

END-OF-COURSE TEST

NAME

Grammar

1 Rewrite the sentence or part of the sentence in italics, keeping the same meaning but using the KEY word.

1 *'OK, I'll work with Annabel,' said Michael.* AGREED

2 *Personal computers were first developed* twenty years ago. WAS

3 *He's a really nice person;* you must meet him. SUCH

4 Many young professionals spend *a lot of money* on designer clothes. AMOUNT

5 *Women are much less interested in football than men.* NOTHING

6 *I usually have* a sandwich in the office at lunchtime. TEND

7 *They've converted the old prison* into luxury flats. HAS

8 *Her negative attitude irritates me.* WHAT

9 *I was just going to call him* when he rang me. ABOUT

10 *Of course there will be problems* at first. BOUND

11 *We very rarely go away* at the weekend in winter. HARDLY

12 I spent two hours looking for my cat and when I finally gave up and came indoors, *I found him on my bed!* THERE

13 *Alice doesn't live here any more.* LONGER

14 *I think these are* the wrong items. SEEM

15 The government is planning *to close three hospitals.* CLOSURE

16 *There is very little hope* of finding any survivors. VIRTUALLY

17 *Boys' and girls' education is exactly the same.* DIFFERENCE

18 *It's becoming more and more difficult* to find qualified staff. INCREASINGLY

19 I regret telling her about my idea. WISH

20 It is hardly surprising that so many people say they couldn't manage without their cars. WONDER

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2 Put the verb in brackets in the correct form to complete the sentences.

1 I _____ (know) him for many years before I found out he was a well-known writer.

2 Children's lives _____ (get) more and more pressured and stressful these days.

3 The doctor recommended _____ (Belinda / take) iron tablets as she was slightly anaemic.

4 I was a bit apprehensive about telling him but I _____ (need / not / worry); he took the news very calmly.

5 I _____ (hope) to go away this weekend but I've just got too much to do.

6 He promised _____ (help) me but he never turned up.

7 The power went off for a minute and now I seem _____ (lose) the whole document.

8 I'm sure he _____ (not mind) if you'd asked to bring a friend.

9 Parking charges _____ (introduce) in this area recently.

10 I should _____ (go) to the supermarket yesterday; now it's closed and I've got no food for the weekend.

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Vocabulary

1 Correct the errors in the idioms and common expressions in **bold**.

1 Using a mouse can be a bit tricky at first but you soon **get a hang on it**.

2 **Once in a pink moon** you get a problem, but basically the system is foolproof.

3 'No, she won't,' he said sadly, **shaking his face**.

4 My son's **got a crack on** Britney Spears at the moment – his bedroom walls are covered with pictures of her.

5 They live on a farm **in the centre of nowhere**.

6 It was a **frying hot** day so we took the kids to the swimming pool.

7 It was awful. I felt like **banging into tears**.

8 It would be nice to go somewhere a bit **off the broken track** for our next holiday.

9 I know the demonstrators were blocking the traffic but it was completely **on the top** to arrest them.

10 The other kids **put fun at** her old-fashioned clothes and funny accent.

11 I'm afraid I really can't help you; I've got a lot in my **dish** at the moment.

12 Many rock stars are still giving great performances in their 50s and 60s despite some people's criticism that they are **over the mountain**.

13 Come on, it's a joke. I was only **pulling your foot**.

14 I was feeling a bit fed-up and **at a loose part** so I decided to give Graham a ring.

15 Although the meeting wasn't till 12.00 I had to get up **at the crash of dawn** to get there in time.

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2 Complete the multi-word verbs or expressions in these sentences with the correct verb.

1 I've got loads of photos but I never _____ round to putting them in albums.

2 My brother-in-law's been working for a computer games company, but he's planning to _____ freelance in the autumn.

3 Her husband had been _____ affairs with other women all through their marriage.

4 I used to really like Madonna but I've _____ off her since her last album.

5 'Do you know if Christina's coming in today?' ' _____ a clue, sorry.'

6 Many young men _____ to crime to finance their expensive lifestyles.

7 ' _____ the right time?' 'Yes, it's just coming up to half past six.'

8 The manager _____ profusely for the poor service but I still don't think we'll be going back to that restaurant.

9 He tried to _____ out he was a computer expert but he knows less than I do!

10 Ministers are meeting today to try to _____ an agreement on agricultural subsidies.

11 When I get home from work, all I want to do is _____ out on the sofa in front of the TV.

12 It was so embarrassing. I _____ bright red and didn't know what to say.

13 The pharmaceutical company has admitted that it failed to _____ out sufficient research on the drug before putting it on the market.

14 My computer screen _____ getting blocked and I have to switch it off and on again.

15 It was a lovely hotel but we didn't really _____ advantage of all the facilities.

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3 Read the definitions and write the correct word.

- 1 If food is insipid and doesn't have much flavour, you can say it is b _____ .
- 2 If you go somewhere very quickly or hurry to do something, you r _____ .
- 3 Someone who is practical and sensible in their attitude can be described as d _____ -to-e _____ .
- 4 If an idea or plan has not been thought out properly, you can say it is h _____ -b _____ .
- 5 The sudden start of something unpleasant, like fighting or an epidemic, is an o _____ .
- 6 A person who has committed a crime is an o _____ .
- 7 Land or countryside that is level, with no hills or high ground, is f _____ .
- 8 If you raise your shoulders to indicate that you don't know or don't care about something, you s _____ .
- 9 Something, like a film or sense of humour, that is unorthodox and different from normal can be described as o _____ .
- 10 If someone tricks people into believing something that is not true, e.g. that they have planted a bomb, this is a h _____ .

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English in use

1 Expand the notes in *italics* to make appropriate questions or responses.

- 1 *lovely / day / ?* Yes, glorious!

- 2 *introduce / manager / Jo Maher / ?* Nice to meet you.

- 3 *what / living / ?* I work for a dating agency, actually.

- 4 *great party / ?* Yes, it was. I really enjoyed myself.

- 5 I didn't get that job I applied for. *pity*

- 6 *rather / film / football / ?* Let's watch the football and video the film for later.

- 7 The thing we need to decide now is *just / something / ?*

- 8 *ask / favour / ?* Yes, sure, what's the problem?

- 9 *lined up / summer / ?* Yeah, we're off to Cuba actually.

- 10 *up to / recently / ?* Oh, this and that, nothing special.

- 11 Of course the government should legalise cannabis! *really / think / ?*

- 12 *sure / check / notes / ?* No, but I feel certain we agreed on the 29th not the 28th.

13 *what / feel / film / ?* Well, I found the plot a bit unbelievable, to be honest.

14 *regrets / holiday / ?* Well, it would have been nice to have had more free time really.

15 Did you like the show? *not live / expectations*

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2 Complete the multi-word expressions in **bold** with one word.

- 1 I like your jacket; **it really** _____ **you**.
- 2 **According** _____ the weather forecast, it's supposed to be getting warmer.
- 3 I'd _____ **as soon** get a take-away and stay in tonight actually.
- 4 **Last but not** _____, the scheme would also be very cost-effective.
- 5 **My mind's gone** _____. What was I saying?
- 6 _____ **frankly**, I don't think that's going to work.
- 7 I'm _____ of going to England next month.
- 8 I _____ **your point**, but I do think it depends on the individual.
- 9 **If you could just** _____ **with me** a moment, I'll check it right now.
- 10 I was absolutely speechless; **I couldn't** _____ **my ears!**
- 11 **I see what you** _____, but I think the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.
- 12 I'm sure it's not the greatest film ever, but would you say **it's** _____ seeing?
- 13 I like your suggestion, but **on the** _____, I think we should stick with the original plan.
- 14 **Looking** _____, I'm glad we decided to take the tent. I really enjoyed the days we spent camping.
- 15 **By the** _____, talking of Sarah, did you know her husband's gone to the States?

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