

First Masterclass: Progress Test 1 Units 1–4

Name: _____

A For questions 1–10, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Child athletes

Child sporting prodigies risk serious (0) *psychological* and physical damage, an (1) _____ group of American doctors has warned. The American Academy of Paediatrics has found that children who (2) _____ in one sport before puberty can suffer (3) _____ burnout, as well as damage to joints and bones, and heart problems. Furthermore, (4) _____ is the time when healthy eating habits should be established, but children doing sports like (5) _____, where being slim is important, may not receive proper nutrition. Accordingly, the Academy suggests (6) _____ parents think twice before forcing young children into intensive (7) _____ regimes. Another factor is that child athletes who are (8) _____ early in life often have short careers, while those who focus on one sport only after puberty are more (9) _____ performers in the long term and suffer from fewer (10) _____.

**PSYCHOLOGY
INFLUENCE**

**SPECIAL
EMOTION
CHILD**

GYMNAST

**AMBITION
TRAIN
SUCCESS**

**RELY
INJURE**

_____ / 10 marks

B For questions 1–15, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Women and gambling

It's hard to know exactly how many female compulsive gamblers there are. Unlike men, women are quick to realize that they gamble mainly for emotional, (0) *rather* than financial, reasons. This makes them ashamed and thus less likely (1) _____ look for professional help.

Amy Turner's story is illustrative of the way in which many women become gambling addicts. In December 1995 Amy won £2,000 in a lottery, (2) _____ meant she and her husband were (3) _____ to have a wonderful Christmas. Unfortunately, soon (4) _____ the birth of their daughter, Amy and her husband broke (5) _____. Depressed and lonely, Amy (6) _____ gamble as a way (7) _____ filling the emotional void left by her failed marriage. From spending a few pounds a week (8) _____ lottery tickets and scratch cards, Amy became (9) _____ to gambling £250 a month and was struggling to pay the bills. She always (10) _____ to fill the fridge before she gambled but (11) _____ only rarely be able to afford treats for her daughter. By April 2001 she was nearly £2,000 (12) _____ debt and was

evicted from her flat. Not long after, Amy was arrested (13) _____ stealing money from a friend in order to buy scratch cards. She decided it was time to give (14) _____ gambling forever and joined the support group Gamblers Anonymous. Since then, Amy has (15) _____ to control her gambling habit, but like all addicts, she knows that the desire to gamble will never go away.

_____ / 15 marks

C For questions 1–10, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

The future of shopping

More and more people are shopping online, and it might not be long before online sales (0) overtake sales in actual high-street stores. As an increasing (1) _____ of brands open online stores, shoppers are finding it easier than (2) _____ to purchase what they want. There are many reasons (3) _____ online shopping has become so popular. First, online stores are able to sell their products (4) _____ than high-street stores can. This is because they (5) _____ pay rent or pay wages to sales assistants. Next, people like being able to shop from the (6) _____ of their own home. Finally, online stores never close. If you want to buy a new pair of jeans in the middle of the night, you (7) _____. Of course, shopping in actual stores still has some (8) _____. For example, many people like to be able to (9) _____ clothes or play with products such as computers or mobile phones before they purchase them. It may be a while before online stores can (10) _____ these options.

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| 0 | A take up | B undertake | C overtake | D take away |
| 1 | A quantity | B number | C amount | D size |
| 2 | A always | B now | C past | D ever |
| 3 | A for | B that | C why | D where |
| 4 | A as cheaply | B cheapest | C cheap | D more cheaply |
| 5 | A mustn't | B don't have to | C can't | D won't |
| 6 | A comfortable | B uncomfortable | C comfort | D discomfort |
| 7 | A can | B could | C will | D would |
| 8 | A results | B benefits | C achievements | D reasons |
| 9 | A try on | B wear | C put on | D change |
| 10 | A bring | B allow | C offer | D enable |

_____ / 10 marks

Writing

Write an answer to one of the questions below. Write your answer in 140–190 words in an appropriate style.

- 1 In your English class you have been talking about exchange visits to other countries as a way to learn a new language and find out about other cultures. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using all the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

Going on an exchange visit to another country is the best way to learn a new language and find out about another culture. Do you agree?
Notes Write about: 1. learning a new language 2. cultural understanding 3.(your own idea)

- 2 You see this announcement in your college English-language magazine.

Articles wanted Are you a mobile phone addict? How much time do you spend on your mobile phone each day? How would you feel if your mobile phone vanished and you could not replace it? Why would you feel that way? Write us an article answering these questions. We will publish the best articles on our website.
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Write your article.

_____ / 15 marks

Total _____ / 50

