

# PROGRESS TEST I

## A Reading comprehension

Choose the best answer.

- 1 My brother has been living in Peru ..... three years.  
A for B since C ago D during
- 2 I'd rather you ..... use that wine glass to mix paint in, if you don't mind.  
A won't B aren't C didn't D wouldn't
- 3 Do you have any idea ..... owns this black cat?  
A whose B that C who D which
- 4 My five-year-old daughter was very ..... when her pet rabbit died, and she cried for days.  
A embarrassed B insulted C offended D upset
- 5 She asked him if he was sure that it was her car that ..... stolen.  
A been B had C had been D has been
- 6 I'm afraid I can't come and see you this evening. I have to stay at home and look ..... my little sister.  
A after B on C by D to
- 7 There is a marvellous collection ..... paintings in the National Gallery.  
A in B for C with D of
- 8 I like the red dress and the pink shoes. The trouble is that they don't go ..... each other very well.  
A in B above C on D with
- 9 There's something I want to talk to you about. .... you come and see me this afternoon?  
A Will B Should C May D Must
- 10 I usually go to work ..... foot.  
A in B with C on D by
- 11 The successful applicant will be expected to take ..... the new post before the end of October.  
A off B in C for D up
- 12 Her English has reached a ..... level.  
A tall B big C high D strong
- 13 The new Prime Minister is trying to find a ..... to the country's economic problems.  
A reaction B reply C solution D response
- 14 He said he ..... at eight o'clock, but it is already a quarter to nine.  
A is coming B will come C will be coming D would come
- 15 This is a word I have never come ..... before.  
A across B on C through D to

## B Use of English

Fill each of the blanks in the following passage. Use only *one* word in each space.

Henry Adams is probably the luckiest person I know. I normally envy very (1)..... of my friends' jobs because I am happy with what I do, but Henry Adams is one of those rare people (2)..... job I would really like to have myself. Henry, (3)..... had always been interested (4)..... both science (5)..... animals, was studying to be a vet, and we were (6)..... university at the same time.

When he finished, (7)..... went to London, where he looked (8)..... domestic animals such as cats and dogs. He always said that he (9)..... not stay in a job like that for long because he didn't (10)..... it very satisfying. So we were not very surprised when he gave (11)..... that job and went to work at London Zoo; he stayed there (12)..... two years, and in the evenings he studied because he wanted to get some higher (13)..... When he passed all his exams, he applied (14)..... a job in a game reserve in Africa. He got the job, and is now responsible (15)..... a large number of animals, and is in (16)..... of a special programme to protect species (17)..... are in danger of extinction.

I got a letter from him the other day asking me (18)..... I'd like to go out and see him for a holiday. I've never been to Kenya, and nor (19)..... my wife, so I wrote to say that we (20)..... love to go. We'll be going out there at the end of August.

**C Sentence transformations**

Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means exactly the same as the sentence printed before it.

- 1 'Don't drive so fast,' said Daisy to her chauffeur.  
Daisy told her chauffeur .....
- 2 'Could I bring a friend along to the party?' Jane asked me.  
Jane asked me .....
- 3 He gave up cigarettes when he was thirty.  
He stopped .....
- 4 Few people speak Gaelic in Ireland.  
There aren't .....
- 5 My eldest sister doesn't speak Spanish, nor does my other sister.  
Neither of .....
- 6 Running a big car like that can't be at all cheap.  
It must .....
- 7 Jennifer started teaching six years ago.  
Jennifer has .....
- 8 What do you find most interesting about the film?  
What interests .....
- 9 'What's happened to your knee?' John's mother asked him.  
John's mother asked him .....
- 10 I was amazed by the things he said.  
I thought what .....

**D Vocabulary 1: word building**

The word in capitals at the end of each sentence can be used to form a word that fits suitably in the blank space. Fill each blank in this way.

- 1 I was very annoyed by her ..... to help me. REFUSE
- 2 Governments around the world are becoming increasingly worried about both air and sea ..... POLLUTE
- 3 I don't like Shakespeare; I find most of his plays rather ..... BORE
- 4 The shops are in the ..... area of the city. CENTRE
- 5 The government has sent in more than a hundred military ..... to help the army. ADVICE

**E Vocabulary 2: phrasal verbs**

Fill the blanks with a suitable verb.

- 1 The air crash investigators are ..... into the cause of the accident.
- 2 It's a lovely sofa, but it would ..... up too much space in the sitting-room.
- 3 While I was looking for my suitcase in the loft, I ..... across a box full of lovely old books.
- 4 If you've forgotten his phone number, why don't you ..... it up in the phone book?
- 5 When her husband said he was going to leave her, she ..... down and cried.