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CLASS:	MARK: <u>80</u> (Time: 50 minutes)

Choose the correct answer A, B or C.

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| <p>1 Luckily, Jason was able to a full recovery after his accident.
A have B make C do</p> <p>2 Let's not argue about this anymore,?
A shall we B will we C do we</p> <p>3 Brandon is selfish person that he never cares about how anyone else feels.
A a so B such a C so a</p> <p>4 After the earthquake, most houses in the old village were left ruins.
A in B at C on</p> <p>5 Jane had to turn Bette's invitation to dinner, because she wasn't feeling very well.
A off B away C down</p> <p>6 Can you please stop at Ben? Why are you so angry with him?
A glancing B glaring C glimpsing</p> <p>7 I'd sooner the holidays somewhere by the sea, if you don't mind.
A spend B to spend C spending</p> <p>8 Jenny only eats dairy products which are in fat.
A low B short C small</p> <p>9 Patrick didn't tell that he was moving house.
A someone B no one C anyone</p> <p>10 On the last night of the festival, they amazing fireworks.
A burn B let off C go off</p> <p>11 It's not worth your old dishwasher; you can get a new one at a good price.
A you fix B to fix C fixing</p> | <p>12 The first sighting of the Loch Ness Monster goes back to the 6th century.
A recorded B ancient C mythical</p> <p>13 Apart the cold weather, our trip to Spain was quite enjoyable.
A of B for C from</p> <p>14 I ran a friend I hadn't seen for a long time yesterday.
A over B into C across</p> <p>15 It's always worthwhile to our support to a charity.
A give B lend C donate</p> <p>16 James will pick you up at 8:00, you decide to take your own car.
A if B when C unless</p> <p>17 Tracy told me she me her car for the weekend.
A has lend B lends C would lend</p> <p>18 Eating too much junk food and not exercising can lead health problems.
A to B at C in</p> <p>19 Alex says he'd like to Edinburgh rather than drive all the way up there.
A to fly B fly C flying</p> <p>20 Mary's skirt was too long, so a few centimetres.
A she had shortened it
B she had it shortened
C it had shortened</p> <p>21 Move your coffee away from your computer because you it on your keyboard.
A spill it B are spilling
C are going to spill</p> |
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- 22 I haven't heard her for two weeks, so I guess she's been very busy.
A about B from C of
- 23 It's in here. Can you open the window, please?
A too hot B hot enough
C enough hot
- 24 Dean has a nasty of leaving all the lights on when he leaves the house.
A custom B habit C tradition
- 25 What do you suggest about my nosy neighbour? She's really annoying!
A me to do B I do C me doing
- 26 Jane and George are very much in character; they're both friendly and sociable.
A similar B alike C same
- 27 Don't worry, by the time we set off on our hiking trip it raining.
A will have stopped B will stop
C will be stopping
- 28 This painting a scene from the artist's hometown.
A sketches B designs C portrays
- 29 When the little girl heard that the clown wouldn't be able to make it to her party, she burst tears.
A into B with C to
- 30 Can you keep the kitchen while I'm cooking? I'm preparing a surprise for you!
A off B out C out of
- 31 Lisa didn't know how to get to the museum, so she asked a local to tell her where
A was it B it was C is it
- 32 We can do you want for your birthday. It's your choice!
A whichever B whatever C however
- 33 Can you help me open an email, please? I don't know how to do it.
A account B subscription
C connection
- 34 After a short break, Jonathan continued his homework.
A to do B to doing C doing
- 35 Emma home this week, because she hasn't been feeling very well.
A is staying B stays
C will have stayed
- 36 You have seen Patrick at the concert. He's been in Milan for the past two weeks.
A can't B mustn't C may not
- 37 This is idea you've ever had, Joe!
A the worse B the worst C worst
- 38 If Julie to come with us, she'll have to be here at 8:00.
A will want B would want
C wants
- 39 Bill bumped into a door and his eye.
A broke B bruised C sprained
- 40 Why do you carry behaving like this when you know how much it annoys everyone?
A through B on C out
- 41 I think you should talk to someone who can help you your fear of heights.
A face B trigger C realise
- 42 Why the face? Is there something wrong?
A long B bright C tiny
- 43 The injured climbers to the hospital by helicopter.
A had taken B took C were taken
- 44 Walter has made very clear; he will not accept responsibility for the damage.
A itself B himself C his self
- 45 Your hair looks better now that you've cut it short.
A very B much C lot
- 46 The hotel where they chose to spend their honeymoon was perfect.
A extremely B absolutely C quite

- 47 The factory suffered major damage as a result of the fire that broke last night.
A into B up C out
- 48 Shouting is a common response to anger.
A emotional B artificial C figurative
- 49 While Ben up the ladder, he fell and hurt his back.
A had climbed B was climbing
C climbed
- 50 An octopus has eight
A tentacles B hooks C tails
- 51 She can't make what this note says, because the letters are too small.
A up B of C out
- 52 Of all the household chores, the furniture with a cloth is the one I mind the least.
A dusting B mopping C vacuuming
- 53 I this exercise; can you help me, please?
A 'm not understanding
B don't understand
C won't understand
- 54 Vicky hasn't sent out the invitations to her birthday party.
A already B yet C still
- 55 The teacher told us the classroom until the test ended.
A don't leave B to not leave
C not to leave
- 56 It was a nice day and many people were leisurely around the park.
A creeping B crawling C strolling
- 57 Matthew wishes he a room before he went to the island; now there's nowhere for him to stay.
A booked B had booked
C would book
- 58 The children saw their ball down the hillside and ran to catch it.
A rolling B paddling C thundering
- 59 When she realised that no one had been hurt in the accident, she a sigh of relief.
A heaved B yelled C shouted
- 60 Stewart enjoys reading the paper while his morning coffee.
A swallowing B chewing C sipping
- 61 This sauce was made tomatoes and fresh vegetables.
A by B with C of
- 62 Check the names of the people who have received an invitation the list, so we don't send them another one.
A out B off C out of
- 63 High-heeled shoes are not very if you intend to walk long distances.
A efficient B practical C skilful
- 64 Now that George has started weightlifting, his muscles are becoming
A stronger and stronger
B strong and stronger
C stronger and strongest
- 65 The actor performed a dangerous which nearly cost him his life.
A plot B effect C stunt
- 66 Don't add any more sugar my tea; it's quite sweet.
A for B in C to
- 67 I've bought an extra ticket you decide to come to the concert with us.
A so that B so as C in case
- 68 Jack can't to the Internet because there's something wrong with his modem.
A access B connect C download

- 69 David lost when he fell and his head hit the floor.
A consciousness B intelligence
C reasoning
- 70 Penny china dolls ever since she was a teenager.
A has been collecting
B was collecting
C had collected
- 71 Darren a sports car, but he sold it two years ago.
A would have B used to have
C had had
- 72 As I was going through some old books, I came the first fairy tale my parents had ever bought me.
A over B up with C across
- 73 Don't bother Mary, she has of her own!
A too problems B problems enough
C enough problems
- 74 Can we try another restaurant? This one is very
A spacious B crowded C wide
- 75 You need to the floor; someone's spilled some sugar on it.
A brush B sweep C wash
- 76 Halloween is a(n) celebration that takes place on October 31st.
A annual B year C year round
- 77 The artist wasn't very pleased the reviews of his work.
A of B for C with
- 78 Make sure you read the instructions before you the camera for the first time.
A will use B are using C use
- 79 If Chris had asked for my help when he was in trouble, I happy to help him.
A would have been B would be
C will be
- 80 My teacher advised me some extra maths lessons.
A that I take B to take C I took

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| <p>1 Using aerosol sprays is harmful the environment.
A in B about C to</p> <p>2 Can you please help me solve this I have to do for my maths homework?
A equation B reaction C process</p> <p>3 Jack an old friend of his tonight.
A meets B is meeting
C will have met</p> <p>4 The soup delicious! Is it a new recipe?
A tastes B is tasting C taste</p> <p>5 Jane can't imagine in a big city; she prefers the countryside.
A living B to live C she lives</p> <p>6 Make sure you switch off the lights before you the house.
A will leave B leave C are leaving</p> <p>7 The law says we drive a car if we do not have a licence.
A must not B could not
C had better not</p> <p>8 What Ian likes about working as a is the fact that he doesn't have to be in an office eight hours a day.
A clerk B freelancer C celebrity</p> <p>9 Let me Joe if he can give you a lift to the airport tomorrow.
A to ask B asking C ask</p> <p>10 It's true that Helen is, but she usually makes things worse when she tries to help!
A well-meaning B loyal
C trusting</p> | <p>11 You in the garden for the last three hours. Aren't you tired?
A are working B work
C have been working</p> <p>12 Look out for that tree! You into it!
A are going to crash B will crash
C are crashing</p> <p>13 With her very bright red hair, Tracy always in a crowd.
A sticks to B stands out C keeps up</p> <p>14 Optimists believe that it's not too late to the environmental damage our planet is suffering from.
A conserve B convert C reverse</p> <p>15 Helen is really enthusiastic travelling abroad this summer.
A about B with C for</p> <p>16 No wonder you can't start the car. It's run petrol!
A over B out of C away with</p> <p>17 The train to Brighton in two hours from platform six.
A leaves B is leaving C has left</p> <p>18 Clearing land to make farms is an example of human activity that destroys the natural of many animals, forcing them out of their homes.
A habitats B lifestyles C enclosures</p> <p>19 swim when you were four years old?
A Could you B Should you
C Were you able</p> |
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- 20 Jason's new job makes him than his old one.
A happy B more happy
C happier
- 21 How long in this town?
A do you live B are you living
C have you lived
- 22 I don't know Sue's phone number, but you can look it in the phone book.
A out B up C after
- 23 Why don't you stop picking your food and eat your dinner quickly?
A on B up C at
- 24 Alison doesn't want to try martial arts because she's afraid of herself.
A she hurts B hurting C to hurt
- 25 Chris has an amazing voice. I'm sure he a famous singer one day.
A 's becoming B 'll have become
C 'll become
- 26 I've made some tea. Would you like a cup?
A yet B just C since
- 27 At my school, we exams every two months.
A sit B attend C give
- 28 The who don't finish the race won't get any prizes.
A presenters B spectators C competitors
- 29 anything special for your birthday tomorrow?
A Are you doing B Have you done
C Do you do
- 30 It's better to use products that come in paper bags than those in plastic.
A wrapped B concealed C modified
- 31 I promise I the dishes right after dinner.
A will be doing B will have done
C will do
- 32 Nina always helps her mother with the household
A sprees B chores C ends
- 33 Norton is quite, so don't believe everything he says so easily.
A mean B aggressive C dishonest
- 34 This is the best film we
A 've ever seen B ever see
C 're ever seeing
- 35 When their parents came home, the children were sound
A sleeping B sleepy C asleep
- 36 William goes to a school, so he only goes home during the holidays.
A specialist B state C boarding
- 37 Jonathan is the best student in his class, and his parents are very proud him.
A of B for C about
- 38 Nelly compete in next week's race because she's broken her leg.
A mustn't B can't C might not
- 39 It is very important for the future of our planet that we all try to energy consumption.
A reduce B recycle C reuse
- 40 Jeremy can't wait his new job.
A starting B to start C to starting
- 41 Of all the people who applied for the job, Mr Myers was the one.
A skilled B more skilled
C most skilled
- 42 I Rick for a week. Is he out of town?
A 'm not seeing B don't see
C haven't seen
- 43 Carbon dioxide are responsible for the pollution of the environment.
A emissions B specimens C layers

- 44 Don't spend all of your salary; you need to save some money for a rainy
A weather B day C time
- 45 I want to take a new hobby. Any ideas?
A out B up C over
- 46 Celia was very about her new hairstyle and thought that everyone at school would laugh at her.
A sensitive B relaxed C cautious
- 47 Are you looking forward your old high school friends again?
A to meet B to meeting C meeting
- 48 In his free time, Chris enjoys the Net.
A surfing B chatting C hanging out
- 49 If the pain in your knee continues, I suggest a doctor.
A you see B to see C you to see
- 50 When it comes to ice cream flavours, vanilla and chocolate are favourites.
A extreme B all-time C respected
- 51 Dinosaurs became millions of years ago.
A rare B extinct C superfluous
- 52 Our parents are always there to help us deal our problems.
A in B for C with
- 53 They painting our house by the end of the week.
A will finish B will have finished C are finishing
- 54 Ben has decided to down on the amount of sugar he eats.
A break B turn C cut
- 55 There's no need for you to be so upset about this; it's only a in a teacup!
A rain B storm C cloud
- 56 The world's natural resources are running out which is why we need to them.
A display B eliminate C conserve
- 57 Lisa is trying to lose some weight because she feels she's a bit
A plump B plain C slender
- 58 You must Allan to your party! He's your best friend!
A to invite B inviting C invite
- 59 Tonya isn't interested sports at all; she finds them boring.
A at B in C about
- 60 This time tomorrow Anna her first piano lesson.
A will be having B will have had C has
- 61 When my grandfather was young, he work at his father's shop.
A must B had to C ought
- 62 Do you want to a film tonight? There's a comedy on at the local cinema.
A go on B catch C take
- 63 The only way to achieve what you want is to your ideas into action.
A raise B tuck C put
- 64 Today, have the option of buying environmentally friendly products.
A retailers B consumers C assistants
- 65 We usually like going away for the weekend, but this weekend we'd like home.
A staying B stay C to stay
- 66 My sister and I are the same size, so we often clothes with each other.
A swap B replace C adopt
- 67 Since we're all in the same, why don't we try to think of a solution together?
A plane B boat C ship
- 68 When will you give me back the money you me?
A owe B charge C earn

- 69 Emma to the shops, but you can wait for her if you want.
A has been B has shopped
C has gone
- 70 Tim snowboarding quite often in winter.
A does B goes C plays
- 71 Do we need milk? I and get some right now.
A 'll go B 'll be going
C going to go
- 72 WWF is an organisation that tries to protect species of animals.
A adopted B extinct C endangered
- 73 Tell Sam that he return my book tonight; I don't need it.
A ought not to B doesn't have to
C must not
- 74 Who is in charge organising the events for the music festival?
A for B with C of
- 75 John isn't really keen on computer games; he they're a waste of time.
A has thought B thinks
C is thinking
- 76 Robert is a very man who won't stop until he has achieved his goal.
A determined B brave
C adventurous
- 77 The children played a on their teacher, and she thought it was really funny.
A joke B fun C humour
- 78 Julie never goes to zoos because she hates seeing animals captivity.
A in B under C at
- 79 Sarah wanted to buy her mum a nice birthday present, so she some money from her friend.
A lent B paid C borrowed
- 80 Do you mind the window? It's a bit cold in here.
A to close B close C closing

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Choose the correct item.

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| <p>1 You're really late! I for you for over an hour!
A have waited B was waiting
C have been waiting</p> <p>2 Ian was at a man across the street, trying to remember where he knew him from.
A staring B inspecting C seeing</p> <p>3 Linda, is very keen on computers, is studying to be a graphic designer.
A who B that C which</p> <p>4 Harry is very to his friends and will never disappoint them.
A caring B patient C loyal</p> <p>5 The birth of their baby son brought many changes to James and Lilly's life.
A off B up C about</p> <p>6 When Helen got to the station, the train
A just left B had just left
C has just left</p> <p>7 Unless you me what's wrong, I can't help you.
A don't tell B tell C 'll tell</p> <p>8 Some tracks on this CD are extremely
A perfect B excellent C impressive</p> <p>9 You see a dentist about that toothache of yours.
A better B should C ought</p> <p>10 Emma's friend lives very close to her, so she always goes to her house foot.
A by B on C with</p> <p>11 Our teacher made the whole class back after school.
A to stay B stay C staying</p> | <p>12 She said she away the following weekend.
A was going to be B had been
C will be</p> <p>13 Environmental organisations work towards the of the natural environment.
A emission B conservation
C adoption</p> <p>14 These jeans are too big for you; you need to take them
A in B up C out</p> <p>15 How long about this?
A are you knowing B do you know
C have you known</p> <p>16 Melanie wishes she the offer they made her.
A would accept B accepts
C had accepted</p> <p>17 Marco wants to improve his listening skills in English, so he watches English films without
A subtitles B scripts C headings</p> <p>18 You can't use the printer; it's of order.
A away B out C down</p> <p>19 Someone's left the front door open; I it immediately.
A 'm closing B 'll close C 'll be closing</p> <p>20 Mildred's out some errands; do you want to wait for her?
A having B going on C running</p> <p>21 Stephen told his brother his laptop without asking him first.
A don't use B not to use C to not use</p> |
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- 22 The book I've been reading in the future.
A sets B has set C is set
- 23 Tom's starting at his new job is 30,000 euros a year.
A salary B debt C wage
- 24 Fruit and vegetables are rich vitamins and minerals.
A on B of C in
- 25 I'm afraid I don't have time to chat. I in a few minutes.
A am leaving B leave
C going to leave
- 26 Ian was jogging in the park when he someone calling for help.
A heard B was hearing
C had heard
- 27 It was such a pleasant surprise to run my old teacher at the theatre!
A over B into C away
- 28 Lucy to an Indian restaurant before, and she's really enjoying it.
A has never been B has never eaten
C has never gone
- 29 Sarah wants to in her school's singing competition.
A participate B attend C apply
- 30 Tonya was making a salad her sister was laying the table.
A until B while C after
- 31 The ground was covered fallen leaves.
A of B with C by
- 32 The stories we heard about our neighbours to be true.
A turned out B made up C went off
- 33 The giant panda is a(n) species that needs our protection.
A fatal B harmed C endangered
- 34 If I had known you were coming, I something for dinner.
A would have cooked B would cook
C had cooked
- 35 Judy needs to replace the lens in her camera, because it's
A charged B scratched C jammed
- 36 They heard someone screaming in the next room and in to see what was wrong.
A rushed B invaded C stalked
- 37 It's no use crying over spilt; there's nothing we can do now.
A water B tea C milk
- 38 Our hotel room had an amazing of the snowy mountains.
A scenery B view C setting
- 39 The law clearly states that all car drivers and passengers wear a seat belt.
A may B can C must
- 40 George's classmates often pick him because he's quite short.
A on B at C to
- 41 Alex will like his present?
A Do you think B Are you thinking
C Can you think
- 42 Tom Barney, father is a famous writer, is in the same class as me.
A which B who C whose
- 43 The parcel to you as we speak.
A is being delivered B is delivering
C has been delivering
- 44 Drinks that contain additives are not good for your health.
A fake B creative C artificial
- 45 Mark at a company for seven years before he started his own business.
A has been working B was working
C had been working

- 46 Peter feels very strongly protecting wildlife that is under threat.
A about B for C of
- 47 Matthew works hours than Patrick.
A longer B longest C more long
- 48 When Chris won the lottery, he decided to on a new car.
A splash out B catch up C hand out
- 49 I'd hate the one who gives Janet the bad news.
A to be B being C to being
- 50 You need a new pair of sports shoes; these ones are quite
A given up B worn out C cut in
- 51 Tracy buying products that come in too much plastic.
A refuses B avoids C rejects
- 52 Do you get well with your new neighbours?
A by B on C in
- 53 The artist made the sculpture out of recycled materials.
A securely B physically C entirely
- 54 Everyone was surprised to see Samuel turn at Lynn's party.
A down B up C in
- 55 Nathan the doctor's phone number on a piece of paper and put it in his pocket.
A wrapped B lined C scribbled
- 56 Amanda asked Nick where his camcorder from.
A he had bought B did he buy
C had he bought
- 57 Can you please go to my room and my glasses? I need to read something.
A carry B fetch C take
- 58 This time next week, we on a tropical beach.
A are lying B will be lying
C will lie
- 59 Jenny likes to with the latest trends in fashion.
A keep up B stick to C stand out
- 60 What makes Mary a great writer is the fact that she's very
A ambitious B imaginative
C outgoing
- 61 Mrs Abbot is the of all our teachers this year.
A most dedicated B dedicated
C more dedicated
- 62 Hugh is terrible telling jokes; he's not a funny person!
A at B in C of
- 63 Sam a living by selling antiques online.
A wins B gets C earns
- 64 How long did it take you to recover your operation?
A of B for C from
- 65 Why are you at me? Have I done something wrong?
A glaring B glimpsing C glancing
- 66 Michael wishes he more free time to take up a hobby.
A has B would have
C had
- 67 John's booked front seats for the opera.
A row B aisle C balcony
- 68 Sophie and Ron enjoy long walks in the afternoon.
A taking B they take C to take
- 69 Do you know who the MP3 player?
A discovered B invented C revealed
- 70 Frank goes to the gym three times week.
A the B - C a
- 71 It goes without that you'll pay for the damage you caused to my car.
A saying B telling C speaking

- 72 Hurry up! The match by the time we get to the football pitch.
A is starting B is going to start
C will have started
- 73 The organisers of the festival are hoping to enough money for the charity.
A raise B afford C borrow
- 74 Can you, please, look my plants while I'm away?
A after B out C up
- 75 Today is a public holiday, so Jane go to school.
A mustn't B may not
C doesn't have to
- 76 If Joshua doesn't come home soon, he the start of the film.
A would miss B misses C will miss
- 77 Mr Peters works in the forces as a naval officer.
A armed B emergency C skilled
- 78 Now that Samantha's lost all that weight, she's giving all her old clothes to her friends.
A away B up C out
- 79 Joanna is upset because her parents didn't let her on an excursion with her friends.
A to go B go C going
- 80 The performance at 9:30, so we have plenty of time to go somewhere for an early dinner before this.
A is starting B will start C starts

Key to Tests

ENTRY TEST

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

MID TEST (MODULES 1-4)

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

Key to Tests

EXIT TEST (Modules 1-8)

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

Tapescripts

Test 1A/1B - Listening

Speaker 1

Extreme sports have become very popular in the last few years and you often hear people talking about their experiences. They say it is the best thing in the world, a real adrenaline rush. But I'm afraid I can't judge as I have never tried them myself. I've only read about it. I'd probably enjoy it if I decided to take it up!

Speaker 2

I can't say I'm sporty at all. I think the last time I did any sport was about a month ago! And I only played golf with a friend of mine. I like team sports and sports that you can enjoy without having to do too much. I don't fancy doing extreme sports at all — it wouldn't be my kind of thing!

Speaker 3

Last weekend I went windsurfing with my best friend, Steven. I'm getting quite good at it now. I first took up the sport two years ago and have even taken part in competitions. But, for me it's all about being adventurous and you need to try your hand at something new in order to push yourself to the limits. Actually, it's high time I found something different.

Speaker 4

Have you heard about speed flying? It's the most exciting new winter sport where you can glide by ski and through the air. It was first born in France but is now becoming popular in the rest of Europe. Once you learn how to paraglide and have all the necessary equipment, you can start lessons. It feels great flying at 70 km per hour! Try it for yourself!

Speaker 5

If you ask me, young people today are doing far too many extreme sports like bungee jumping and rock climbing. They are far too risky. What surprises me is that they don't care if they get hurt — they just go back and do it again and again. I remember the day when young people were happy to ride a normal bicycle or just go for a walk! It's so different now!

Speaker 6

Maybe I should take up a new sport that's a little bit different, a little bit more adventurous, but I'm not convinced that I need to go extreme. I get a lot of enjoyment out of 'safer' sports like basketball and tennis. They might not be so exciting, but they really keep you fit. That's the most important thing for me.

Test 2A/2B - Listening

Simon: So, how was your weekend? Did you do anything interesting?

Sarah: Can you believe it — I went white-water rafting!

Simon: Wow! Tell me all about it! Who did you go with?

Sarah: I didn't go with anyone from school. It was organised through my local community centre.

Simon: How did you find out about it?

Sarah: I saw the poster and decided to enrol. The activity runs for three weekends. It's quite good value for money — only £90 and everything is provided.

Simon: So what was it like?

Sarah: It was brilliant. The people in my group are all very friendly, all different ages too. And our instructor was really helpful and made us all feel confident right from the start. First of all, we had a safety presentation and we were given our equipment — helmets, wetsuits, life jackets and so on. We were divided into smaller groups of between 6 and 8 people. There were five other people on my raft.

Simon: So what did you have to bring with you?

Sarah: The community centre prepared a list for us so we knew exactly what to bring. Quick-drying clothes, of course, and plenty of trainers; a swimsuit, shorts and T-shirts. And also sunglasses and suntan lotion.

Simon: Was the weather nice?

Sarah: Luckily, yes, it was. It was sunny and warm and I didn't feel cold at all.

Simon: Did you fall in a lot?

Sarah: A couple of times at the start. At first we were just learning how to ride the rapids. As everyone in my group was a beginner, it was quite tough at the start.

Simon: How long was the trip for?

Sarah: Six hours in total which sounds like a long time, but at the end of the day I wanted more!

Simon: Can anyone enrol for this activity?

Sarah: Well, you have to be in good condition. They don't accept people with heart problems for obvious reasons. At the start of the course I had to sign a form to say that I recognised the possible dangers involved.

Simon: Weren't you scared?

Sarah: Only a little bit! It was so exciting — sometimes I wasn't sure whether I was scared or really enjoying myself. I screamed so much! I really recommend it. Why don't you try it?

Simon: I'm quite busy at the moment with the band. Maybe another time ...

Test 3A/3B - Listening

Anna: Liz! Hi! So how did it go? What was the interview like?

Liz: Better than expected. I was so nervous before I went, though. I got up really early in order to give myself plenty of time to get ready. It took me ages to choose what to wear.

Anna: I know what you mean. I always like to select my clothes the night before so that I don't panic. So what did you choose in the end?

Liz: Well, as you know, 'Dylan & James' is a well-respected company and I wanted to make a good impression. So, I chose my beige trouser suit with a red blouse.

Anna: Not a skirt? Why did you decide on a red blouse?

Liz: I looked smart, Anna — believe me! I chose red because I wanted to stand out. I wanted them to remember me.

Anna: Good plan. So, what happened at the interview?

Liz: When I arrived the secretary asked me if I wanted anything to drink, so I had a coffee. And can you believe it? I spilt some on my nice beige trousers.

Anna: Oh no! So what did you do?

Liz: I had no option. I took off my jacket and placed it on my lap, so they couldn't see.

Anna: And when you got up?

Liz: When I was invited into the interview room I got up and carried my jacket in front of me. I walked casually, as if nothing was wrong, shook the director's hand and gave a big smile.

Anna: Did you manage to relax after that?

Liz: Yes. I thought the worst had already happened, so I thought I had nothing to lose. I answered the questions as fully and truthfully as I could and asked a few myself.

Anna: What kind of questions were you asked?

Liz: Nothing too surprising. They wanted me to talk through my work experience and say why I wanted to go into finance. I told them about the book-keeping course we're doing at college.

Anna: So, did you get the job?

Liz: I have to wait another week to find out their decision. They are still interviewing people. But, there are two posts available, so I might be lucky!

Anna: Yes, I'll keep my fingers crossed for you!

Liz: Thanks. I'll let you know what happens.

Test 4A/4B - Listening

My eighteenth birthday was coming up and I was about to leave school. Before going to college I thought it would be a good idea to get some work experience. I was keen to participate in an environmental project of some kind, so I decided to become a volunteer. My family asked me what kind of voluntary work I wanted to do and, after doing some research on the Internet, I came up with the idea of working on a conservation project to help save an endangered species — sea turtles!

The project was organised by a British company but the work took place in far-away Costa Rica! At first I was anxious about the trip even though I was travelling with a friend, but everything went smoothly. I arrived at the Manzanillo Wildlife Park where I was to spend a whole month of my summer vacation. The experience of a lifetime had begun ...

My main objective was to look after the nests of the Leatherback Sea Turtle. This involved night patrols to protect the eggs. The nesting season is quite long — from March through to mid-August each year, so the project had a large number of volunteers — students, travellers and professionals. We worked in shifts — from 8 pm to midnight and from midnight to 4 am. Sometimes I had to work in the daytime too, for example, when there was a beach clean-up or a special project. At first I had a very romantic image of what the work would be like, but the reality is very different. At night we would walk anything between 5-10 kilometres in the dark on soft, wet sand. It was also quite hard on my eyes as we weren't allowed to use artificial lights. Of course, the work continued whether it was raining or not! The climate there is very hot and humid and there were lots of mosquitoes and sand flies. But I soon got used to the conditions and concentrated on the job rather than my own comfort.

Once we found a turtle during night patrol we set about taking measurements, collecting the eggs and tagging the turtle. The eggs are then either relocated on the beach (to a safer place) or taken to the hatchery. After about 60 days the eggs hatch. After that it is our job to make sure the newborn turtles reach the sea safely.

During my time in Costa Rica I stayed with a family. This really is the best way to learn about the local culture and everyday life there. And, most importantly,

the money I paid to stay with them helps to support the local community. Some others stayed in tents but they had to cook their own meals or pay to eat at the restaurant. Some people complained about the facilities because they were very basic. The project is in an isolated location but at least the village has electricity, clean drinking water, washing and toilet facilities. When I was there, they opened a new internet café, so I was really happy to be able to contact my family and friends back home.

I really had a wonderful experience and I truly recommend it. But you must be willing to work hard in quite difficult conditions. Just think — thanks to the conservation work being done, the Leatherback Sea Turtle may not be extinct within 20 years, as previously feared.

Test 5A/5B - Listening

Speaker 1

Can you believe it — it rained every day we were there! I wasn't expecting the weather to be brilliant, but I thought it would be a bit warmer because we went in July! I took all the wrong clothes and managed to catch a cold. I had to spend a couple of days in bed and missed out on a lot of the sightseeing.

Speaker 2

My family and I had such a lovely holiday last Christmas. We decided to go skiing in Scotland. When we arrived, the sun was out and it was really warm. As a result, there was absolutely no snow whatsoever. But overnight the snow came — lots of it — and we had perfect conditions for the rest of the week! We had a happy Christmas too, with lots of good food!

Speaker 3

Portugal is well worth a visit, but you should avoid going at Easter. It is such a popular destination at that time of year you have to book somewhere to stay before you go. My friend Diana and I made the mistake of buying flights only to Lisbon and so we spent a lot of our time on the phone trying to find guest houses with rooms available. It would have been better to go on an all-inclusive city break.

Speaker 4

I was feeling a little anxious because I was travelling on my own and was arriving in Paris late at night. Fortunately, the friend I was staying with gave me detailed notes on how to get to her house. But I got on the underground to find out that some of the stations were closed. I ended up getting a taxi instead.

Speaker 5

When I went on a package holiday to Spain last year, I stayed in a hotel by the sea. It was a beautiful location, right on the beach, and, when I arrived, I thought I was going to have the perfect holiday. Well — almost. I was so disappointed with the quality of the meals. Next time I will only pay for bed and breakfast, not full-board. It's better to eat out in restaurants.

Speaker 6

If you ever go on a city break, take my advice — go for more than two days! It is so exhausting if you want to see everything. When I was in Istanbul a few years ago I took a lot of photos of the main attractions, so I had a lot of impressions to share with my friends when I came back, but the two days I was there were really hectic and hardly pleasurable.

Test 6A/6B - Listening

Jackie: Julia, can you believe we've been at university for three months already?!

Julia: Yes, and managed to survive on our own. I mean, cooking for ourselves and all that. At first it was difficult, but I've got used to it now.

Jackie: Me too, but I still miss home-cooked food. My mother's steak pie, for example.

Julia: I know what you mean. Your mum's a great cook, Jackie.

Jackie: I certainly haven't cooked many decent meals here. Well, we don't have the facilities to cook big meals. I don't like sharing a kitchen with five other people! And, they never keep it clean!

Julia: I know. Makes you want to go out to eat all the time.

Jackie: The refectory offers a healthy range of food but the menu is fairly limited.

Julia: And it's not like we can afford to go to expensive restaurants all the time, either! Actually, I have been feeling a little bit down recently. Maybe I'm not getting enough vitamins.

Jackie: Maybe you should change your eating habits a little. Fewer unhealthy snacks when you're studying? Try munching on carrot sticks instead!

Julia: You're right. I am starting to put on weight. I should try to exercise a bit more too.

Jackie: You know it doesn't cost anything to go to the university pool. I try to go there twice a week.

Julia: But swimming's not my kind of thing. I much prefer running.

Jackie: Now that the weather is getting better, you should go running in the park.

Julia: Want to come with me?

Jackie: If it makes you feel better, alright. Let's go tomorrow morning.

Julia: At what time?

Jackie: Six thirty, and then we will have plenty of time to get ready for the day and have breakfast.

Julia: Breakfast's the best meal of the day! Lots of lovely bacon and eggs, sausages, tomatoes and mushrooms!

Jackie: If you want to cook it, I'll join you!

Julia: Or maybe we should just have what we normally have – cereal and toast!

Jackie: That way we won't have so many dishes to wash up afterwards!

Julia: Ok. Let's go for the healthy option. We can always have a traditional fried breakfast when we go home at Christmas!

Jackie: Something to look forward to ...

Test 7A/7B - Listening

I have been working as a professional songwriter from the age of 16. There was nothing else I wanted to do – I didn't consider any other career as it just felt right to do what I do best. I also did a lot of singing in my teens and took private lessons to improve my technique. But I always preferred making music, rather than performing it. I know it is a competitive type of job and that I am lucky I am successful.

Things weren't always easy, though. I had to work hard to get to where I am today. I started doing small gigs for £30 a night with a free meal thrown in. I sang in various eating places wherever I could. I didn't want to do that for the rest of my life, so I started putting all my energy into writing songs. Once I had written some material, I then made some demo recordings and sent them off to record companies. Months passed and, when I hadn't heard anything, I started to lose hope and then I got a call offering me a contract. I couldn't believe it! Overnight I was rich! They even bought me my own recording studio. I went a little crazy with the money. I didn't save very much of it. I moved into a nice new house and bought lots of furniture. And then the problems started ...

I was so young but I had clear ideas about what kind of music I wanted to make. I wanted to do everything myself and so I ended up working far too hard. After

eight months of working 16-hour days I lost all my energy and couldn't write anything. It was strange – I felt that I had lost my enthusiasm and my creativity. I had just finished my second album and was working on my third. I was so tired because of all the gigs I was giving to promote the second album. I travelled all over the country. It is really hard to be on the road all the time – not a glamorous life at all! I wanted to keep going for the sake of my fans but I had to take a break. My sister lives abroad, in Spain and she invited me over there for a while. It was just what I needed – a chance to relax and get my energy back, let go of all the stress that had been building up. I had time to forget about work and think about myself. I realised that work isn't everything. You need to have time to do other things, you need a balance. Yes, I still wanted to have a successful career but I also wanted to have time to enjoy myself – go out with friends, for example. Luckily, my best friends were still there for me and wanted to give me support. They realised that I was still the same person, that fame couldn't change who I was inside.

When I got back from my trip to Spain, I took up yoga. I felt much stronger as a result. I worked hard too, but I made sure I had enough free time. I stopped giving gigs and concentrated on my third album. It is nearly finished now. When it comes out, I think I'll take a longer holiday. I fancy going to India. They do yoga holidays there, you know. I also want to travel more in the future – there's so much to do and see!

My advice to anyone wanting to go into the music business is this: follow your heart and everything will be OK. Work hard, but don't let your health suffer. Take good care of yourself – surround yourself with family and friends! I hope you will be as lucky as me!

Test 8A/8B - Listening

Speaker 1

My job is quite creative. I like doing it because I design web pages for our company. I get to plan the layout and think of ways to make the information attractive visually. But, most importantly, I have to plan the content of the pages, making them as informative as possible. It takes hours sitting in front of the computer. Sometimes I take work home with me.

Speaker 2

The digital camera I bought last week is really cool! The quality of the pictures is excellent and it is so easy to use. I download my photos onto the computer and can print them immediately. I have taken over a hundred photos already, mostly of my family. It's well worth the money.

Speaker 3

It is quite hard running your own business. I do most of the work myself and so I work long hours. My dad helps out sometimes, for example, if we have a lot of televisions to fix or if we get a lot of washing machines in. People are usually in a hurry to get everything done. I don't think they realise just how much work is involved!

Speaker 4

I remember when cassette players first came out. It was much easier to play cassettes than use old record players. The quality of the music was so much better too. But nowadays we have so many different ways to listen to music – we have CDs, mini discs, MP3s and then there are iPods or whatever you call them – I get so confused! What will they think of next? I can't keep up!

Speaker 5

I need to get a new mobile phone but I'm not sure which one to buy. They all have different features – some have cameras and/or video cameras; others have voice recording. The prices vary so much. As I lost my old one, I'll probably get the cheapest one. As long as it can make calls, I'm not too bothered!

Speaker 6

Just when I was trying to finish writing my essay, my laptop crashed. Luckily, I had saved my work on my memory stick and so I was able to finish my work on another computer. But, I wasn't so lucky with the repairs. As I had already had my laptop for six years, the guarantee had run out. I took it in to get it fixed but they told me it would cost the same money to get a new one. I am saving up now so that I will be able to get one at the end of the year.

Входная контрольная работа 11 класс

NAME:	DATE:
CLASS:	MARK: <u>100</u>
(Time: 80 minutes)	

Choose the correct item.

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| <p>1 I'll these songs onto a CD and give you a copy.
A keep B edit C burn</p> <p>2 Stephen talk to his teacher if he's having problems with the assignment.
A has B ought C should</p> <p>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</p> <p>4 Sophia never the car for short distances; she prefers walking.
A catches B takes C travels</p> <p>5 It doesn't matter if you lose the game; just do you can.
A the better B best C the best</p> <p>6 Lydia is thinking of trying a new sport, so she might take tennis.
A up B in C over</p> <p>7 Oliver wishes he his house earlier; then he wouldn't be stuck in traffic now.
A left B had left C would leave</p> <p>8 This meal by a professional chef.
A prepared B was prepared
C had prepared</p> <p>9 Feel free to use my dictionary to look any words you don't know.
A up B out C in</p> <p>10 What did John to you that you're so upset?
A say B ask C tell</p> | <p>11 By the time they got to the theatre, the play
A would already start
B had already started
C had already been starting</p> <p>12 Andrew spends most of his free time the Net.
A surfing B hanging out
C chatting</p> <p>13 Jill is very proud her son because he got top marks in all his exams.
A with B about C of</p> <p>14 Harry is a very easy-going person and gets well with everyone in his class.
A by B around C on</p> <p>15 Nathan asked Ian if his car for a few hours.
A could he borrow
B he could borrow
C he can borrow</p> <p>16 Evelyn is the shortest student in her class, so her classmates are always picking her.
A at B on C in</p> <p>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</p> <p>18 I'm sorry I took your bag; I mistook it mine.
A for B over C with</p> <p>19 If I you, I would book a table before going to the new Thai restaurant.
A had been B would be C were</p> |
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- 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
practise 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
the phone, talking to his mother.
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 apologised B had apologised
C would apologise
- 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 Trudy 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

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.

MID-YEAR TEST (Modules 1-4)

NAME:

DATE:

CLASS:

MARK: 100

(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 behaviour 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 I
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 a(n) 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
72. Who is responsible organising the school's music festival?
A for B about C of
73. I feel a bit ; do you mind if I sit down for a while?
A hoarse B sore C dizzy
74. You won't find Adam in his office this week. He from home, so you can call him there.
A will work B is working
C works
75. I know you haven't received the email yet, but don't worry, it tonight.
A will send B will have it sent
C will be sent
76. I hadn't kept the receipt, I couldn't return the broken MP3 player.
A Due to B Since C Because of
77. Chloe was jogging in the park, but she stopped some rest for a few minutes.
A taking B to take C take
78. Whenever Laura doesn't know the answer to a question, she just her shoulders and says nothing.
A shrugs B shakes C stamps
79. When Sarah's sister is born, Sarah won't be a(n) child any more!
A single B foster C only
80. You can tell by his surname that Mr Hoffmann is of German
A origin B tradition C generation

EXIT TEST (Modules 1—8)

NAME: DATE:

CLASS: 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 neighbour 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 special on 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:

Para 1
(Introduction)

- write an introduction (state the topic)

Para 2–4

- provide the advantages for both
- discuss the disadvantages for both

Para 5
(Conclusion)

- draw a conclusion

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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

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 A	69 B
6 B	22 B	38 C	54 C	70 A
7 A	23 A	39 C	55 C	71 C
8 C	24 A	40 B	56 B	72 A
9 B	25 A	41 B	57 C	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?

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

(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

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

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 café 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

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

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.

Sam: Don't mention it!

Test 6 – Listening

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

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

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.