, I'm not sure!
- 4 **A** (who / penicillin / discover) _____ ?
B By Alexander Fleming, in 1928.
- 5 **A** (Beijing / ever / hit / by a tsunami) _____ ?
B Of course not! It's too far inland.

Mark: ____ / 5

3 Choose the correct answers.

The light bulb

What would we do without electric lights? In the 1800s, light bulbs ¹ ____ by different people, but none of them were good enough to sell until the right material to go inside the bulb ² ____ Thomas Edison. Since then, electric lights ³ ____ around the world by billions of people.

The original design ⁴ ____ much, although more energy-efficient light bulbs ⁵ ____ now in many parts of the world. However, in some countries, people can't afford to use electricity. This fact encouraged U.S. teenager Ann Makosinski to invent a new kind of light. This light ⁶ ____ by electricity. It uses body heat instead. But ⁷ ____ replaced by this new invention in the future? Probably not, but light ⁸ ____ and so this invention could definitely become popular in many parts of the world.

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| 1 a are developed | b developed | c were developed | d is develop |
| 2 a were discovered by | b was discovered | c was discovered by | d were discovered |
| 3 a have used | b have been used | c have be used | d have use |
| 4 a isn't changed | b won't change | c hasn't been changed | d hasn't be changed |
| 5 a will be bought | b is bought | c are bought | d were bought |
| 6 a isn't powered | b wasn't powered | c hasn't powered | d not powered |
| 7 a will be the light bulb | b will the light bulb be | c will the light bulb | d the light bulb |
| 8 a will be always needed | b always will be needed | c will be needed always | d will always be needed |

Mark: ____ / 8

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first letter of each word has been given.

- 1 Many boxes are made of c_____.
- 2 Builders use c_____ to build roads.
- 3 All credit cards are made of p_____.
- 4 We use g_____ to make things like windows because you can see through it.
- 5 S_____ was used to make many old-fashioned houses.
- 6 N_____ is a material which looks like silk, but is much cheaper.
- 7 W_____ is a natural material that is used to make furniture and doors.
- 8 R_____ comes from a tree and is used to make car tyres and shoes.

Mark: ____ / 8

5 Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I have to get up to switch the TV on and off because the **on/off button** / **remote control** doesn't work.
- 2 The **power lead** / **volume control** on my MP3 player doesn't work very well: the music isn't loud enough.
- 3 If your phone has run out of power, why don't you plug in the **USB port** / **charger**?
- 4 I'm glad that my laptop has a **case** / **strap** because it protects it when I'm travelling.
- 5 I bought this digital **radio** / **camera** yesterday, but I'm a bit disappointed with the quality of the photos.
- 6 I do a lot of travelling so I couldn't live without my **e-book reader** / **headphones** – I never run out of books these days.
- 7 I think I need a new **battery** / **screen** for my laptop because this one only lasts for an hour now.

Mark: ____ / 7

6 Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one extra word.

baldness deafness discovery invention movement reconstruction

- 1 Martin's father and grandfather haven't got much hair. He says that _____ has always been a problem for men in his family.
- 2 Maybe the robot was the best _____ of the 20th century.
- 3 Look, it's working. You can see the _____ of the cursor on the screen.
- 4 I think the first antibiotic was the greatest medical _____.
- 5 There's a _____ of a dinosaur in the museum.

Mark: ____ / 5

Use of English

7 Read the dialogue and find ten mistakes (an unnecessary word, a word missing or an incorrect word). Circle the mistakes and write the corrections.

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| Jo | Hi. I bought this smartphone from here but there's something problem with it. | 1 _____ |
| Assistant | I'm sorry to hear that. When did you bought it? | 2 _____ |
| Jo | Yesterday. From someone called Tony. | |
| Assistant | OK. And what's wrong of it? | 3 _____ |
| Jo | It keeps switching itself on and off. | |
| Assistant | I see. We can repair it if you like. | |
| Jo | Can I to exchange it, please? It's the second time this has happened. | 4 _____ |
| Assistant | I'm afraid we can't exchange that model of phone. | |
| Jo | Can I look to the manager please? | 5 _____ |
| Assistant | She's at lunch at the moment. Have you got the bill? | 6 _____ |
| Jo | Yes, I paid in cash. Here it is. | |
| Assistant | Thank you. We can give you a receipt or a credit note. But I'm afraid we can't give you another phone as the other models are more expensive. | 7 _____ |
| Jo | Well, I'm not being happy about that. I keep having problems with phones from this shop and it's really inconvenient to keep coming back. | 8 _____ |
| Assistant | I'm terribly sorry, but there's something more I can do. | 9 _____ |
| Jo | I'm going to write to manager services. This just isn't good enough. | 10 _____ |

Mark: ____ / 10

Listening

8 9 Listen to five speakers and choose the correct answers.

- 1 The teacher's main aim is to
 - a give students information about their exam.
 - b encourage the students to work harder.
 - c entertain the students with a story.
- 2 The girl's main aim is to
 - a apologise for not going to a party.
 - b enquire about a new restaurant in town.
 - c persuade her friend to celebrate her birthday.
- 3 The man's main aim is to
 - a inform people about how to use a gadget.
 - b encourage people to use a gadget less.
 - c apologise for using a gadget too much.
- 4 The woman's main aim is to
 - a comfort people who are missing their relatives.
 - b welcome people to their new homes.
 - c inform people about where they are living.
- 5 The boy's main aim is to
 - a warn his friend that he'll be late.
 - b ask about public transport.
 - c enquire about the traffic.

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Reading

9 Read the forum posts. Match texts A–D with questions 1–5. One text matches with two questions.

A Dale – Bread maker

I can't remember how many times our bread maker has been used since Mum got it at Christmas, but it's a lot. I was a bit worried because I read in a magazine that bread makers are one of those gadgets that people are often given as presents, but then they never use them. I don't know why that is because it looks really easy to use. You just put all the ingredients in, press a button, and a couple of hours later you have a fresh loaf of bread. It beeps once when it's ready! I love waking up to the smell of fresh bread each morning and Mum says she'll never buy a loaf of bread again, so I think it was a really successful present.

B Karen – Spider catcher

I'm a bit frightened of spiders. I don't mind the little ones, but I don't like the huge ones that are as big as your hand. I don't like killing them though, so when my friend bought me a spider catcher, I was delighted. It's a long stick with a kind of brush at the end that picks up the spider without hurting it. Then you can put the spider out the window. I don't know who it was invented by, but I think it's a great idea.

C Jack – Key alarm

People say I'm a bit forgetful and they're probably right. I often lose my keys, so when I was given a key alarm for my birthday, I was really pleased. It's a gadget that you attach to your keys. Then, if you don't know where they are, you can whistle or clap your hands and you'll hear the alarm. It's very loud, and it only stops when you find your keys and press a button. It does save a lot of time when I'm leaving the house. Before I had the alarm, it took me five to ten minutes to find my keys. These days all I have to do is whistle and I'm ready to go. The only bad thing about is that the batteries run out quite quickly, so I'm trying to be a bit more careful with my keys in case the alarm's not working.

D Elliot – Ice lolly maker

I was surprised when Mum bought me an ice lolly maker for my birthday. It seemed like a present for a young child. But then I used it and realised that it was great. You put the ice lolly maker in the freezer. Then, when you want to make a lolly, you just pour fruit juice into the maker. It freezes in about ten minutes, so you don't have to wait very long to eat the lolly. And you can be really creative. I've used different fruit juices and put nuts and yoghurt in, too. It's perfect for a hot day – really quick and healthy, and great fun however old you are!

Which gadget does the writer say ...

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| 1 makes a noise until you switch it off? | _____ |
| 2 has made a family member happy? | _____ |
| 3 allows people to use their imagination? | _____ |
| 4 helps people solve a problem in a gentle way? | _____ |
| 5 isn't usually a present people use very often? | _____ |

Mark: ____ / 5

Writing

10 Read the task below and write a formal letter.

Your local council has decided to cancel a bus service from a village to the town centre that is used by lots of elderly people. Write a letter of complaint about this decision, explaining why it is bad for people who live in the village and also people in the town centre.

Mark: ____ / 10

Total: ____ / 70