

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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