

FIRST

EXPERT

TEST BOOK

THIRD EDITION - WITH MARCH 2015 EXAM SPECIFICATIONS



Jan Bell and Roger Gower

First Expert Module 1 test

1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Keeping (1) _____ touch with people is so simple these days. With the technology now available, we can get hold (2) _____ people all over the world at any time using mobile phones, email and online social networks. Even creating a new friendship or contact is as easy as sending (3) _____ an invite and only takes a minute. Technology now allows us to go (4) _____ and be connected wherever we are or to chill (5) _____ at home and still feel in touch with the world around us.

At the same time though, technological communication is in some ways also taking (6) _____ face-to-face communication. Many people now spend more time on the internet or their phones, connecting with others in a virtual environment than physically meeting up or staying (7) _____ them in their homes in the real world. However, perhaps one of the biggest challenges with modern communication is keeping (8) _____ with technology. It changes so quickly that trying (9) _____ all the latest devices or sites is virtually impossible. The other one is creating the opportunity for our children to grow (10) _____ knowing how to talk to people face-to-face.

- | | | | | |
|----|----------|----------|-------------|------------|
| 1 | A of | B in | C on | D at |
| 2 | A on | B for | C from | D of |
| 3 | A about | B out | C for | D of |
| 4 | A for | B by | C out | D from |
| 5 | A out | B over | C by | D off |
| 6 | A out of | B out by | C over from | D over for |
| 7 | A by | B from | C about | D with |
| 8 | A into | B up | C by | D about |
| 9 | A on | B for | C over | D out |
| 10 | A up | B by | C out | D about |

/10

2 Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

- Today is a _____ rainy day and also rather windy. **PARTICULAR**
- He has a very _____ way of dressing and so is easy to spot in a crowd. **CHARACTER**
- The moment the sun _____ behind the clouds, we began to feel cold. **APPEAR**
- It took us hours to hang all the _____ for the party around the room. **DECORATE**
- Although there a lot of _____ between the twins, you notice the differences the more you talk to them. **SIMILAR**
- How much freedom and _____ do teenagers in your country have? **INDEPENDENT**

/6

3 Read the text and choose the correct answers in *italics*.

These days, my grandmother's dog, Meg, is (1) *not nearly as easy / far easier / nearly as easy* to look after as she always (2) *seems / is seeming / will seem* to be asleep in front of the fire. It (3) *isn't mattering / doesn't matter / didn't matter* what time of day it is, (4) *you'll never come / you'll never be coming / aren't coming* round and have her run up to you with her tail wagging. Years ago, my grandmother (5) *would to / used to / didn't* take her out for a walk twice a day but now they are (6) *a lot older / not nearly as old / just about the oldest*, they both (7) *are preferring / will prefer / prefer* to stay inside and relax. I remember when Meg was a young puppy, she (8) *used to / was / will* run around all the time. In fact, from the moment she woke up, she (9) *will sit / was sitting / would sit* by the door expecting to go out for a walk.

/9

TOTAL: /25

First Expert Module 2 test

1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Continuing education

Many students decide to go to university when they are (1) _____ secondary school. They usually have help deciding the subjects they want or need to (2) _____. The subjects they choose, as well as the grades they (3) _____ in their exams, are important. For example, you must study mathematics to do an accounting (4) _____. There is a lot of competition to get a place on (5) _____ courses, so universities set (6) _____ entry requirements. This means that students have to (7) _____ all their exams with particular grades. Those who fail to do this sometimes decide to (8) _____ their final school exams in order to get higher grades. Others take time out of (9) _____ and later in their life (10) _____ for a course as a mature student. In this situation, the entry requirements differ.

- | | | | | |
|----|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | A doing | B going | C attending | D taking |
| 2 | A attend | B revise | C get | D study |
| 3 | A get | B pass | C make | D take |
| 4 | A education | B licence | C study | D degree |
| 5 | A higher | B continuous | C undergraduate | D graduate |
| 6 | A strict | B up-to-date | C better | D bright |
| 7 | A make | B pass | C skip | D get |
| 8 | A revise | B resit | C do | D skip |
| 9 | A assessment | B school | C university | D education |
| 10 | A pay | B attend | C apply | D resit |

/10

2 Read the sentences and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

- 1 Employees work harder when they feel valued _____ the company they work for.
- 2 Have you ever _____ part in a school play?
- 3 How long _____ she been studying at university?
- 4 I've been waiting for this letter _____ days!
- 5 Can you play _____ piano or any other musical instrument?
- 6 I'm a teacher. I very much enjoy _____ with children.
- 7 There never seems to be _____ time to relax these days.
- 8 We haven't been to _____ USA since the summer.
- 9 It will be a _____ weeks before we get our results – at least three, they say.

/9

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 She usually does her homework when she gets home.

AT

She tends _____ home.

2 There is almost nothing to watch on television tonight.

HARDLY

There _____ to watch on television tonight.

3 Tom started to play rugby when he was a teenager.

PLAYING

Tom _____ he was a teenager.

4 He says he can attend an interview at any time.

AVAILABLE

He says he _____ an interview at any time.

5 Mary resigned last week.

RESIGNATION

Mary handed _____ last week.

6 My English teacher has a lot of passion for the subject.

VERY

My English teacher _____ the subject.

/6

TOTAL: /25

First Expert Module 3 test

1 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

1 They weren't _____ off by the terrible weather and continued with the race.

A made **B** stuck **C** put **D** got

2 He's _____ a shy person and rarely speaks in public.

A fairly **B** rather **C** very **D** pretty

3 It's incredible that the plague wiped _____ nearly half of London's population.

A by **B** out **C** over **D** off

4 The Petronas Towers in Malaysia are totally _____ in structure.

A unique **B** strange **C** rare **D** unusual

5 How important is it to _____ in local community projects?

A support **B** restore **C** protect **D** invest

6 The tiger is one of many animals in _____ of becoming extinct.

A terror **B** fright **C** danger **D** risk

7 Some people were surprised by the lack _____ running water and electricity.

A of **B** from **C** by **D** in

8 The moment we left the hotel, a _____ storm began.

A torrential **B** tropical **C** strong **D** hard

9 Heavy _____ of wind have been hitting the west coast.

A gales **B** gusts **C** hails **D** breezes

2 Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

1 It's the _____ aspects such as tenses that I find the hardest. **GRAMMAR**

2 Many of the city's _____ are now moving into the new development. **INHABIT**

3 A new online help site has been created to help _____ of anxiety and stress. **SUFFER**

4 Who do you think is the most _____ athlete in the world? **IMPRESS**

5 When learning grammar, remember there are always _____ to the rule. **EXCEPT**

6 His latest piece of art has been _____ created from recycled everyday objects.

IMAGINE

7 What are the main responsibilities of any _____ ? **GOVERN**

8 Remember to use a range of linking _____ when writing an essay. **EXPRESS**

/8

3 Read the sentences and choose the correct answers in *italics*.

1 We had better *leave* / *to leave* / *leaving* now. We don't want to miss our train.

2 Any pupil caught talking during the exam was made *stay* / *to stay* / *staying* behind after class.

3 Only one person managed to get the answers *very* / *fairly* / *completely* correct.

4 We began to offer a daily special in the hope *of* / *to* / *for* attracting more customers.

5 I really wanted *see* / *to see* / *seeing* that film. What a shame it's no longer showing at the cinema.

6 He couldn't help *notice* / *to notice* / *noticing* the strange smell in the room.

7 I'll never forget *see* / *to see* / *seeing* the look of surprise on her face when she opened her present.

8 I was amazed she had time to stop *talk* / *to talk* / *talking* to me with her busy schedule.

/8

TOTAL: /25

First Expert Module 4 test

1 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

- 1 Markus took to skiing like a _____ to water.
A fish B duck C boat D shark
- 2 Swimming is the best way to lose any weight you have _____ on in the winter.
A added B gained C taken D put
- 3 Can you imagine putting yourself _____ the pain of running a marathon?
A through B into C in D over
- 4 I have never played tennis on a grass _____. Have you?
A pitch B court C field D ground
- 5 When they heard the football _____, they went wild.
A grades B marks C results D figures
- 6 They _____ three—all the first time in their first match against each other.
A shared B equalled C drew D made
- 7 We decided to sign _____ for the trip to Ecuador and added our names to the list.
A up B on C over D in
- 8 Snowboarding started to _____ as a winter sport in the 1970s and 1980s but has become even more popular since then.
A get out B take off C come out D go off
- 9 What do you think the most dangerous sport was in _____ times?
A old B aged C antique D ancient
- 10 When his father decided to retire, Jason took _____ the role of director.
A after B over C off D by

/10

2 **Read the sentences and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.**

- 1 The film _____ already started when we arrived at the cinema.
2 What _____ you doing at 3 p.m. last Saturday?
3 There's _____ space for a table in the kitchen – it's too small.
4 There were very _____ people at the event due to the bad weather.
5 We were really _____ by the film. We had expected it to be brilliant.
6 Before he moved to Bristol, he had _____ living in France.
7 She's _____ turning up late, which is very annoying at the best of times.
8 Have you got _____ idea of how to get to the university from here?
9 They were driving to the airport _____ they heard about the strike.

/9

3 **Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.**

- 1 After an hour of waiting, he finally turned up.

BEEN

I _____ an hour when he finally turned up.

- 2 Jo worked from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

STILL

Jo _____ midnight.

- 3 They arrived and then, a bit later on, I went to the station.

TIME

They _____ I got to the station.

- 4 He heard the news and phoned me immediately.

SOON

He phoned me _____ heard the news.

- 5 I think this book is rather interesting.

QUITE

I think it's _____ book.

- 6 First she read the letter and then she replied to it.

HAD

She _____ she replied to it.

/6

TOTAL: /25

First Expert Module 5 test

1 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

1 To _____ you the truth, I'm just not interested in that kind of music.

A speak **B** tell **C** say **D** give

2 Fortunately, he had _____ up all his files before his computer broke.

A stored **B** backed **C** kept **D** saved

3 After you log _____ to the system, you'll be asked to create a password.

A off **B** out **C** over **D** on

4 He said he had no _____ of applying for the manager's position advertised.

A reason **B** potential **C** intention **D** choice

5 Having access to running water and electricity is something many people _____ for granted these days.

A take **B** make **C** get **D** have

6 Although her foot hurt, she carried _____ running and succeeded in completing the race.

A by **B** over **C** on **D** in

7 We didn't believe that they had cooked the meal _____ .

A by their own **B** on their own **C** by themselves **D** on themselves

8 He's the perfect person to _____ us on this project as he has lots of experience in these matters.

A equip **B** exist **C** include **D** assist

/8

2 Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

1 Our course tutor explained the _____ aims of the course on our first day. **EDUCATE**

2 Scientists are constantly making new _____ about the universe. **DISCOVER**

3 We had no idea who the so-called _____ were. **CELEBRATE**

4 His sudden _____ surprised us all. **APPEAR**

5 Have you made any _____ for the reception yet? **ARRANGE**

6 The museum displays a lot of _____ exhibits to get visitors directly involved.
INTERACT

7 As there was _____ evidence against them, they all went free. **SUFFICIENT**

8 Yesterday she learnt to swim and swam her first _____ of the pool. **WIDE**

9 He apologised for _____ reversing his car into mine. **ACCIDENT**

10 A weak economy has resulted in reduced _____ for many. **PROSPER**

/10

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 The concert will begin in a moment.

ABOUT

The concert _____ .

2 It won't help if you worry about your exam results.

POINT

There's _____ about your exam results.

3 He's going to learn some French before he moves to Canada.

WILL

He _____ some French by the time he moves to Canada.

4 She didn't want anyone's help mending the bike.

MEND

She wanted _____ herself.

5 I had planned to go out but changed my mind because it started to rain.

GOING

I _____ but then it started to rain.

6 Are you planning to get a taxi home?

BE

_____ a taxi home?

7 They had an argument weeks ago and now they don't talk to one another.

EACH

They stopped _____ weeks ago, when they had an argument.

/7

TOTAL: /25

First Expert Module 6 test

1 Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

1 She has always been very _____ and enjoys keeping up with the latest trends. **FASHION**

2 We were given some really good _____ on restaurants to try out. **RECOMMEND**

3 It was a _____ performance and got us through to the next round of the competition.
SATISFY

4 They've spent the last week in _____ and are ready for the opening night. **REHEARSE**

5 From the disappointed expression on his face, he was clearly _____ by their behaviour.
IMPRESS

6 Don't _____ his abilities – he's a lot better than you think. **ESTIMATE**

7 It was her _____ of character that enabled her to succeed against all odds. **STRONG**

8 Make sure you go to the main square and watch the _____ – those guys are amazing!
PERFORM

9 The proposed plan was completely _____ – it made no sense at all. **LOGIC**

10 Although they were _____, they had a lot of enthusiasm. **EXPERIENCE**

/10

2 Read the sentences and choose the correct answers in *italics*.

1 That's the person *whom / which / who* stole my bag!

2 Have you ever been back to the house *where / that / who* you grew up in?

3 *Whose / Who / Which* phone is this? Is it yours?

4 A lot of people had already arrived, *neither / much / many* of whom I'd worked with before.

5 He was tired *for / of / at* having a long commute to and from work each day.

6 She made no comments *on / in / for* the political situation in her country.

7 I was so touched when my parents said they were proud *for / at / of* me as they rarely give any praise.

8 He *got used to playing / can't get used to playing / used to play* tennis professionally when he was in his twenties. Now he's a lawyer.

/8

3 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

- 1 His style of playing tends to _____ to those who enjoy more traditional jazz.
A delight B appeal C satisfy D interest
- 2 Do you think reggae is a more popular _____ than hip hop these days?
A mode B type C trend D genre
- 3 To succeed in the world of journalism, you have to be up-to-date with _____ affairs.
A modern B current C present D contemporary
- 4 Fortunately, we had managed to _____ tickets for the performance in advance.
A program B join C book D enrol
- 5 We were really _____ you. Where have you been?
A worried about B fussed over C concerned of D troubled in
- 6 Please stop _____ politics. We are here to have a fun night out!
A speaking B talking C saying D telling
- 7 I'm sorry for the delay _____ getting back to you.
A over B for C on D in

/7

TOTAL: /25

First Expert Module 7 test

1 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

- 1 They were enjoying their holiday so much that they _____ staying an extra week.
A applied for B finished by C resulted in D ended up
- 2 You have to sign _____ for the skiing trip to Italy – it's going to be fantastic!
A over B up C in D on
- 3 The waiter was incredibly friendly. I think we should leave him a generous _____.
A reward B fee C bonus D tip
- 4 If you're going for a job interview, you'll have to _____ in your shirt! You can't have it hanging it out like that!
A tuck B pull C take D push
- 5 How often do you get the chance to dress _____ for a special occasion?
A on B up C in D over
- 6 I've seen a very elegant three-quarter _____ coat I'd like to buy but it's rather expensive.
A sized B height C length D tall
- 7 He's a successful businessman who's had a dramatic _____ on the prosperity of the town.
A importance B benefit C influence D control
- 8 She always _____ ages getting ready to go out.
A uses B spends C wastes D makes
- 9 He is a real fashion _____ and always has to follow the latest trends.
A victim B mark C target D prey
- 10 How do you manage to remember all your lines by _____? You must have an incredible memory!
A mind B head C thought D heart

/10

2 Read the sentences and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

- 1 I'm going to get a new passport as this one is no _____ valid.
- 2 Business _____ be good if you're taking on new staff.
- 3 He had expected it to be cold at the time of year but in _____ it was rather mild.
- 4 When I was a child, I was never allowed _____ stay out late.
- 5 Many people _____ reported to have complained to the council.
- 6 The new out-of-town shopping mall has taken a lot of business _____ from the town centre.
- 7 She must _____ had her hair cut – she looks completely different!

/7

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 They wouldn't let us on the flight without a boarding pass.

ALLOWED

We _____ on the flight without a boarding pass.

2 You shouldn't bring food or drink into the library.

SUPPOSED

You _____ food or drink into the library.

3 It wasn't necessary to wear formal clothing to the event.

HAVE

We _____ formal clothing to the event.

4 I forgot I had to call them before I left home.

OUGHT

I _____ them before I left home.

5 We stood the whole journey and didn't notice the empty seats until we left the train.

NEED

When we left the train, we realised that we _____ the whole journey.

6 The article says that the employment rate is declining.

SUPPOSED

The employment rate _____ declining.

7 I'm sure they were delighted with the beautiful present you bought them.

MUST

They _____ delighted with the beautiful present you bought them.

8 I'd love to meet up with you tomorrow but I've got to go to the dentist.

WISH

I _____ with you tomorrow but I've got to go to the dentist.

	/8
--	----

TOTAL:	/25
--------	-----

First Expert Module 8 test

1 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

- 1 When the boss said that the company was going to close and we would all lose our jobs, it came as a complete _____ to everyone.
A delight B appeal C shock D interest
- 2 He said it was out of the _____ for me to take a holiday during the forthcoming inspection.
A question B order C answer D subject
- 3 Who do you _____ better with: your mother or your father?
A get on B grow up C move in D talk at
- 4 She was completely taken by surprise when he suddenly got down on one knee and _____ to her.
A requested B appealed C invited D proposed
- 5 They _____ against going out for the day as the weather was appalling.
A chose B opted C decided D determined
- 6 He was _____ by the news that his brother had been arrested by the police.
A lost B stunned C anxious D knocked
- 7 They managed to _____ her to join them that weekend.
A agree B persuade C invite D suggest
- 8 I'm sorry, I didn't mean to _____ your feelings.
A injure B break C bruise D hurt
- 9 They asked me whether I would prefer to _____ line dancing or salsa.
A make B play C do D dance
- 10 When he was given the chance to take _____ a musical instrument at school, he opted for the trombone.
A up B on C over D in

/10

2 Read the sentences and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

- 1 He said he hoped he _____ have time to visit us in the summer.
- 2 They congratulated her _____ passing her final exams.
- 3 If I can get _____ work early, I'll meet you at the station.
- 4 They asked me _____ to walk so fast.
- 5 The festival was called _____ at the last minute because of flooding in the area.
- 6 On _____ of the company, I'd like to thank you for all your hard work.
- 7 It took Emily a long time to get _____ her and Henry splitting up.

/7

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 She arrived late and said sorry to everyone.

APOLOGISED

She _____ late.

2 'I'm paying for the meal and I'm not going to argue about it,' he said.

INSISTED

He _____ for the meal.

3 'Have you ever lived abroad?' she asked me.

IF

She asked me _____ abroad.

4 'Do you want to stay in or go out?' I asked him.

WHETHER

I asked him _____ stay in or go out.

5 'We may need to book our flights tomorrow,' she said.

NEXT

She said we might need to book our flights _____ .

6 'I got fired yesterday,' he admitted.

BEFORE

He admitted that he had _____ .

7 I can boil an egg but that's about it when it comes to my cooking skills.

KNOW

I _____ an egg but that's about it when it comes to my cooking skills.

8 'Will you be able to join us for dinner?' she asked us.

ABLE

She asked us _____ to join them for dinner.

/8

TOTAL: /25

Name: _____

Class: _____

First Expert Module 9 test

1 Read the sentences and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

1 We were very impressed _____ the way she dealt with the reporter's questions.

2 How far is _____ from your home to the cinema?

3 Wow! That carpet must have _____ a fortune! It looks really, really expensive!

4 How much do you tend to spend _____ food each month?

5 Unfortunately, my parents totally disapprove _____ my choice of degree subjects.

6 He always _____ a point of leaving a generous tip when waiting staff are chatty and helpful.

7 In her will, she left all her money _____ an animal rescue centre.

8 If you get caught stealing from your employers, you shouldn't be surprised when you get the _____ !

/8

2 Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

1 Their organisation supports _____ people in the community. **ABLE**

2 A local company showed its _____ by sending us a cheque to cover our set-up costs.
GENEROUS

3 No one had expected us to receive so many _____ as a result of the news coverage.
DONATE

4 They had a meeting to discuss the most effective form of _____ to use. **PUBLIC**

5 This experiment produces a lot of _____, so we need to keep the windows open. **HOT**

6 There were so many alternatives that I didn't have a clue which one to _____. **CHOICE**

7 The engineers put forward their plans on how to best _____ the bridge. **STRONG**

8 Most online shopping sites use cookies to track the _____ of visitors to their online shops.
PREFER

9 My sports teacher recommended that I joined the regional _____ team. **ATHLETE**

10 He was particularly _____ and hated waiting for anything or anyone. **PATIENCE**

/10

3 Read the sentences and choose the correct answers in *italics*.

1 If he *won't arrive* / *doesn't arrive* / *isn't arriving* in the next ten minutes, I'm going home.

2 She says she *will* / *should* / *might* quit her job unless she receives a pay rise.

3 If you went out with him, you *will enjoy* / *might enjoy* / *will have enjoyed* yourself.

4 I *wouldn't eat* / *had eaten* / *will eat* that if I were you. It doesn't look very fresh.

5 If you hadn't stayed out so late last night, you *would have overslept* / *wouldn't oversleep* / *wouldn't have overslept* this morning.

6 If we were rich, we *wouldn't have thought* / *didn't think* / *hadn't have thought* twice about buying that car.

7 *Everyone have* / *Everybody has* / *Every one of my neighbours have* been very kind to me since I won the lottery.

/7

TOTAL: /25

Name: _____

Class: _____

First Expert Module 11 test

1 Read the sentences and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

1 Unfortunately, there isn't _____ room for everyone, so we'll have to make two trips.

2 She is _____ a friendly person that you can't help but like her.

3 How much? That's far _____ much for such a small painting!

4 It looks _____ they're not going to make it to the open evening.

5 Did Jamie tell you that he's found a job _____ a waiter?

6 In spite of _____ out cheese and sweet food, he's still not lost any weight.

7 She _____ the determination to finish the race and ended up quitting after only an hour.

/7

2 Read the sentences and choose the correct answers in *italics*.

1 He was on his way home *when / while / as* I saw him.

2 *As / Because / Owing* to the fact that it had been snowing heavily all night, the roads were blocked.

3 She can't get a job *no matter / even though / in spite of* having done brilliantly at college.

4 *Because of / Since / Due to* he comes from New Zealand, he supports their national rugby team.

5 We generally go for a long walk at the weekend *in order that / just as / so as to* unwind and get some fresh air.

6 She is *regarded / believed / declared* as being the most knowledgeable person on the subject.

7 The doctor advised him to *wind / turn / cut* down on the amount of food he ate.

8 I *picked up / came out with / took on* a bug that was going around work and was off sick for a week.

/8

3 Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

1 We felt increasingly _____ by the lack of news. **FRUSTRATE**

2 You can tell they have a very _____ relationship by the way they look at each other.
MEAN

3 For some people, the thought of arriving late can lead to a great deal of _____ .
ANXIOUS

4 Their dog has a very mild _____ and never barks at anyone. **TEMPER**

5 Scientists are studying whether optimism is _____ determined or not. **GENETICS**

6 People who eat nuts every day are said to have _____ lives than those who don't.
HEALTH

7 She's always been very _____ , so we had no worries about her living on her own.
DEPEND

8 You need to drink more water or you'll become _____ . **HYDRATE**

9 Are you _____ to all types of shellfish or just prawns? **ALLERGY**

10 Whenever he felt _____ , he would watch his favourite comedy show because it always cheered him up. **MISERY**

/10

TOTAL: /25

Name: _____

Class: _____

First Expert Module 12 test

1 Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

1 They have a great _____ ; people often think they're married. **RELATE**

2 He's very _____ and always has a clear idea of what he wants. **DECISION**

3 It is completely _____ for you to drive home and then have to drive back here for the party! **LOGIC**

4 Once they get _____ for their design, they'll be able to start building the prototype. **APPROVE**

5 The newspaper apologised for _____ covering the story. **ACCURATE**

6 It _____ rains on the first day of the festival. **VARIETY**

7 One minute he was there on stage and the next he had magically _____. **APPEAR**

8 She was awarded an honorary degree in _____ of her outstanding achievements in the field of economics. **RECOGNISE**

/8

2 Read the sentences and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

1 I'm not sure _____ she has already left or not.

2 It crossed my _____ that he knew an awful lot about the secret services.

3 He was so charming he could have most people _____ out of his hand within minutes of meeting him.

4 _____ a doctor, she knew exactly how to treat the man's wounds.

5 _____ feeling incredibly nervous, he went on stage and introduced the next act.

6 _____ trying to start the car, the key broke in the ignition and she was left with half a key in her hand.

7 I wrote to them, _____ questions about the facilities at the hotel.

8 Without _____, it was the most hilarious play I'd ever seen.

9 _____ passed my theory test, I could now book my actual driving test.

10 The details for these clients _____ updating as they have now moved to new premises.

/10

3 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

- 1 It goes _____ saying that he is the greatest entertainer of our time.
A with B without C on D for
- 2 The characters were well-played but the plot was rather _____ .
A convincing B appealing C predictable D original
- 3 He worried that the deadline for the article would not be _____ .
A hit B matched C met D answered
- 4 They refused to _____ our help even though it was clear they needed it.
A accept B admit C welcome D receive
- 5 Coming up with a _____ name that would attract the customers we were aiming our product at was easier said than done.
A mark B label C brand D logo
- 6 The figures for the report _____ before Wednesday's board meeting.
A are needing to be confirmed B need to confirm
C needs confirming D need to be confirmed
- 7 Working as a(n) _____ correspondent meant she had travelled widely but rarely stopped to see the sights.
A external B foreign C cosmic D offshore

/7

TOTAL: /25

First Expert Progress test 1 (Modules 1–2)

Grammar and vocabulary

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 The only subject Tina doesn't enjoy is drama.

APART

Tina enjoys all subjects _____ drama.

2 She never remembered to pick me up from school.

ALWAYS

She _____ to pick me up from school.

3 He has a few more essays to write than I do.

MANY

I don't have _____ to write as he does.

4 They are much better at basketball than me.

NEARLY

I'm _____ them at basketball.

5 My dad finds driving at night more tiring these days.

IS

These days, my dad finds it _____ at night.

6 Tom doesn't run nearly as fast as Jim.

RUNNER

Jim is _____ than Tom.

7 She started to enjoy reading when she was a young child.

HAS

She _____ she was a young child.

- 2 Read the text. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

A rural childhood

As children, my brother and I were (1) _____ running free in the countryside near the village we lived in. In the (2) _____, we used to leave the house early in the morning and spend (3) _____ hours exploring the woods and fields nearby. We felt totally at home in the countryside and were (4) _____ glad we had so much freedom; freedom it seems our city cousins didn't have.

CONSTANT

VACATE

END

EXTREME

When we were playing, we never thought about the possible (5) _____ we faced and would swing from tree to tree without a worry in the world. Perhaps this was because in our village, children were (6) _____ to play outside as this was what kids in the country did. I'm not saying our parents were never (7) _____ about our safety. However, they were (8) _____ with us going out on our own and playing with other children or simply exploring the natural habitat by ourselves. In those days, it was (9) _____ for all adults to keep an eye on what all the village children were up to. So, if we misbehaved, we would still get told off – just not by our parents. Of course, our parents always found out in the end and this (10) _____ us from behaving badly. After all, no one wants to be told off by an (11) _____ parent.

DANGEROUS

EXPECT

CONCERN

COMFORT

CUSTOM

COURAGE

EMBARRASS

/11


3 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

The music began the moment the bride and her father started walking (1) _____ the aisle. The groom looked excited and nervous at the same time. When it got to the part where the bride and groom (2) _____ rings, a lot of us clapped and a few people cried with happiness. We all went outside for photos before going to the reception. The (3) _____ where it took place was beautifully decorated with balloons and flowers. The bride's father was the first to stand up and (4) _____ a toast to the married couple. But the funniest part was yet to come. The (5) _____ man, an old friend of the groom's, was great at telling jokes and the speech he (6) _____ was hilarious. It had us laughing for ages!

- | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|---------|------------|
| 1 | A across | B down | C along | D in |
| 2 | A shift | B transfer | C award | D exchange |
| 3 | A shelter | B marquee | C tent | D registry |
| 4 | A propose | B tell | C speak | D address |
| 5 | A greatest | B chief | C best | D leading |
| 6 | A took | B had | C did | D made |

/6

Listening

- 4  01 You will hear part of a radio interview with a student called Leanne Wilson, who is talking about her first weeks at university. Listen and complete the summary using words you hear. Use two to four words to complete each gap.

The first year at university

When Leanne first arrived at university, she felt excited but also anxious as she (1) _____.

While making course-mates is important, she advises new students to join a range of clubs and societies so they can (2) _____ of people.

Looking back on her first weeks at university, she wishes she had gone out more. She now realises that those first weeks are designed for new students to (3) _____ themselves. This helps them to make friends and settle into their new surroundings.

For her, the decision to live at home or not is a personal one. As she wanted to be more independent, she felt living in student accommodation was the (4) _____ for her to do.

As not every student will have time for a part-time job, she suggests reducing costs by sharing (5) _____, eating cheaply and going to charity shops. The holidays can then be used as an opportunity to work and save money.

When it comes to taking notes in lectures, don't worry about writing down everything said. Normally, students have access to (6) _____ afterwards. The lectures are essentially a brief overview of a particular aspect and should help students understand which areas they need to (7) _____.

Her final piece of advice is to become disciplined and to gain a balance between your studies and social life. This is really important as it will stop you becoming (8) _____ when the work piles up.

/8

Reading

5 Read the article below. Are these statements *True (T)* or *False (F)*?

- 1 Adam, Richard and Jon met through working in advertising. _____
- 2 They created a clear business plan before they started their business. _____
- 3 After receiving positive feedback from the public, they left their jobs. _____
- 4 They were fortunate in gaining an investor at the last minute. _____
- 5 Most surprisingly, no additives are used in their smoothies. _____
- 6 The three partners take a very traditional approach to running a business. _____
- 7 A lot of money was spent on advertising. _____
- 8 Looking after staff is the key to a successful business, according to the three partners. _____

/8

These men are Innocent!

Back in 1998, three 26-year-olds, Adam Balon, Richard Reed and Jon Wright, made up their minds that it was time they either left their well-paid jobs in management consultancy and advertising and went into business together or stopped talking about it. What kind of business they wanted to set up they weren't quite sure but it was something they had been discussing ever since they were at university together. Deciding that the way forward was to make it easier for busy people to be healthy, the trio bought some fruit and made smoothies, which they then tested on people at a small jazz festival in London. 'We put up a large sign asking, "Should we quit our jobs to make these smoothies?" and put out one bin saying "Yes" and another saying "No".' The 'Yes' bin filled up immediately with empty bottles and the next day they resigned from their jobs.

However, launching Innocent smoothies did not happen overnight. Experts in the food industry told them that their product was too expensive and without the use of additives, the drinks wouldn't last long. Even more worryingly, the numerous banks they approached were not too keen on financing them and it wasn't until their savings were about to run out that a wealthy businessman took a leap of faith and invested in the business. Ignoring most of the advice they'd been given, Innocent then went on to create a range of drinks made from 100 percent fresh fruit and nothing else. Careful production and high-tech packaging gave the drinks the longest possible shelf life but they stuck to their beliefs by 'not messing about with them' at all. The next step was to persuade

local shops to stock their product, which they delivered personally in their grass-covered minibus.

Their airy office in London, affectionately known as 'Fruit Towers', is open plan, the 'grass' floors, table football games, beanbags and casually dressed trendy young staff representing the fresh feeling Innocent is trying to create. But alongside all this quirkiness is an impressive business. New recipes created in the high-tech kitchen are tried out on the people in the surrounding office buildings, although new product ideas, however fashionable, are rejected if they go too far away from their main aim: making a natural, healthy, great-tasting drink. Their confidence that a quality product will sell itself appears to have paid off; despite minimal advertising, Innocent currently sells more than two million smoothies per week.

Aside from the greenery, one of the first things you notice about Fruit Towers is how happy everyone there seems to be. The three partners were convinced that success relies on the well-being and happiness of the people who work there, so as well as financial incentives like company shares, healthcare and extra bonuses, the staff are motivated by snowboarding trips, scholarships to enable them to pursue outside interests and studies, and a wide choice of social and sporting activities. Innocent employees are positive, motivated and proud of where they work, which is why the company has won numerous awards over the years, including *Guardian* Employer of the Year and top place in the *Sunday Times*' 'Best small companies to work for' list.

Writing

6 Read the informal letter and choose the correct answers in *italics*.

Hello Jo,

I **(1)** *understand you wish to have / hear you're looking for* a pen friend. So am I! **(2)** *Let me tell / I should like to tell* you a bit about myself and my family.

My name's Marisa and **(3)** *I live in / I'm an inhabitant of* Cadiz, Spain. I used to work full-time as a primary school teacher but last year I started my own business. I make cakes for birthdays and other special occasions. **(4)** *Right now / At this moment in time* I teach part-time because of my business. In the future I want to stop teaching completely and work entirely for myself.

I live at home with my parents, which is lovely. We're very close and my mum's cooking is wonderful. **(5)** *I'm lucky as / I feel fortunate that* I don't need to do much housework, so I have more time for my business.

I have a younger sister, Emi, who is about to start university. She's going to study philosophy. We get on really well and **(6)** *look pretty similar / have a similar appearance*. We both enjoy sailing and share a love for the sea.

How about you? What do you like doing? Do you ever get the chance to travel? It would be great to meet up one day. Maybe **(7)** *the possibility would arise for you to / you could* visit Cadiz next summer?

(8) *At the next opportunity / Next time* I write, I'll **(9)** *send you a photo / forward you a photograph* of me and my family.

Well, that's all for now.

(10) *Best wishes / Yours sincerely*,

Marisa

/10

TOTAL: /50

First Expert Progress test 2 (Modules 3–4)

Grammar and vocabulary

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 I didn't learn to drive until I was thirty-one.

STARTED

I _____ I was thirty-one.

2 We had wanted to visit the museum for ages.

FORWARD

We had been _____ the museum for ages.

3 I don't think I invited Sean and Ellie to the party.

REMEMBER

I _____ Sean and Ellie to the party.

4 The concert began and then he turned up.

TIME

The concert had _____ he turned up.

5 When she went vegetarian, she no longer ate meat or fish.

STOPPED

She _____ meat and fish when she became a vegetarian.

6 She lived in Tanzania, then she moved to Canada.

BEEN

She had _____ she moved to Canada.

7 Virtually no one attended the reunion.

ANYONE

There _____ at the reunion.

8 I managed to put my umbrella up and then it immediately stopped raining.

SOON

_____ my umbrella up, it stopped raining.

9 I wished I hadn't given him my phone number.

REGRETTED

I _____ him my phone number.

10 He simply doesn't care how he looks.

PRIDE

He takes absolutely _____ his appearance whatsoever.

11 She was supposed to arrive earlier but she didn't – it was so typical of her.

ALWAYS

She was _____ .

12 I'm bored of my job – I think it's time to get a new one.

THINKING

I _____ a new job.

13 The event was cancelled due to a lack of ticket sales.

FEW

As _____ bought tickets, the event was cancelled.

14 'That coat's mine!' she exclaimed.

BELONGS

'That coat _____ !' she exclaimed.

15 She doesn't live very far from the main train station.

PRETTY

She lives _____ to the main train station.

/15

2 Read the text and choose the correct answers in *italics*.

We (1) *had relaxed* / *had been relaxing* / *were relaxing* by the water's edge when we heard someone shouting our names. We (2) *were looking* / *looked* / *had been looking* up and were really surprised. Our cousin Sven (3) *had waved* / *had been waving* / *was waving* to us from a canoe that was heading our way. We (4) *had rushed* / *rushed* / *had been rushing* to meet him. It turned out his mum had heard we were also staying on the island, so he (5) *had been looking* / *had looked* / *was looking* for us for hours!

/5

3 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

- 1 As he was running for a charity which was _____ to his heart, he felt even more determined to complete the race.
A warm B near C next D close
- 2 Living _____ had improved dramatically since their last visit to the village.
A situations B settings C conditions D circumstances
- 3 The group decided that the most effective way to _____ awareness of the issue was to get on television.
A lift B extend C raise D rise
- 4 These temples were built by the Aztecs and date _____ to the 1400s.
A before B back C ahead D up
- 5 On completing her fifth atlantic race, she decided to _____ herself a new challenge.
A set B make C fix D accept

/5

Listening

4 ▶ 02 You will hear part of an interview with Jay Carter, a writer who went to the Amazon to research and write an article on tropical birds. Listen and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

- 1 Jay stayed longer in the Amazon because
A he became fascinated by monkeys.
B he came across a rare tropical bird.
C he fell in love with jaguars.
- 2 What did he say took a while to become accustomed to?
A the noise of the animals at night
B the lack of light
C the size of the insects
- 3 His first viewing of a jaguar left him breathless because
A he was terrified it was going to attack him.
B it was such an amazing creature he became emotional.
C it took him completely by surprise.
- 4 A male jaguar will usually have a territory of
A about 117 kilometres.
B about 170 kilometres.
C about 1,000 kilometres.

- 5 Of the all the unusual foods he tried when living in the forest, the one he least enjoyed eating was
A alligator.
B monkey's brains.
C spider.
- 6 The people living in the Amazon
A hold jaguars in high regard.
B see jaguars as potential prey.
C consider jaguars to be a threat.
- 7 Recent deforestation has led to jaguars being
A seen as a source of food for cattle.
B bred in captivity.
C shot by landowners.
- 8 Which of the following is *not* mentioned as a threat to the jaguars' survival?
A vicious attacks by farmers' dogs
B the loss of their natural habitat
C armed landowners wanting to kill them
- 9 So as to promote the threats faced by jaguars, Jay now
A gives interviews on both radio and television.
B travels all over the place to give lectures on the subject.
C helps teachers and lectures understand how their students can become involved.

/9

Reading

- 5 **Read the article on the next page. Choose the most suitable heading (A–H) for each paragraph (1–6). There are two extra headings which you do not need to use.**
- A Swimming at both ends of the world
B Down to the basics
C We can all break barriers
D A thirst for cold firsts
E The origins of an ambition
F A unique survival technique
G Taking the first plunge
H Keeping plans close and personal

/6

In at the deep end

Lewis Pugh wants to conquer some of the most inhospitable, dangerous places in the world in his own unique way – by swimming through them.

(1) _____

Brought up on a diet of stories about Ernest Shackleton, Captain Cook and Sir Edmund Hillary, Lewis Pugh's childhood dreams were filled with his heroes' ground-breaking expeditions to the Poles, Australia and Mount Everest. The son of a Royal Navy officer, Pugh was 17 before he learned to swim but he took to it literally like a duck to water and from then on the future law student decided he would combine his passion for adventure with his other love: swimming. Just one month after his first lesson, Pugh decided to do something normally reserved for experienced athletes: the five-mile crossing from Robben Island to Cape Town in water of 16 degrees Centigrade.

(2) _____

Twenty years ago, a large chunk of the world's waters had still not been swum, so Pugh decided that, at the same time as studying maritime law, he'd spend as much time as he could going around the world to collect 'firsts'. Some of these achievements are impressive because of their distance, like the longest cold water swim (204 kilometres down Norway's longest fjord). Others would make anyone tremble with fear: swimming round the southernmost tip of Africa in shark-infested waters. But for Pugh, each challenge has to be greater than the last.

(3) _____

In August 2005 Pugh made worldwide headlines when, ignoring the threat of polar bears, he broke the world record for the most northern swim, as he plunged into the near-frozen waters of the Arctic near the North Pole and swam for a kilometre. Four months later he went on to do the same for the most southern part of the Antarctic. This time there were icebergs around, the water was at freezing point and it was snowing.

(4) _____

'The first dive in Antarctica was an unforgettable experience. You get a terrible headache and your breathing speeds up until you can't control it. Then the skin gets terribly burned. After five or ten minutes, you start losing the feeling in your fingers and toes,' says Pugh, known as 'the Polar Bear' because of his ability to swim in temperatures which, physiologically, should be impossible. Like the seals and polar bears that live in these freezing conditions, Pugh has to insulate his body by putting on 15 kilos before a swim in order to up his fat levels. However, it is his unique ability to raise his core body temperature by as much as two degrees in anticipation of the water by the power of his mind that has made him a medical phenomenon.

(5) _____

It is incredible enough that anyone would choose to put themselves through the experiences he does, especially as, to raise the game, he wears only swimming trunks, a cap and goggles. So what drives him? 'Sometimes we set boundaries for ourselves in life or, even worse, we allow others to do so. In many cases, these boundaries are just in our mind and need to be pushed away. If you get frightened of sharks and things like that, it will paralyse you. You have to do maths problems or think about something else, otherwise you will fail.' He insists that everyone, however ordinary, is capable of extraordinary things if you can do this.

(6) _____

Swimming down the Thames in London might seem a little tame in comparison, until you realise that this was the full length of the river – 325 km in 21 days – in a heatwave. He used this as a publicity opportunity for a concern very close to his heart: to educate passers-by about ways of preventing global warming. He remains tight-lipped about future plans. 'It may be that I'll quit the aquatic world for a change,' he told us. 'But trust me: no matter what I do, it'll be something that no one has ever seen before.'

Writing

- 6 Complete the article with the words and phrases in the box. There are more words and phrases than you need.

after a while apparently as in every place but this time can you imagine how
further to the left have you ever thought how would you
it was the just imagine luckily naturally when

On reaching the beach

(1) _____ about hiking through a jungle in tropical heat? I went on such a trek a few years ago and it was out of this world!

Before setting out, we were simply a group of travellers seeking access to a beach that was located on the coast of a national park to the south of where we stayed. Our guide book said it was an amazing place, home to the most incredible wildlife, so (2) _____, we were very excited!

After an hour on the bus, we arrived and walked to the main entrance. (3) _____ our disappointment on finding it unmanned! It was getting pretty hot by this point, so we decided to get a drink at a nearby café and work out what to do next. (4) _____ we'd been, the people were incredibly friendly. They suggested we got a bus to the next village along the coast and hired a boat there.

(5) _____, we could get a boat to take us directly to the beach we were trying to get to. It seemed the best option at the time, so off we headed. Unfortunately, (6) _____ we eventually found a boatman willing to make the trip, what he wanted us to pay was far more than

we could afford. So, we had to make a choice: get a bus back to our hostel or find another way to get to the beach.

We decided to head back to the park entrance. So we found ourselves once more in the same position. Alas, there was still not a soul there (7) _____ we spotted a path running to the right of the entrance hut. I don't remember how long we followed that path but I do recall that the sun was hot and the undergrowth increasingly resembled a jungle. We didn't see a soul for hours! (8) _____, we eventually came across a sign saying 'Beach: 45 minutes' and so on we walked. Worryingly, after more than 90 minutes walking, we were still in the jungle and no beach was in sight.

(9) _____, we spotted another sign. This said 'Beach: 40 minutes'! Naturally, we were a bit confused but we carried on walking. (10) _____ relieved we were when, an hour later, the trees started to thin out and we heard the unmistakable sounds of the sea? I don't remember exactly how tired I felt at this point but I do remember the beach. It was just like paradise and well worth the walk!

/10

TOTAL: /50

First Expert Progress test 3 (Modules 5–6)

Grammar and vocabulary

- 1 Read the text. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

A greater understanding

New (1) _____ are being made all the time in science and medicine,	DISCOVER
(2) _____ in the field of human biology and specifically,	PARTICULAR
(3) _____. How features of human appearance as well as other	GENE
(4) _____ are passed on from one generation to the next is now better	CHARACTER
understood. Previous assumptions are constantly being (5) _____ and	INTERPRET
fresh evidence is being (6) _____ each and every day.	COVER
The (7) _____ of scientific and technological advances are far-reaching.	IMPLICATE
Through learning which human features are (8) _____, scientists are	DETERMINED
now able to study how our genes affect how we look, our behaviour and also analyse	
the genetic links to our ancestors.	
A greater (9) _____ of the role of our genes in relation to health is	UNDERSTAND
also very (10) _____. These days, tests can be undertaken to check on	SIGNIFY
the (11) _____ of certain genes which put an individual at greater risk	EXIST
of, for example, having a heart attack or (12) _____ cancer. Who	DEVELOP
knows what else may be discovered in the years to come?	

/12

2 Read the text and choose the correct answers in italics.

I'm so excited about visiting my cousin. It (1) *is being / will be / will have been* the first time I've seen her for three years and this time she (2) *will be living / is going to live / will have been living* in a different city. She recently moved away from her parents', (3) *which / who / where* live in Eisenstadt, and is now living (4) *on her own / by her own / on herself*. She's renting a small apartment in Vienna, (5) *that / where / which* is one of my favourite capital cities. There is so much to see and do there that I know we (6) *are being / will be being / will be* really busy. Just think: this time next week we could be (7) *on the point of selecting / about to selecting / on the verge to select* our first delicious cake at Café Central!

17

3 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

- 1 His latest exhibition is open to various _____ and is considered as rather thought-provoking.
A insights B conclusions C interpretations D understandings
- 2 Hundertwasser's architectural designs were far more environmentally conscious than those of his _____.
A complements B contemporaries C correspondents D equivalents
- 3 It was completely _____ to carry out road repairs during the rush hour.
A impractical B impractical C unpractical D dispractical
- 4 This article offers new _____ into understanding how stress affects human behaviour.
A awareness B conclusions C ideas D insights
- 5 Did you know that kiwi fruit are _____ with vitamin C?
A packed B stocked C crowded D occupied
- 6 She was so absorbed _____ her book that she didn't notice me until I sat down beside her.
A for B on C in D into
- 7 The Finnish have come _____ an unusual way to de-stress. It's called 'mobile phone throwing'.
A into B up with C by D on with

17

Listening

4 ▶ 03 You will hear people talking in eight different situations. Listen and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

- 1 The speaker asks her friend to
 - A lend her a brochure for the ballet.
 - B call the booking office.
 - C check on when the performances are.
- 2 What is the speaker talking about?
 - A a film
 - B a book
 - C a play
- 3 Why is the speaker complaining?
 - A Because she's not happy with her room.
 - B Because the hotel is fully booked.
 - C Because the bar is too noisy.
- 4 The two speakers
 - A agree that the film was a disappointment.
 - B both felt that the main actress was good.
 - C were surprised at how good the film was.
- 5 Why does the speaker want the CD?
 - A Because she bought it as a gift.
 - B Because she hasn't played it yet.
 - C Because her son wants to borrow it.
- 6 The speaker's main criticism of the exhibition is that
 - A there's no order to how it's organised.
 - B the amount of background information given is overwhelming.
 - C he found the scale of it to be exhausting.
- 7 What do the speakers say about the band's new album?
 - A It has the same feel as their last one.
 - B It's quite surprising and fresh.
 - C It resembles their first album in some ways.
- 8 The first speaker feels frustrated about
 - A the lack of film showing at his local cinema.
 - B the time it takes to book a seat online.
 - C the way older people's needs are largely overlooked.

Reading

5 **Read the article on the next page. Are these statements *True (T)* or *False (F)*?**

1 Genetically, it is believed that all humans originate from less than 100 individuals. _____

2 It was once thought that blood was the means by which family characteristics were passed on. _____

3 Research has shown that newborns are most fascinated with people's eyes. _____

4 Throughout time, the human concept of beauty has continually changed. _____

5 According to Susan Greenfield, our brain's capacity is not fixed as it is a living organism which grows when cared for. _____

6 Steven Pinker considers that a human's ability to competently use language to communicate is completely spontaneous. _____

/6

Four classic science books

Oliver Mansell reviews four books, all of which are must-reads for people who want to learn more about themselves.

A *In the Blood: God, Genes and Destiny*, by Steve Jones

This is the book for anyone who wants to understand the thinking behind theories of DNA. Did you know, for example, that whoever our parents may be, we are all united by ‘the basic stuff of life’, which contains our genes? And did you know that most of the population of the world may have descended from fewer than 100 people? Other discoveries like these are still being made almost every week, which is why genetics is at the forefront of 21st-century science. Before they’d heard of genes, people believed that family traits were carried in the blood. Today we know that they were wrong. Issues like these are among those discussed in this thrilling book by Professor Jones. As with his earlier books on other subjects, you will find it hard to put down.

B *The Human Face*, by Brian Bates with John Cleese

This fascinating book collects together the findings of various scientific studies concerning the human face. One of these has shown that 30 minutes after birth, when our eyes can hardly focus, we gaze at faces rather than anything else. And it seems that we continue to be fascinated with them all through life. There have been a number of psychological tests designed to investigate beauty but their conclusions only prove what the Ancient Greeks always knew: a beautiful face is one with regular features. So maybe this is not the book to buy if you want new facts but it does provide some fascinating insights into how faces have developed over the years and whether one can judge a person by their appearance alone. Although rather serious in places, the book is packed with eye-catching photos, making it an ideal birthday present even for the most reluctant student of science.

C *Brain Story*, by Susan Greenfield

When she was Director of the Royal Institution of Science, Susan Greenfield’s main objective was to encourage the greater public understanding of scientific ideas. In this book, she introduces us to the inside of our heads and shows the kind of enthusiasm about the brain that other writers reserve for fine art or football. The idea of ‘intelligence’ worries her, however, because this suggests that a person’s ‘brain power’ is pre-determined. She agrees with those who insist that the brain, which is capable of amazing things, is constantly developing, and gets better and better with age, providing you look after it. Although this book develops the ideas introduced in her previous one, *The Private Life of the Brain*, it clearly had television audiences in mind (there was a tie-in series on BBC 1) and as a consequence, it is rather shorter on detail, focusing instead on one or two interesting examples.

D *The Language Instinct*, by Steven Pinker

Where does our feeling for language come from? How do we learn to speak it so effortlessly? Why is it so hard for adults to learn a foreign language? Cleverly structured, with many amusing anecdotes, linguist Steven Pinker’s book examines why we use language and where this ability comes from. His personal belief is that language is as instinctive to us as flying is to geese and that we use it to great effect in order to communicate. He illustrates his theory with examples of language taken from various sources, including children’s conversations, pop culture and politicians’ speeches. Pinker has packed his book full of original ideas; it does not make for light reading but it will nonetheless appeal both to specialists and anyone who finds language and human beings fascinating in the widest sense.

Writing

- 6 Complete the review with the words and phrases in the box. There are more words and phrases than you need.

as the show started both have you ever heard I must admit that judging from this
my only reservation on stage since they the only thing the set began with
what an incredible without doubt you really should

The incredible Muse

(1) _____ of Muse? It is one of Britain's best rock bands and is made up of three school friends. (2) _____, they are one of the best bands to see live and even played at the closing ceremony of the 2012 London Olympics. You may remember them from that – they played *Survival*, the official song of the Olympics.

(3) _____, the band member you notice most is Matthew Bellamy, who is the lead singer and also the lead guitarist. He's got real stage presence and is an eccentric performer, which makes seeing them perform live such a special event. (4) _____ voice he has too! He's most definitely one of the best singers of our time. (5) _____ Chris and Dominic, the other two band members, are fantastic musicians too, and as all three members of the bands play a variety of instruments, each song is different.

Anyway, I really must tell you about their last concert, which was held at the O2 Arena in London.

(6) _____, Matthew went straight into *Hysteria*, which, as one of their best songs, really got the fans going. The lighting, effects and set were stunning and you really had that feeling of being completely swallowed up by the music and what was going on.

(7) _____ I wasn't so happy about was the quality of the sound. It echoed a bit at times and (8) _____ I had problems hearing all the lyrics but once the band was into its second song, nobody really noticed or cared.

(9) _____ live concert, they will be the best live rock band for many years to come. So, if you haven't heard their music, (10) _____ buy some of their albums or try and catch one of their shows. In my opinion, their best albums to-date are *The Origin of Symmetry* and *Absolution*. But don't take it from me. Find out for yourself!

/10

TOTAL: /50

First Expert Progress test 4 (Modules 7–8)

Grammar and vocabulary

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 Those parking spaces are for residents only.

PERMITTED

Only residents _____ in those spaces.

2 'Can you meet me after work?' he asked me.

IF

He asked _____ him after work.

3 When Lizzie lived at home, she had no choice but to help with the housework.

MADE

Lizzie _____ with the housework when she lived at home.

4 It's possible that he didn't get our message.

MAY

He _____ our message.

5 Yesterday Jeff was the best player and won the game.

ABLE

I _____ beat Jeff yesterday.

6 'He stole my phone!' she said.

OF

She _____ her phone.

/6

2 Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Somewhere different

Are you wondering where to go for your next holiday? Well, you (1) _____ to think outside the box and consider somewhere off the beaten track. I myself would strongly (2) _____ the Faroe Islands. If you know (3) _____ about these picturesque islands, let me tell you more. They're located in the North Sea, about 300 miles above Scotland and between Iceland and Norway. Although they have their own government and flag, they are considered as part of the Kingdom of Denmark. Their main livelihood is fishing, which explains the delicious seafood on offer everywhere. I've (4) _____ there a number of times now and can say with my hand on my heart that the people are the friendliest I've ever met. What's (5) _____, if, like me, you love nature, you'll be in your element. So, if a relaxing break somewhere different is what you (6) _____ in mind, look no further!

/6

3 Read the sentences and choose the correct answers in *italics*.

- 1 Don't forget we *ought to meet* / *had better meet* / *are supposed to be meeting* Kate at 12.00.
- 2 You *don't need to* / *can't* / *had better not* wash the dishes. I have a dishwasher.
- 3 It *may* / *couldn't* / *must* have been him you saw at the cinema. He was with me last night.
- 4 When I asked her why she hadn't answered my call, she said she *had had* / *had been having* / *must have had* lunch with her boss.
- 5 I *will* / *can* / *might* be able to take the day off. I'll have to check and get back to you.
- 6 He *told* / *refused* / *suggested* me to go home.

/6

Listening

- 4 ▶ 04 You will hear a journalist called Simon talking about the psychology of hobbies. Listen and complete the sentences using words you hear. Use two to four words to complete each gap.

The psychology of hobbies

- 1 Simon says that if you know what, for example, the man sat on the same train enjoys doing in his free time, you can guess a lot of things about _____ .
- 2 Simon believes that the hobbies people choose can show us if they are _____ or would rather be on their own.
- 3 Simon thinks that famous people often choose hobbies which give them a break from being _____ the rest of the time.
- 4 Simon suggests that actors may choose activities like board games because these games take their _____ acting and reduce their nerves while waiting around on set.
- 5 Simon remarks that the Dalai Lama is completely _____ when fixing things like cars or clocks.
- 6 Simon reveals that rock star Bill Wyman loves searching for buried treasures with a metal detector and is _____ archaeology.
- 7 Simon is particularly interested in finding out more about the hobbies of _____ .
- 8 Simon explains that a North Korean leader once _____ because he wanted her to make films for him.
- 9 Simon says that the hobbies chosen by many leaders suggest they have _____ .
- 10 Simon has discovered that many people who you might otherwise consider as normal actually have a(n) _____ .

/10

Reading

5 Read the article on the next page. Are these statements *True (T)* or *False (F)*?

- 1 Although Sonya is diminutive in size, she is a very determined woman. _____
- 2 She has gained the nickname ‘the Black Widow’ because she is able to eat quicker than her much larger male competitors. _____
- 3 Sonya has always known of her competitive nature. _____
- 4 The first record she broke was at the World Hot Dog Eating Championship. _____
- 5 The author enjoyed being a spectator at competitions such as the one where competitors ate crab cakes. _____
- 6 Sonya’s way of managing her weight when not competing is to eat only once a day. _____
- 7 Whilst Sonya does a lot of exercise to burn calories, this cannot be said for most of her competitors. _____
- 8 Research shows that these eating competitions can seriously affect competitors’ health. _____
- 9 According to the author, when you see the abundance of food at an eating competition, it’s hard not to think about the people facing starvation around the world. _____
- 10 Eating competitions originally began as a way to stop food being wasted. _____
- 11 The author found that most people he spoke to viewed competitive eating positively. _____
- 12 Sonya admits that she is only into these competitions for the money. _____

/12

The craze for competitive eating

Crab cakes, hot dogs and chicken wings. We meet Sonya Thomas – the woman who has taken the male world of competitive eating by storm – and watch her in action.

When you first see Sonya Thomas, you wonder whether she might be blown away by the breeze. Yet she is a tough nut. Unlikely as it may seem, this tiny woman, who weighs no more than 46 kilos, is a top-ranked competitive eater, holding over 40 eating records, including 162 chicken wings in 12 minutes and 52 eggs in five minutes. Known as ‘the Black Widow’ (after the female spider which destroys the males of the species), she routinely humiliates hulking men three times her size as she wolfs down her food, leaving them watching her in bewilderment, unable to keep up.

There’s something about being paid to eat large quantities of (usually fast) food in a short time period that speaks volumes about consumerist values in 21st-century western society. And yet Sonya was born and raised in South Korea. After emigrating to the US, she took a job at Burger King but it wasn’t until she saw the World Hot Dog Eating Championship on television that she finally found a channel for the competitiveness that had always been part of her nature. Sonya signed up for the competition straightaway and ended up breaking the record for the fastest-eating female.

In the competition I saw, she was trying to break her own record for eating 40 highly calorific crab cakes in 12 minutes and I wondered how anyone, let alone a slightly built woman, can put away that many in one sitting. The competition is, without question, the most disgusting thing I have ever seen and I heard someone in the crowd mutter, ‘What the hell are these people doing to themselves?’ It’s a good question. At that competition, Sonia would consume around 11,000 calories in her quest for the \$1,500 first prize, and put on around four and a half kilos in the process. But despite this, her policy of undereating – only one meal every day – and regular running or walking enables

her to keep very slim. The same cannot be said for the majority of contestants, who tend to be absolutely huge! And while it is true that there has been no conclusive evidence that competitive eating causes health problems, there have been instances in Japan of people choking while speed-eating and ending up in intensive care, which is why paramedics are always on hand during competitions and why competitive eating is no longer shown on television in that country.

Watching these competitions, you don’t have to be unduly sensitive to find yourself thinking that the amount of food consumed here would represent the difference between life and death for a substantial number of people in the world’s poorest countries. I discovered that this so-called sport dates back decades, to events held at country fairs, where the idea was simply to dispose of left-over food. However, unlike Japan, which has been a stronghold of the competition since the 1990s, it has only taken off in a big way in the US fairly recently. The US holds around 150 eating events a year and there are those who are convinced that it will get bigger, even becoming part of the Olympics. The majority of people that I spoke to, though, regarded it as a sign of the decay of society and an example of stupidity rather than sport.

Despite that, Sonya still hopes that one day in the future she will be thought of in the same way as an international sports star. She also tells me – completely straight-faced – that she studies video footage of her rivals’ performances for clues to improve her technique, and claims that even if there were no money involved, she would still compete, both for the sheer joy of winning and the opportunity to become a celebrity.

Writing

6 Complete the essay with the words and phrases in the box.

another major advantage however, in my view in my opinion last but not least on the other hand
one of the main advantages some people believe then there are to sum up what's more

The pros and cons of using computers

Nowadays many people are accustomed to using computers in their daily lives. Whilst there are advantages to their use, some people argue that computers have a negative impact on both human behaviour and health.

(1) _____ of using a computer is that through the internet, it can be an efficient means of communicating worldwide and offers people a choice of formats with which to send messages or information at any time of day. (2) _____, computers and the memory devices which we can connect to them allow us to store huge amounts of data and consequently save us an enormous amount of space. (3) _____ is that people can obtain information on any subject through surfing the internet and can also spread information to others.

(4) _____, as people increasingly opt for computer-based communication mediums such as email or social networks, less and less time is spent interacting face-to-face. (5) _____ that this is changing our society and our behaviour towards others. The virtual world is becoming more important than our actual community. (6) _____ the health risks to consider: sitting in front of a computer for hours on end can lead to eye strain, headaches, backache and other such problems.

(7) _____, keeping up with the latest technology is an expensive pastime, as too is paying for the electricity needed to fuel computer usage.

(8) _____, there are strong arguments both for and against computer usage.

(9) _____, computers are very useful tools and can make our lives easier and our working practices more efficient. (10) _____, people do need to ensure that they make time for non-computer-orientated activities and also for speaking to people in the real world. It is also very important to take regular breaks when using a computer so as to reduce the associated health risks.

/10

TOTAL: /50

First Expert Progress test 5 (Modules 9–10)

Grammar and vocabulary

1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 She asked if she could borrow my car the next day.

MIND

‘_____ I borrowed your car tomorrow?’ she asked.

2 During the meeting, the management committee agreed to make improvements to the facility.

IT

During the meeting, _____ improvements will be made to the facility.

3 Her car was being repaired but I didn’t know that, so I didn’t offer her a lift.

OFFERED

If I had known her car was being repaired, I _____ her a lift.

4 We understand that the stolen jewellery has been recovered.

UNDERSTOOD

The stolen jewellery _____ recovered.

5 He didn’t do very well at university and now he regrets it.

WISHES

He _____ at university.

6 My mum said she would unplug the television if I didn’t turn it down.

IF

‘_____ the television down, I’ll unplug it,’ my mum threatened.

7 A new police initiative has been introduced to stop older people becoming victims of petty crime.

PREVENTING

A new police initiative is aimed _____ becoming victims of petty crime.

8 Tom Jones sang this song with Shirley Bassey.

WAS

This song _____ Tom Jones and Shirley Bassey.

9 Provided you arrive at mine before 7 a.m., I’ll take you with me.

LONG

I’ll take you with me _____ at mine before 7 a.m.

10 I don't like the weather – it's not very sunny.

WISH

I _____ sunnier.

11 My assistant will take you there.

BE

You _____ my assistant.

12 She made him apologise for the damage he had caused.

MADE

He _____ for the damage he had caused.

13 Very few people seem to be concerned about the weather warnings.

HARDLY

_____ to be concerned about the weather warnings.

14 I want to visit you next year but I probably won't be able to.

COULD

I _____ you next year.

/14

2 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

1 When told she wasn't pulling her weight, she angrily exclaimed that she did her _____ share of the work.

A right B fair C just D equal

2 If you were to _____ the sack, what would you do: go travelling or look for another job?

A have B receive C make D get

3 How much are you willing to _____ in our company?

A lend B deposit C invest D bid

4 What were you thinking _____? Now it's not going to be a surprise, is it?

A on B for C of D from

5 It's no good complaining _____ things if you're not going to take any action.

A on B of C for D about

6 Stop staring _____ them. You're being far too obvious and it's really not good manners.

A at B by C on D for

/6

3 Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

1 He was _____ to give me further information and put the phone down on me. **WILL**

2 After the accident, her life changed _____. **DRAMA**

3 A _____ number of residents complained about the proposed rent increase. **SIGNIFY**

4 It's completely _____ ! There's absolutely no way I'm getting involved! **THINK**

5 He was charged with the _____ of an unlicensed weapon. **POSSESS**

/5

Listening

4 ▶ 05 You will hear eight extracts in which people are talking in different situations. Listen and choose from the list (A–H) what the main focus of each extract (1–8) is.

1 _____ A an exchanging for an unwanted item

2 _____ B a complaint being made

3 _____ C a new business trend

4 _____ D someone considering doing a course

5 _____ E the potential problems of home delivery

6 _____ F a board game for all ages

7 _____ G finding out how to get somewhere

8 _____ H someone trying to make arrangements

/8

Reading

5 Read the article on the next page. Choose the most suitable heading (A–G) for each paragraph (1–5). There are two extra headings which you do not need to use.

A Chilling out with the hot and tacky

B Open your eyes to the world

C Charging up my spirit of adventure

D Holidays at home

E A great time in fantasy land

F Larger than life legends

G A never-ending fairground ride

/5

Welcome to the USA

Television comedian and writer Dom Joly explains why he's happiest across the water.

(1) ____

It was the summer of 1987 and I'd taken a train from Toronto to New York. I'd just left school and this was my first big solo adventure. I was almost dizzy with excitement as the train slowly pulled into Grand Central station, very early on a clear-skied New York morning. I can still remember hesitantly pulling my little black suitcase through the breathtaking central hall of the station; it was like stepping onto the set of a thousand familiar movies. There was something unique about the place – an energy that you could almost touch. All around me, New Yorkers rushed from destination to destination as though their lives depended on it. I remember feeling out of place, as if I wasn't really there, that I was floating high above the city.

(2) ____

I drifted out of the station into the metropolis that is New York. It was a world of huge shadows – the sun blanked out by the sheer enormousness of the Manhattan skyline. I rode the Staten Island ferry boat, conquered the Empire State building, roller-skated in Central Park. It was like meeting one of your childhood heroes and finding out that not only did they not disappoint but they were far, far cooler than you'd ever dared hoped. From that moment on, I've been obsessed but to begin with, I, like most visitors, only really flirted with the USA – just visiting the cosmopolitan cities around her edges.

(3) ____

I first went to Miami by chance. I had to film there and I wasn't really looking forward to it. To me, Florida was all about tasteless neon lights and hideous theme parks. In a way, I was right. That's part of its appeal. This is, after all, the only city in the world where a yellow Ferrari makes sense. The gorgeous combination of fabulous climate, art-deco architecture and Cuban–Hispanic influence instantly made it one of my favourite cities in the

world. Nothing quite beats sitting on the terrace of the Tides hotel, watching the beautiful people glide by. One breakfast, I was joined by the rapper Ja Rule and his pet lion: only in Miami, only in the USA.

(4) ____

People warned me about Los Angeles. 'Nobody walks anywhere, it's not a real city, it's all so fake.' Once again, they were right. It is those things, and you need to embrace them wholeheartedly to enjoy the place. My first time in LA, I was there for meetings with a film company and they really pushed the boat out. A stretch limousine whisked me in air-conditioned splendour to a famous hotel where Johnny Depp was having a drink in the garden. It really was a fairytale. Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Malibu – such familiar places to me through a thousand and one films and TV shows. Every sharp-suited executive at every meeting promised me the earth was mine. It was a merry-go-round of broad smiles and green lights. Of course, nothing came of any of this but I was living the cliché – the American dream.

(5) ____

One of the most common insults thrown at Americans of late is that they are insular, disconnected from the world, with apparently only 20 percent of the population in possession of a passport. To us this seems unthinkable. When you travel in the States, it all makes sense. There's not that European need to travel 'abroad' when it'll take you a lifetime to discover your own country. To me, the USA is like a candy store and I'm the sweet-toothed kid waiting at the door, eager to sample new treats. I want to go to Hawaii and learn to surf, go to Texas and become a cowboy and then there's I've been there more times than to any other country and I've only scratched the surface. Every time I look out of a window, outside is the USA.

Writing

6 Read the article and choose the correct answers in *italics*.

Off around the world

(1) *For / To / With* my mind, winning a round-the-world ticket would be the most incredible prize I could ever win. (2) The *view / way / thing* I see it is that you'd only get this kind of opportunity to travel once in a lifetime and (3) *because of / despite / whereas* this, it surely would be the ultimate adventure.

I've always (4) *wanted / hoped / managed* I'd travel more but once you start working, the dream of travelling the world becomes, it seems, harder to obtain. So, the first thing I would do if I were to win (5) *so / such / such an* amazing prize would be to quit my job. (6) *First / Next / After*, I'd ask my best friend if she'd like to go on this adventure with me and (7) *after / after that / next to*, I'd make a list of the places I'd most like to visit and compare it with her list. (8) *At last / Finally / After all*, we'd decide which places are 'favourites' and those which are 'maybes' and start planning our route.

(9) *Absolutely / Therefore / Of course*, we'd have to decide which destinations we'd want to fly to and then which modes of transport we might take elsewhere. Or maybe not – maybe, (10) *apart from / because of / despite* choosing the airports to go to, we'd decide to be more spontaneous and simply see where we'd end up. (11) *After all / After that / Afterwards*, life itself is an adventure and when you travel, you never know who you'll meet next and what opportunity will present themselves. (12) *Despite / Because of / In addition to* this, I might actually just suggest that my friend and I simply book our first flight and keep the others open.

/12

TOTAL: /50

First Expert Progress test 6 (Modules 11–12)

Grammar and vocabulary

- 1 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.**

1 We set off to meet her as we didn't know her flight had been cancelled.

KNOWING

_____ her flight had been cancelled, we set off to meet her.

2 It looks like it's going to rain – just look at those black clouds heading our way.

IF

It looks _____ to rain – just look at those black clouds heading our way.

3 Someone has to take the dog out for a walk twice a day.

BE

The dog _____ out for a walk twice a day.

4 She got high marks in her finals but didn't get a place at the university she most wanted to go to.

SPITE

She didn't get a place at the university she most wanted to go to _____ high marks in her finals.

5 Having had my first driving lesson, I can't wait to have my next one!

THAT

_____ my first driving lesson, I can't wait to have my next one!

/5

- 2 Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.**

1 We were _____ with the level of service and complained to the manager. **SATISFY**

2 What would you say are your most prized _____ in the world? **POSSESS**

3 He was praised for his _____ to motivate difficult students. **ABLE**

4 Her _____ was obvious as she sat tapping her fingernails on the table. **PATIENT**

5 The acting was fantastic although the storyline was rather _____. **PREDICT**

6 Their appearance at the airport was completely _____ and left me speechless. **EXPECT**

7 In these uncertain times it helps to understand how to manage financial _____. **SECURE**

8 Her news was so _____ that she spent ages convincing us she wasn't joking. **BELIEVE**

/8

3 Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

A longer break

All the flights were cancelled (1) _____ to the fact that it had been snowing so heavily overnight. This kind of situation could have resulted (2) _____ considerable disappointment had we been going on holiday. (3) _____, in this instance we were actually rather pleased by the delay, as strictly (4) _____, it merely extended a holiday we were really enjoying – even (5) _____, of course, we did need to keep checking on updates.

/5

Listening

4 ▶ 06 Listen to a nutritionist called Penny Flack talking about the effects of health and diet in some countries around the world. Are these statements *True (T)* or *False (F)*?

Eating for health

- 1 A quarter of Europeans and Americans are now said to be obese. _____
- 2 American politicians have been discussing how to tackle the causes and consequences of obesity. _____
- 3 Penny believes advertisements encourage adults to eat unhealthily. _____
- 4 Penny finds it incredible that less is spent on school meals than prison meals. _____
- 5 The World Health Organization has issued guidelines to control low-fat products in supermarkets. _____
- 6 High-fat cheese and meat is causing the French to become obese. _____
- 7 If your dinner is heavier than your lunch, you are far more likely to gain weight. _____
- 8 Heart disease is becoming more common in Japan and Greenland. _____
- 9 The fat originating from fish benefits our psychological well-being as well as our physical health. _____
- 10 Scientists have discovered that a number of spices used in Indian cooking can improve brain health. _____

/10

Reading

5 Read the article on the next page. Match the sentence beginnings (1–10) with the sentence endings (A–J), based on information given in the text.

- 1 Dickie stopped any possibility of conversation _____
- 2 Tom was wondering when might be the best time _____
- 3 An intense mix of emotions built up in Tom _____
- 4 On more than one occasion _____
- 5 Since being rejected _____
- 6 It would work out perfectly if _____
- 7 Taking over Dickie's persona _____
- 8 The hardest part would be _____
- 9 Tom gained satisfaction from _____
- 10 By pretending to pass out, _____

- A would allow Tom to receive regular funding from his father.
- B Tom has considered murdering Dickie.
- C Dickie's death could look like an accident.
- D by pretending to be asleep.
- E Tom managed to avoid Dickie seeing his weird facial expression.
- F to steal Dickie's ring.
- G any attention or concern Dickie grudgingly showed him.
- H and made it difficult for him to breath.
- I to kill Dickie without endangering his own life.
- J Tom no longer harboured any feelings of guilt.

/10

The Talented Mr Ripley

Dickie said absolutely nothing on the train. Under a pretence of being sleepy, he folded his arms and closed his eyes. Tom sat opposite him, staring at his bony, arrogant, handsome face, at his hands with the green ring and the gold signet ring. It crossed Tom's mind to steal the green ring when he left. It would be easy: Dickie took it off when he swam. Sometimes he took it off even when he showered at the house. He would do it the very last day, Tom thought. Tom stared at Dickie's closed eyelids. A crazy emotion of hate, of affection, of impatience and frustration was swelling in him, hampering his breathing.

He wanted to kill Dickie. It was not the first time he had thought of it. Before, once, twice or three times, it had been an impulse caused by anger or disappointment, an impulse that vanished immediately and left him with a feeling of shame. Now he thought about it for an entire minute, two minutes, because he was leaving Dickie anyway and what was there to be ashamed of any more? He had failed Dickie in every way. He hated Dickie because however he looked at what had happened, his failing had not been his own fault, not due to anything he had done, but due to Dickie's rudeness! He had offered Dickie friendship, companionship and respect, everything he had to offer, and Dickie had replied with ingratitude and now hostility. Dickie was just shoving him out in the cold.

If he killed him on this trip, Tom thought, he could simply say that some accident had happened. He could – he had just thought of something brilliant: he could become Dickie Greenleaf himself. He could do everything that Dickie did. He could go back to Mongibello first and collect Dickie's things, tell Marge any story, then set up an apartment in Rome or Paris, receive Dickie's cheque every month and forge Dickie's signature on it. He could step right into Dickie's shoes. He could have Mr Greenleaf Senior eating out of his hand.

The danger of it, even the inevitable temporariness of it, which he vaguely realised, only made him more enthusiastic. He began to think of how. The water. But Dickie was such a good swimmer. The cliffs. It would be easy to push Dickie off some cliff when they took a walk but he imagined Dickie grabbing at him and pulling him off with him and he tensed in his seat until his thighs ached and his nails cut red into his thumbs. He would have to get the other ring off, too. He would have to tint his hair a little lighter. But he wouldn't live in a place, of course, where anybody who knew Dickie lived. He had only to look enough like Dickie to be able to use his passport. Well, he did, if he –

Dickie opened his eyes, looking right at him, and Tom relaxed, slumped into the corner with his head back and his eyes shut, as quickly as if he had passed out. 'Tom, are you OK?' Dickie asked, shaking Tom's knee. 'OK,' Tom said, smiling a little. He saw Dickie sit back, with an air of irritation, and Tom knew why; because Dickie had hated giving him even that much attention. Tom smiled to himself, amused at his own quick reflex in pretending to collapse, because that had been the only way to keep Dickie from seeing what must have been a very strange expression on his face.

Writing

- 6 Complete the article with the words and phrases in the box. There are more words and phrases than you need.

as far as I'm concerned I also loved I found I strongly recommend
in the end indeed it's full of not surprisingly the best thing about
the old city of Cadiz there was also to be honest when

What a place! I recently spent a week in the old city of Cadiz in the south of Spain and

- (1) _____, it was the best holiday I've ever had!
- (2) _____ the old city is that it's very compact and (3) _____ small and winding cobbled streets. (4) _____ the main tourist sites easily and sometimes they would magically appear at the end of one of the myriad of Havana-like streets. I discovered so many galleries and monuments as I wandered around the tight-knit collection of colourful balconied houses!
- (5) _____, the sun shone constantly and the water that lapped against the city's outer walls sparkled enticingly.
- (6) _____ the old city because it was relaxing and full of charm. The people were incredibly friendly and there was a warmth to the place that was quite unique. (7) _____, finding places to relax was easy. There were numerous cafés situated in beautiful squares where you could sit and listen to a guitarist playing music of the area. (8) _____ a large sandy beach to the east of the city, just next to the long stone walkway that took you out to explore San Sebastian's Castle.
- (9) _____ I became hungry, finding a café or restaurant offering a fine and inexpensive selection of delicious local dishes was simple. (10) _____, I truly was spoiled for choice when it came to food.
- So, with all it has to offer, (11) _____ you visit the Old City of Cadiz.
- (12) _____, it's the locals that give the place its wonderful atmosphere and they certainly do make you feel very welcome.

/12

TOTAL: /50

First Expert Quick entry test

Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

- 1 My sisters _____ horror films.
A are liking B like C aren't liking D doesn't like
- 2 What _____ ? Is it that CD you bought yesterday?
A do you listen B do you listen to C are you listening D are you listening to
- 3 This restaurant is _____ in town.
A easy the best B easy the better C easily the best D easily the better
- 4 I'll have to _____ the time – I have to pick up Johan at seven.
A look an eye on B keep an eye on C see an eye on D get an eye on
- 5 _____ a motorbike?
A Did you ever ride B Did you ever ridden C Have you ever rode D Have you ever ridden
- 6 My laptop isn't working, so _____ Tom's.
A I used to B I've used C I've been using D I'm used
- 7 I usually go to work by _____ bus.
A – B a C an D the
- 8 He was told it was time he _____ on his own two feet and took responsibility for himself.
A stood B took C made D went
- 9 Although it was the summer, the sea water was _____ cold.
A incredibly B absolutely C totally D a bit of
- 10 Please remember _____ me when you get home.
A call B to call C for to call D calling
- 11 They agreed _____ the following day.
A meet B for to meet C to meet D meeting
- 12 They had a very _____ discussion on the political situation in their country.
A stormy B icy C strong D heated
- 13 _____ I was doing my homework, my dad was cooking dinner.
A When B As C As soon as D By the time
- 14 Fortunately, we didn't have to buy _____ to begin with.
A much equipment B many equipments C an equipment D a few equipments

- 15 Don't forget there _____ people joining us later, so we need a bigger table.
A is a few **B** are a few **C** is few **D** are few
- 16 The moment he turned professional, his sporting career really took _____.
A up **B** to **C** on **D** off
- 17 Do you think Heather _____ the test tomorrow?
A shall pass **B** will pass **C** is passing **D** would be passing
- 18 Their train _____ by the time we arrive at the station.
A was to leave **B** will be leaving **C** may have left **D** is leaving
- 19 The topic of a pay rise came _____ unexpectedly during our conversation.
A across **B** over **C** up **D** in
- 20 Is that the restaurant _____ they cook your meal at the table?
A which **B** where **C** when **D** that
- 21 There were a lot of people at the reunion, many _____ I recognised instantly.
A of who **B** of those **C** of which **D** of whom
- 22 Would you like to be involved _____ our next theatrical production?
A on **B** in **C** into **D** for
- 23 We _____ so late in the evening – it's a new custom for us.
A used to eat **B** are used to eating **C** didn't use to eating **D** aren't used to eating
- 24 Please _____ your mind and tell me what you think the real issue is.
A say **B** speak **C** talk **D** tell
- 25 Look, you really _____ pick me up – I can get a bus home.
A mustn't **B** aren't supposed to **C** don't have to **D** had better not
- 26 You _____ park in these spaces without a permit.
A can't **B** couldn't **C** needn't **D** don't have to
- 27 You're _____ luck! I have one pair of tickets left for tomorrow's concert.
A on **B** of **C** in **D** out of
- 28 She _____ turn up soon or we'll have to leave without her.
A 'd better **B** should **C** may **D** needn't
- 29 My aunt always wears _____ blouses.
A beautiful Italian patterned silk **B** beautiful patterned Italian silk
C Italian patterned silk beautiful **D** Italian beautiful silk patterned

- 30 They accused him _____ in the final exam.
A to cheat **B** for to cheat **C** of cheating **D** for cheating
- 31 She offered _____ me from the airport.
A collecting **B** collect **C** to collect **D** for to collect
- 32 He succeeded _____ his driving test on his last attempt.
A in passing **B** to pass **C** passing **D** for passing
- 33 How long have you been _____ yoga?
A making **B** doing **C** playing **D** going
- 34 If I had known you were in the country, I _____ to meet up with you.
A had arranged **B** will have arranged **C** would arrange **D** would have arranged
- 35 I'll buy the tickets tomorrow if I _____ time.
A have **B** am having **C** will have **D** would have
- 36 He won't come _____ he is repeatedly asked.
A whether **B** as long as **C** only if **D** even if
- 37 A number of people _____ on my new hairstyle.
A has commented **B** have commented **C** is commenting **D** has been commenting
- 38 Who did you _____ ?
A borrow the money from **B** lend the money from
C borrow the money of **D** lend the money of
- 39 In order to create more jobs in the coming year, businesses _____ offered tax relief.
A have **B** were being **C** may be being **D** are being
- 40 If only we _____ the house an hour earlier!
A left **B** leave **C** had left **D** would leave
- 41 She seemed resigned _____ the fact that she wouldn't be able to go to university.
A from **B** to **C** for **D** by
- 42 Sorry, Madam, but you can only take _____ one item of hand luggage on this flight.
A on **B** in **C** to **D** off
- 43 _____ it was late, I decided to take a taxi.
A Because of **B** Despite **C** As **D** Whereas
- 44 It looks _____ it's going to start raining in a minute.
A if **B** as if **C** as **D** as like

- 45 _____ they were tired, they still came to the party.
A However B Although C In case D In spite of
- 46 Every winter he comes _____ a really bad cold.
A down to B down with C out with D out for
- 47 _____ to cross the icy street, she slipped and fell.
A Trying B Despite trying C Although trying D In trying
- 48 _____ a driver's licence, I knew how to drive the vehicle.
A After having B On having C Having D Having done
- 49 I can take your car to the garage in the morning but it'll _____ later on.
A need collected B need to be collected C need to collect D need to collecting
- 50 To everyone's _____, he picked up the guitar and started playing it like a professional.
A amaze B amazed C amazing D amazement

/50

First Expert Full entry test

1 Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) that best completes each sentence.

- 1 My sisters _____ horror films.
A are liking B like C aren't liking D doesn't like
- 2 What _____ ? Is it that CD you bought yesterday?
A do you listen B do you listen to C are you listening D are you listening to
- 3 This restaurant is _____ in town.
A easy the best B easy the better C easily the best D easily the better
- 4 I'll have to _____ the time – I have to pick up Johan at seven.
A look an eye on B keep an eye on C see an eye on D get an eye on
- 5 _____ a motorbike?
A Did you ever ride B Did you ever ridden C Have you ever rode D Have you ever ridden
- 6 My laptop isn't working, so _____ Tom's.
A I used to B I've used C I've been using D I'm used
- 7 I usually go to work by _____ bus.
A – B a C an D the
- 8 He was told it was time he _____ on his own two feet and took responsibility for himself.
A stood B took C made D went
- 9 Although it was the summer, the sea water was _____ cold.
A incredibly B absolutely C totally D a bit of
- 10 Please remember _____ me when you get home.
A call B to call C for to call D calling
- 11 They agreed _____ the following day.
A meet B for to meet C to meet D meeting
- 12 They had a very _____ discussion on the political situation in their country.
A stormy B icy C strong D heated
- 13 _____ I was doing my homework, my dad was cooking dinner.
A When B As C As soon as D By the time
- 14 Fortunately, we didn't have to buy _____ to begin with.
A much equipment B many equipments C an equipment D a few equipments

- 15 Don't forget there _____ people joining us later, so we need a bigger table.
A is a few **B** are a few **C** is few **D** are few
- 16 The moment he turned professional, his sporting career really took _____.
A up **B** to **C** on **D** off
- 17 Do you think Heather _____ the test tomorrow?
A shall pass **B** will pass **C** is passing **D** would be passing
- 18 Their train _____ by the time we arrive at the station.
A was to leave **B** will be leaving **C** may have left **D** is leaving
- 19 The topic of a pay rise came _____ unexpectedly during our conversation.
A across **B** over **C** up **D** in
- 20 Is that the restaurant _____ they cook your meal at the table?
A which **B** where **C** when **D** that
- 21 There were a lot of people at the reunion, many _____ I recognised instantly.
A of who **B** of those **C** of which **D** of whom
- 22 Would you like to be involved _____ our next theatrical production?
A on **B** in **C** into **D** for
- 23 We _____ so late in the evening – it's a new custom for us.
A used to eat **B** are used to eating **C** didn't use to eating **D** aren't used to eating
- 24 Please _____ your mind and tell me what you think the real issue is.
A say **B** speak **C** talk **D** tell
- 25 Look, you really _____ pick me up – I can get a bus home.
A mustn't **B** aren't supposed to **C** don't have to **D** had better not
- 26 You _____ park in these spaces without a permit.
A can't **B** couldn't **C** needn't **D** don't have to
- 27 You're _____ luck! I have one pair of tickets left for tomorrow's concert.
A on **B** of **C** in **D** out of
- 28 She _____ turn up soon or we'll have to leave without her.
A 'd better **B** should **C** may **D** needn't
- 29 My aunt always wears _____ blouses.
A beautiful Italian patterned silk **B** beautiful patterned Italian silk
C Italian patterned silk beautiful **D** Italian beautiful silk patterned

- 30 They accused him _____ in the final exam.
A to cheat **B** for to cheat **C** of cheating **D** for cheating
- 31 She offered _____ me from the airport.
A collecting **B** collect **C** to collect **D** for to collect
- 32 He succeeded _____ his driving test on his last attempt.
A in passing **B** to pass **C** passing **D** for passing
- 33 How long have you been _____ yoga?
A making **B** doing **C** playing **D** going
- 34 If I had known you were in the country, I _____ to meet up with you.
A had arranged **B** will have arranged **C** would arrange **D** would have arranged
- 35 I'll buy the tickets tomorrow if I _____ time.
A have **B** am having **C** will have **D** would have
- 36 He won't come _____ he is repeatedly asked.
A whether **B** as long as **C** only if **D** even if
- 37 A number of people _____ on my new hairstyle.
A has commented **B** have commented **C** is commenting **D** has been commenting
- 38 Who did you _____ ?
A borrow the money from **B** lend the money from
C borrow the money of **D** lend the money of
- 39 In order to create more jobs in the coming year, businesses _____ offered tax relief.
A have **B** were being **C** may be being **D** are being
- 40 If only we _____ the house an hour earlier!
A left **B** leave **C** had left **D** would leave
- 41 She seemed resigned _____ the fact that she wouldn't be able to go to university.
A from **B** to **C** for **D** by
- 42 Sorry, Madam, but you can only take _____ one item of hand luggage on this flight.
A on **B** in **C** to **D** off
- 43 _____ it was late, I decided to take a taxi.
A Because of **B** Despite **C** As **D** Whereas
- 44 It looks _____ it's going to start raining in a minute.
A if **B** as if **C** as **D** as like

- 45 _____ they were tired, they still came to the party.
A However B Although C In case D In spite of
- 46 Every winter he comes _____ a really bad cold.
A down to B down with C out with D out for
- 47 _____ to cross the icy street, she slipped and fell.
A Trying B Despite trying C Although trying D In trying
- 48 _____ a driver's licence, I knew how to drive the vehicle.
A After having B On having C Having D Having done
- 49 I can take your car to the garage in the morning but it'll _____ later on.
A need collected B need to be collected C need to collect D need to collecting
- 50 To everyone's _____, he picked up the guitar and started playing it like a professional.
A amaze B amazed C amazing D amazement

/50

2 Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

1 All close friends and family were invited to the wedding _____ . **RECEIVE**

2 In the first lesson we discussed the most _____ events from our lives. **MEMORY**

3 They set a new world record for the longest _____ broadcast on radio. **CONTINUE**

4 After _____ attempts, he managed to complete the final level of the game. **COUNT**

5 Improvements in _____ have reduced the spread of infection in the ward. **CLEAN**

6 Many people choose particular breeds of dogs because of their _____ behaviour.
AFFECTION

7 The hotel was _____ quiet for a summer weekend. **WORRY**

8 He said he was _____ in becoming an archaeologist in the future. **INTEREST**

9 How do you know if you have made the right _____ ? **DECIDE**

10 The school was very proud of their hockey team's latest _____. **ACHIEVE**

11 Few people believe that the film was really based on _____. **REAL**

12 The film was so _____ that a number of people got up and walked out. **DREAD**

13 He should have become a _____. He's always making people laugh. **COMEDY**

14 Apparently, colourful _____ sweaters are in fashion this winter. **WOOL**

15 He gave the _____ that they had never met before. **IMPRESS**

16 If you ate more healthily, you'd feel more _____. **ENERGY**

17 What would you say your main _____ are – is there anything you really hate? **LIKE**

18 They found the final stage of emigrating to be an incredibly _____ experience. **EMOTION**

19 The article suggested that milk could _____ our health. **DANGER**

20 Her comment seemed completely _____ after such a sad event. **TASTE**

21 If you put your foot on the _____ , the car will go faster. **ACCELERATE**

22 People tend to get _____ before an exam or interview. **ANXIETY**

23 After speaking to my friends about my problem, I stopped feeling _____. **MISERY**

24 The politician's explanation was _____ and few people believed him. **CONVINCE**

25 Their _____ idea to help improve road safety won them awards. **IMAGINE**

3 Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Mount Roraima

If you are (1) _____ in reading about adventures, perhaps you (2) _____ already read Arthur Conan Doyle's book *The Lost World*. It is based on a mysterious place in South America. In this place, animals from our prehistory still exist and strange plants grow. Whilst many (3) _____ the creatures in the book are extinct in our modern world, the place (4) _____ the adventure takes place does exist. Conan Doyle based the story (5) _____ accounts written by the first two European explorers (6) _____ climb a magical place called Mount Roraima. This mountain, otherwise known as a table mountain or *tepui*, is the (7) _____ of its type in the world, at 2,723 m. To local communities, it is considered to be a place of mystery and legend.

Mount Roraima (8) _____ located in the Conaima National Park in Venezuela and is positioned at a natural border with Guyana and Brazil. (9) _____ you want to visit it, you have to climb it from the Venezuelan side – (10) _____ is no other route. You will also (11) _____ to hire a guide as part of an organised six-day hike as you are (12) _____ permitted to go there (13) _____ yourself. To be fair though, six days is not nearly (14) _____ time. Not if you really want to experience this magnificent mountain and (15) _____ surroundings. During the first few days, you will walk (16) _____ woods and rivers, and over flatlands and hills. As you walk, you will get used (17) _____ seeing the impressive Mount Roraima in the distance and to its left, Mount Kukenan. (18) _____ the time you eventually reach Mount Roraima, it might seem (19) _____ if climbing its almost vertical slope is impossible. After reaching the top, you will realise that though it was (20) _____ fairly difficult climb, it was well worth the view. As you look out from the top of this table mountain, all you will be (21) _____ to see is the incredibly beautiful savannah that surrounds it. When you explore (22) _____ mountain top itself, you will also see waterfalls, rivers of pink quartz crystals and even some natural jacuzzis among the lunar-like landscape. You will also come (23) _____ unusual plants and wildlife (24) _____ are found nowhere else on earth. In short, you have visited (25) _____ of the most incredible places on earth.

/25

TOTAL: /100

First Expert End-of-course test

Grammar and vocabulary

1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Getting back to basics

In the technological age we now live in, you might find it quite surprising that more and more people are deciding not to (1) _____. Instead, an increasing number of us are opting for a simpler and cheaper way of living, and (2) _____ which essentially makes them happier. Those who (3) _____ this step feel they are no longer spending increasing hours at jobs which may bring them (4) _____ or no satisfaction, but which they do in the hope (5) _____ able to keep up with spiralling living costs. By simplifying their lives and reducing their costs, these people find they have a lot more time (6) _____ to pursue their own interests, which is something that many people now seem to have great difficulty (7) _____.

(8) _____, a change in lifestyle and attitude is a good idea when you (9) _____ how many sick days are taken each year by people who become ill through overwork or through the ever-present stress they have to handle in their jobs. You (10) _____ be a genius to figure out that companies must waste a (11) _____ deal of money on sick-pay. We should also (12) _____ mind that as life expectancy (13) _____, our working life will also be extended. So, unless we (14) _____ some balance in our lives, we may fail (15) _____ retirement. So, the next time you (16) _____ late or counting the number of hours you have before you can go home, (17) _____ thinking about how you could simplify your life? Just (18) _____ what you might do (19) _____ you came home after work and still had hours left to do things you really fancied (20) _____!

- | | | | | |
|----|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | A work for life | B work to live | C live on work | D live for working |
| 2 | A effectively | B also | C one | D that |
| 3 | A will take | B took | C were taking | D have taken |
| 4 | A a little | B little | C a few | D few |
| 5 | A for being | B to be | C of being | D for be |
| 6 | A with | B for | C away | D off |
| 7 | A in achieving | B to achieving | C on achieving | D for to achieve |
| 8 | A Not surprisingly | B Fortunately | C Whilst | D Since |
| 9 | A count on | B figure in | C take in | D work out |
| 10 | A mustn't | B don't have to | C needn't to | D can't |
| 11 | A big | B large | C massive | D great |
| 12 | A bear on | B bear in | C take on | D take in |
| 13 | A increase | B increases | C increasing | D are increasing |
| 14 | A are gaining | B will gain | C gain | D would gain |
| 15 | A reaching ever | B to reach ever | C ever reaching | D to ever reach |
| 16 | A are working | B working | C will work | D should work |
| 17 | A why not starting | B why not start | C why don't start | D why not to start |
| 18 | A guess | B reckon | C imagine | D know |
| 19 | A when | B if | C while | D unless |
| 20 | A about doing | B for doing | C to do | D doing |

2 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 He very often interrupts me when I'm speaking.

KEEPS

He _____ when I'm speaking.

2 She's not here – she's at her friend's for the weekend.

WITH

She's not here – she _____ her friend for the weekend.

3 I prefer the rooms in this hotel – they're really nice.

LOT

The rooms _____ in this hotel.

4 I had an accident and as a result, I now have problems walking.

BEEN

Since I had the accident, I _____ problems walking.

5 Not all the stereos were on special offer.

OF

Only _____ were on special offer.

6 A lot of people like his music.

POPULAR

He is a(n) _____ .

7 I made an attempt to get a ticket for you but they had sold out.

TRIED

I _____ a ticket but they had sold out.

8 She arrived late at the station and missed her train.

TIME

_____ at the station, her train had left.

9 There aren't enough job opportunities for school leavers these days.

LACK

There _____ job opportunities for school leavers these days.

10 He waited for her and she arrived over an hour late.

HAD

He _____ over an hour when she arrived.

11 I have less than a month to go before my university graduation.

WILL

By this time next month, I _____ from university.

12 She studies with him and he studies with her.

EACH

They study _____ .

13 My father's horse was the fastest.

BELONGING

_____ my father was the fastest.

14 They don't eat raw fish – they're not accustomed to it.

USED

They _____ raw fish.

15 Any time she visited her grandfather, she could do as she pleased.

LET

Her grandfather always _____ she wanted.

16 If he was at home, his coat would be here.

BE

He _____ at home – his coat's not here.

17 'I want to go out,' he said to me.

TOLD

He _____ to go out.

18 'And where are you going?' she asked him.

KNOW

She _____ was going.

19 It was very difficult to obtain any information on the proposed development but in the end I did.

MANAGED

I eventually _____ information on the proposed development.

20 'Please take your seats, ladies and gentlemen,' the man told us.

TO

The man _____ seats.

21 I would like to be outside in the sun rather than sat in this classroom.

SITTING

I wish _____ in this classroom – I'd rather be outside in the sun!

22 It is necessary to check everyone's identification before they pass through customs.

BE

Everyone's identification _____ before they pass through customs.

23 This hotel costs a lot more than I can afford.

STAY

This hotel is much _____ at.

24 He stayed in so as to make sure he didn't miss her call.

FEAR

He didn't leave the house _____ miss her call.

25 Last week someone stole their car.

STOLEN

They _____ last week.

/25

3 Read the sentences and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap.

1 What were your first _____ when you saw him? **IMPRESS**

2 She was bursting with _____ to tell us what had happened. **PATIENT**

3 _____, I found someone who knew where my long-lost sister might be living.

ORDINARY

4 When he said, '_____ is a lie, women are better,' we couldn't help laughing. **EQUAL**

5 We were completely _____ with the hotel – we're certainly not going back next year!

SATISFY

6 The police found no _____ evidence which linked the man to the crime. **CONCLUDE**

7 He smiled at her in _____. How did she always know when he needed her help?

APPRECIATE

8 I do wish my boss would stop _____ everything I do! **CRITIC**

9 Can you imagine how an astronaut must feel when they travel _____ through space?

WEIGHT

10 He wanted to take some time off so he could relax and _____ his batteries. **CHARGE**

11 Her article was really _____ and had us laughing. **ENTERTAIN**

12 After receiving hundreds of _____, they had to reconsider their plans. **COMPLAIN**

/12

Listening

4 ▶ 07 You will hear Mike, a leading journalist, being interviewed about his job. Listen and choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

1 What did Mike initially plan to study at college?

A English and creative writing

B business

C business journalism

2 What used to be a common way into journalism?

A gaining a college diploma, then joining a newspaper

B finding a reporter that would take you on as a trainee

C getting a job with a newspaper and learning from experience

- 3 In his first real job as a crime reporter, Mike remembers that the police
A took some persuading before they would allow him to report on even some events.
B let him report on any event he wanted to once he had gained their trust.
C were so suspicious of reporters that they limited the number of jobs he could join them on.
- 4 Mike explained that when Prince Charles was at university, reporters
A would try and persuade his bodyguards to give them information on what he got up to.
B used to constantly follow him in order to get a really good story.
C respected his need for privacy and allowed him space to enjoy himself.
- 5 In Mike's opinion, if you want to be a good journalist, above all you need to be
A the type of person who can communicate with everyone and anyone.
B dedicated to the job and able to work in difficult circumstances.
C committed to creating a well-written story.
- 6 When talking about how the job has changed, Mike said that
A he now loves the job more than ever.
B the work has become less people-orientated.
C technology has made the job a whole easier.
- 7 What advice would Mike give now to anyone thinking of becoming a journalist?
A If you want a really well-paid job which is full of excitement, do it!
B If you don't mind working long hours and competing for stories, go for it!
C If you enjoy working with others and are happy working whenever you need to, go for it!

/7

Reading

5 **Read the article on the next page. Are these statements *True (T)* or *False (F)*?**

- 1 Psychologists believe that people who are determined to improve themselves have a greater tendency towards happiness. _____
- 2 Research has demonstrated that our genes play a crucial role in determining how happy we are. _____
- 3 It is our character which dictates what makes us happy. _____
- 4 According to Dr Isaac, if you tend to focus on external aspects, you are more likely to be happy. _____
- 5 Being a team player is almost as important as having financial security when it comes to happiness. _____
- 6 Psychologists believe that through recognising when we have negative feelings, we can train ourselves to become happier. _____

/6

The secrets of true happiness

Lollie Barr reviews some recent research.

Everybody knows someone with a happy nature: the cheerful type of person with a positive attitude, who will always say a glass is half full rather than half empty. It's the person who is not easily put off when things go wrong and who appears to lead a happier life as a result. Such people may be healthier too, since there seems to be a link between happiness and good health. But what is the secret of happiness? And how can we achieve it?

Psychologists define this feeling of well-being as 'when thoughts and feelings about one's life are mainly positive'. The key seems to be contentment with what you already have, emotionally, materially and professionally. The more people try to keep up with others, for example, the more likely they are to be dissatisfied with life. There will always be someone else with more than you, so trying to compete can often lead to frustration and anxiety.

David Lykken, Professor of Psychology at the University of Minnesota, is a leading specialist in happiness. As a result of studying 300 sets of twins, he now believes that happiness is more than 50 percent genetically determined. He also believes that we each have our own fixed 'happiness point', a level we always return to, whatever happens to us in life. In other words, no matter how happy or unhappy an individual event may make us, this is just a temporary state.

But it is not necessarily the case that we are stuck with the level of happiness we were born with. This is because although a person's temperament is not easily changed, their character can be. The former determines what kinds of thing will make someone happy but not how much pleasure that person obtains from them. The latter develops in response to the experiences a person has during his or her life.

This is why Dr Isaac believes we need to study happy people and learn how to be like them. Such people, for example, seem to find satisfaction in activities which are meaningful and give a feeling of personal achievement. They also tend to be interested in things other than themselves. This could be through their day-to-day work, for example, or by caring for others less fortunate, or by having some kind of spiritual focus to their life.

Happy individuals also tend to relate to other people and are able to give and receive affection. That's why being part of a social group, such as a family, a community or a club adds to their overall sense of well-being. They are, therefore, more likely to belong to things like sports teams, choirs and political parties. Researchers at Harvard University have found that people involved in such activities were happier than those who were not, and that this had nothing to do with how well-off people were financially.

Another factor in happiness appears to be physical activity. Exercise improves a person's mood and gets rid of tension. But there must be a balance between activity and rest because stress results in unhappiness. To avoid this, it is important to pick a sport or activity you enjoy and which you do when you want to, rather than when you think you should.

But mental activity can be just as important. Psychologists believe it's possible to train yourself to recognise happiness and, therefore, feel the benefits of it more often. The key is not taking your feelings for granted but rather learning to celebrate them and noticing times when you are happy. It is claimed that the more you recognise when there's a decision to be made about how you feel, the better you'll become at choosing happiness over misery.

Writing

6 Read the essay on the pros and cons of being self-employed and working at home. Find and correct the mistakes in grammar, spelling or punctuation. There are 30 mistakes in total.

These days, an increased number of people are becoming self-employed and chosing to work at home whilst there may be number of advantages to doing this, the drawbacks do not always understood or acknowleged.

The main avantage of working in this circumstances is that you often have a lot of autonomy and therefore enjoy flexibleness in terms of when you work. This can means that you are able to coordinate other activities around your working life far more effectedly. What's more, once you are becoming accustomed to working in your own space and alone, you are generally better able to focus on work and therefore become more productive. Additionally, you may be fortunate enough to don't have to spend much or any time to attend meetings or performance reviews.

On the other side, in order to do a living when self-employed and based at home, a great deal of discipline, organisational skills and motivation is required after all, you will only get paid for the actual work done rather than for being at work on a physical sense. You will also need to work hard to ensure that you have a suficient quantity of work coming in all the time to susstain yourself. Another disadvantage is that you will not be entitling to either holiday or sick-pay, so you will have to be careful of your money and build up reserves to finance breaks or a lost of earnings through ill health.

To sum off, whilst being self-employed and working from home may be considered from some to be an easy and careful way of working, it is far from it. On my view, whilst the advantages do outweigh the disadvantages, this way of working would not suiting everyone.

/30

TOTAL: /100

1**1 B 2 D 3 B 4 C 5 A 6 C 7 D 8 B 9 D 10 A****2****1 particularly 2 characteristic 3 disappeared 4 decorations 5 similarities 6 independence****3****1 far easier 2 seems 3 doesn't matter 4 you'll never come 5 used to 6 a lot older 7 prefer 8 used to
9 would sit**

1

1 C 2 D 3 A 4 D 5 C 6 A 7 B 8 B 9 D 10 C

2

1 by 2 taken 3 has 4 for 5 the 6 working 7 any/enough 8 the 9 few

3

**1 to do her homework at 2 is hardly anything 3 has been playing rugby since 4 is available to attend/
is available for 5 in her resignation 6 is very passionate about**

1**1 C 2 B 3 B 4 A 5 D 6 C 7 A 8 B 9 B****2****1 grammatical 2 inhabitants 3 sufferers 4 impressive 5 exceptions 6 imaginatively 7 government
8 expressions****3****1 leave 2 to stay 3 completely 4 of 5 to see 6 noticing 7 seeing 8 to talk**

1

1 B 2 D 3 A 4 B 5 C 6 C 7 A 8 B 9 D 10 B

2

1 had 2 were 3 no 4 few 5 disappointed 6 been 7 always 8 any 9 when

3

1 had been waiting for 2 was still at work at/was still working at 3 had arrived by the time 4 as soon as he (had) 5 quite an interesting 6 had read the letter before

1

1 B 2 B 3 D 4 C 5 A 6 C 7 B 8 D

2

**1 educational 2 discoveries 3 celebrities 4 appearance 5 arrangements 6 interactive 7 insufficient
8 width 9 accidentally 10 prosperity**

3

**1 is about to begin 2 no point in worrying 3 will have learnt/learned 4 to mend the bike by
5 was going to go out 6 Will you be getting 7 talking to each other**

1

1 fashionable **2** recommendations **3** satisfactory **4** rehearsals **5** unimpressed **6** underestimate
7 strength **8** performers **9** illogical **10** inexperienced

2

1 who **2** that **3** Whose **4** many **5** of **6** on **7** of **8** used to play

3

1 B **2** D **3** B **4** C **5** A **6** B **7** D

1**1 D 2 B 3 D 4 A 5 B 6 C 7 C 8 B 9 A 10 D****2****1 longer 2 must 3 fact 4 to 5 are 6 away 7 have****3****1 weren't allowed 2 are not supposed to bring 3 didn't have to wear 4 ought to have called 5 need not have stood 6 is supposed to be 7 must have been 8 wish I could meet up**

1

1 C 2 A 3 A 4 D 5 C 6 B 7 B 8 D 9 C 10 A

2

1 would 2 on 3 off 4 not 5 off 6 behalf 7 over

3

1 apologised (to everyone) for arriving/being 2 insisted on paying 3 if I had ever lived 4 whether he wanted to 5 the next day 6 got/been fired the day before 7 know how to boil 8 if/whether we would be able

1**1** by **2** it **3** cost **4** on **5** of **6** makes **7** to **8** sack**2****1** disabled **2** generosity **3** donations **4** publicity **5** heat **6** choose **7** strengthen **8** preferences
9 athletics **10** impatient**3****1** doesn't arrive **2** will **3** might enjoy **4** wouldn't eat **5** wouldn't have overslept **6** wouldn't have thought
7 Everybody has

1

1 will be taken **2** wish I had met up **3** would rather you had called **4** is believed to have reached
5 only I could buy **6** time they started behaving **7** you mind not telling **8** is being sent
9 was heard to laugh **10** is supposed to be

2

1 B 2 D 3 C 4 A 5 B 6 D 7 B

3

1 to 2 with 3 in 4 about/of 5 of/about 6 to 7 up 8 into

1**1** enough **2** such **3** too **4** like **5** as **6** cutting **7** lacked**2****1** when **2** Owing **3** in spite of **4** Since **5** so as to **6** regarded **7** cut **8** picked up**3****1** frustrated **2** meaningful **3** anxiety **4** temperament **5** genetically **6** healthier **7** independent
8 dehydrated **9** allergic **10** miserable

1

1 relationship **2** decisive **3** illogical **4** approval **5** inaccurately **6** invariably **7** disappeared
8 recognition

2

1 whether/if **2** mind **3** eating **4** Being/As **5** Despite **6** On **7** asking **8** doubt **9** Having **10** need

3

1 B **2** C **3** C **4** A **5** C **6** D **7** B

1

1 apart from 2 always forgot/was always forgetting 3 (quite) as many essays 4 not nearly as good as
5 is more tiring to drive 6 a much faster/better runner 7 has enjoyed reading since

2

1 constantly 2 vacations 3 endless 4 extremely 5 dangers 6 expected 7 concerned 8 comfortable
9 customary 10 discouraged 11 embarrassed

3

1 B 2 D 3 B 4 A 5 C 6 D

4

1 didn't know anyone 2 meet a wide variety 3 get out and enjoy 4 right thing 5 books with friends
6 the notes online 7 read around 8 totally stressed

5

1 F (They met at university.) 2 F (They weren't quite sure what kind of business they wanted to set up.)
3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F (Their approach is quirky – their office has 'grass' floors, beanbags, etc.)
7 F (They were confident that a quality product would sell itself. '*Despite minimal advertising ...*') 8 T

6

1 hear you're looking for 2 Let me tell 3 I live in 4 Right now 5 I'm lucky as 6 look pretty similar
7 you could 8 Next time 9 send you a photo 10 Best wishes

1

1 started learning to drive when 2 looking forward to visiting 3 don't remember inviting 4 (already) begun by the time 5 stopped eating 6 been living in Tanzania before 7 was hardly/barely anyone 8 As soon as I put 9 regretted giving 10 no pride (at all) in 11 always arriving late 12 am thinking of getting 13 (so) few people (had) 14 belongs to me 15 pretty close

2

1 were relaxing 2 looked 3 was waving 4 rushed 5 had been looking

3

1 D 2 C 3 C 4 B 5 A

4

1 C 2 B 3 B 4 B 5 C 6 A 7 C 8 A 9 B

5

1 E 2 D 3 A 4 F 5 C 6 H

6

1 Have you ever thought 2 naturally 3 Just imagine 4 As in every place 5 Apparently 6 when 7 but this time 8 Luckily 9 After a while 10 Can you imagine how

1

1 discoveries 2 particularly 3 genetics 4 characteristics 5 reinterpreted 6 uncovered 7 implications
8 pre-determined 9 understanding 10 significant 11 existence 12 developing

2

1 will be 2 will be living 3 who 4 on her own 5 which 6 will be 7 on the point of selecting

3

1 C 2 B 3 B 4 D 5 A 6 C 7 B

4

1 C 2 B 3 A 4 B 5 B 6 A 7 C 8 C

5

1 F (According to the article, most of the population of the world may have descended from fewer than 100 people.) 2 T 3 F (faces) 4 F (Psychological tests investigating beauty still conclude that our current beliefs on beauty match the Ancient Greeks', in that we still conceive a beautiful face to be one with regular features.)
5 T 6 T

6

1 Have you ever heard 2 Without doubt 3 On stage 4 What an incredible 5 Both 6 As the show started
7 The only thing 8 I must admit that 9 Judging from this 10 you really should

1

1 are permitted to park 2 (me) if I could meet 3 was made to help 4 may not have got 5 wasn't able to
6 accused him of stealing

2

1 ought/need/have 2 recommend 3 nothing/little 4 been 5 more 6 have

3

1 are supposed to be meeting 2 don't need to 3 couldn't 4 had been having 5 might 6 told

4

1 his personality 2 happier in company 3 in the public eye 4 minds off (the) 5 in his element
6 fascinated by 7 leaders and presidents 8 kidnapped an actress 9 (very) addictive personalities
10 (really) weird compulsion

5

1 T 2 T 3 F (She only found out after seeing the World Hot Dog Eating Championship on TV.) 4 T
5 F (He/She found it disgusting.) 6 T 7 T 8 F (There is no conclusive evidence that competitive eating
causes health problems.) 9 T 10 T 11 F (The majority of people regarded it as a sign of the decay of
society and an example of stupidity.) 12 F (She claims that even if there were no money involved, she would
still compete.)

6

1 One of the main advantages 2 What's more 3 Another major advantage 4 On the other hand 5 Some
people believe 6 Then there are 7 Last but not least 8 To sum up 9 In my opinion 10 However, in my
view

1

1 Would you mind if **2** it was agreed that **3** would have offered **4** is understood to have been
5 wishes he had done better/well **6** If you don't turn **7** at preventing older people from **8** was sung by
9 as long as you arrive **10** wish it was/were **11** will be taken there by **12** was made to apologise
13 Hardly anyone/anybody seems **14** wish I could visit

2

1 B **2** D **3** C **4** C **5** D **6** A

3

1 unwilling **2** dramatically **3** significant **4** unthinkable **5** possession

4

1 F **2** A **3** D **4** G **5** B **6** H **7** C **8** E

5

1 C **2** F **3** A **4** E **5** D

6

1 To **2** way **3** because of **4** hoped **5** such an **6** Next **7** after that **8** Finally **9** Of course
10 apart from **11** After all **12** Because of

1

1 Not knowing (that) **2** as if it's going **3** needs/has to be taken **4** in spite of getting
5 Now that I've had

2

1 dissatisfied **2** possessions **3** ability **4** impatience **5** predictable **6** unexpected **7** insecurity
8 unbelievable

3

1 owing/due **2** in **3** However **4** speaking **5** though

4

1 T **2** F (European Union ministers) **3** F (young people/kids) **4** T **5** F (guidelines suggesting we reduce the amount of sugar we consume daily) **6** F (The French manage to remain relatively slim despite their love of high-fat cheeses and meat.) **7** T **8** F (Heart disease is not that common in either country.) **9** T **10** T (Turmeric is said to aid memory.)

5

1 D **2** F **3** H **4** B **5** J **6** C **7** A **8** I **9** G **10** E

6

1 as far as I'm concerned **2** The best thing about **3** it's full of **4** I found **5** Not surprisingly **6** I also loved **7** To be honest **8** There was also **9** When **10** Indeed **11** I strongly recommend **12** In the end

1 B 2 D 3 C 4 B 5 D 6 C 7 A 8 A 9 A 10 B 11 C 12 D 13 B 14 A 15 B 16 D 17 B
18 C 19 C 20 B 21 D 22 B 23 D 24 B 25 C 26 A 27 C 28 A 29 B 30 C 31 C 32 A
33 B 34 D 35 A 36 D 37 B 38 A 39 D 40 C 41 B 42 A 43 C 44 B 45 B 46 B 47 D
48 C 49 B 50 D

1

1 B 2 D 3 C 4 B 5 D 6 C 7 A 8 A 9 A 10 B 11 C 12 D 13 B 14 A 15 B 16 D 17 B
18 C 19 C 20 B 21 D 22 B 23 D 24 B 25 C 26 A 27 C 28 A 29 B 30 C 31 C 32 A
33 B 34 D 35 A 36 D 37 B 38 A 39 D 40 C 41 B 42 A 43 C 44 B 45 B 46 B 47 D
48 C 49 B 50 D

2

1 reception 2 memorable 3 continuous 4 countless 5 cleanliness 6 affectionate 7 worryingly
8 interested 9 decision 10 achievement(s) 11 reality 12 dreadful 13 comedian 14 woollen
15 impression 16 energetic 17 dislikes 18 emotional 19 endanger 20 tasteless 21 accelerator
22 anxious 23 miserable 24 unconvincing 25 imaginative

3

1 interested 2 have 3 of 4 where 5 on 6 to 7 highest 8 is 9 If 10 there 11 need/ have 12 not
13 by 14 enough 15 its 16 through 17 to 18 By 19 as 20 a 21 able 22 the 23 across
24 which/that 25 one

1

1 B 2 C 3 D 4 B 5 C 6 D 7 A 8 A 9 D 10 B 11 D 12 B 13 B 14 C 15 D 16 A 17 B 18 C 19 B 20 D

2

1 keeps (on) interrupting me **2** is staying with **3** are a lot nicer **4** have been having **5** some of the stereos
6 (very/extremely/incredibly) popular musician **7** tried to get you **8** By the time she arrived **9** is a lack of
10 had been waiting for **11** will have graduated **12** with each other **13** The horse belonging to **14** aren't
used to eating **15** let her do whatever/what **16** can't be **17** told me (that) he wanted **18** wanted to know
where he **19** managed to obtain (some) **20** asked/told us to take our **21** I wasn't/weren't sitting
22 must/has to/needs to be checked **23** too expensive to stay **24** for fear that he would **25** had their car
stolen

3

1 impressions **2** impatience **3** Extraordinarily **4** Equality **5** dissatisfied **6** conclusive **7** appreciation
8 criticising/criticizing **9** weightlessly **10** recharge **11** entertaining **12** complaints

4

1 B 2 C 3 A 4 C 5 B 6 B 7 C

5

1 F (those who are content with what they have tend to be happier) **2** T **3** F (it is our temperament) **4** T
5 F (Harvard University researchers have found that people who belong to groups are happier than people who
don't and that it makes no difference how well-off you are) **6** F (if we can recognise when we are happy, we
can become better at choosing happiness over misery)

6

These days, an ~~increased~~ **increasing** number of people are becoming self-employed and ~~choosing~~ **choosing** to work at home. Whilst there may be number of advantages to doing this, the drawbacks ~~do~~ **are** not always understood or ~~acknowledged~~ **acknowledged**.

The main ~~avantage~~ **advantage** of working in ~~this~~ **these** circumstances is that you often have a lot of autonomy, and therefore enjoy ~~flexibleness~~ **flexibility** in terms of when you work. This can means that you are able to coordinate other activities around your working life far more ~~effectedly~~ **effectively**. What's more, once you ~~are becoming~~ **become** accustomed to working in your own space and alone, you are ~~generaly~~ **generally** better able to focus on work and therefore become more ~~productive~~ **productive**. Additionally, you may be fortunate enough to ~~don't~~ **not** have to spend much or any time to ~~attend~~ **attending** meetings or performance reviews.

On the other ~~side~~ **hand**, in order to ~~do~~ **make** a living when self-employed and based at home, a great deal of discipline, organisational skills and motivation ~~is~~ **are** required. After all, you will only get paid for the actual work done rather than for being at work ~~on~~ **in** a physical sense. You will also need to work hard to ensure that you have a ~~suficient~~ **sufficient** quantity of work coming in all the time to ~~sustain~~ **sustain** yourself. Another disadvantage is that you will not be ~~entitling~~ **entitled** to either holiday or sick-pay, so you will have to be careful ~~of~~ **with** your money and build up reserves to finance breaks or a ~~lost~~ **loss** of earnings through ill health.

To sum ~~off~~ **up**, whilst being self-employed and working from home may be considered ~~from~~ **by** some to be an easy and careful way of working, it is far from it. ~~On~~ **In** my view, whilst the advantages do outweigh ~~the~~ the disadvantages, this way of working would not ~~suiting~~ **suit** everyone.