UNITS 1 – 5 Progress test

1 There is a mistake with vocabulary in each of the following sentences. Find the mistakes and correct them.

1 The film *Star Wars* has a combine of two themes.
2 I thought that *Moulin Rouge* had a very sad finishing.
3 The film ends with a close shot of the hero.
4 The actress Gwyneth Paltrow made a very emotion speech when she won her Oscar.
5 I was very irritating by what he said.
6 The Olympic Games have place every four years.
7 He just made a glimpse of the tiger in the long grass.
8 It is impossible to me to buy that car.
9 The reality of the situation was starting to fall in.
10 Eggs are known to be high with cholesterol.
11 Would you rather feed out in a restaurant?
12 The taste of the insect was absolutely revolted.
13 I had to eat the insect living.
14 You must have used a fortune buying that car!
15 The shop has a broad selection of electrical goods.

2 Decide what word is missing in each of the following sentences and write it in the correct place.

1 He known her since he was a child.
2 How many times you phone your sister every day?
3 I had this car since I was eighteen.
4 Have you running? You look hot.
5 My sister is lot better at Maths than I am.
6 This ride isn't exciting as the one we went on in Disneyland.
7 Tom is not taller than I am – only about one centimetre.
8 I'm going to Canary Islands for my summer holiday.
9 My father drives slowly than my brother does.
10 He already finished the work when the teacher returned.
11 I usually just have piece of toast for breakfast.
12 I'm watching very interesting series about dinosaurs on TV.
13 The police told me go away.
14 Brad asked Vicky she wanted a drink or not.
15 They advised me not worry as everything would be all right.

3 Look at the following pairs of sentences. Decide if the sentences in each pair have a) the same meaning or b) different meanings. Underline the parts of the sentences that have different meanings.

1 In the most successful films you get a combination of two types of plot.
The most successful films combine two types of plot.
2 I bought these trainers when I joined the gym.
I've had these trainers ever since I joined the gym.
3 I took to free diving immediately.
I gave up free diving straightaway.
4 She didn't feel very secure as a child.
As a child, she felt rather insecure.
5 I had no idea that I'd have to cross the valley by cable.
I knew that I wouldn't have to cross the valley by cable.
6 The journey was a bit longer than I'd expected.
I had expected the journey to be a bit longer than it was.
7 My main concern is to develop awareness of the environment.
I am mainly concerned with developing environmental awareness.
8 Hang gliding is less risky than people think.
Hang gliding isn't as safe as people think.
9 It looks as if they're having a party.
They're looking forward to having the party.
10 She gazed at the view through the open window.
She glimpsed the view through the open window.
11 Jamie's career really took off after he'd made the TV show.
Making the TV show destroyed Jamie's career.
12 Their study of insects has taken them all over the globe.
They have travelled all over the world studying insects.
13 Daniela has a severe allergy to many common substances.
Daniela is slightly allergic to many common substances.
14 The boys said they thought the game was great.
According to the boys, it was a great game.
15 They said the sale would start at nine o'clock.
'The sale started at nine o'clock,' they said.

Use of English: multiple-choice cloze (Part 1)

4 For questions 1–12, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

MY FIRST FLIGHT

My heart was **(0)** ...B..... fast as I stood at the edge of the cliff with my hang glider for the first time. I looked straight ahead to where the **(1)** ..... disappeared in front of me, and **(2)** ..... that there was nothing between me and the valley lying **(3)** ..... below. My flying instructor went **(4)** ..... the instructions once more, but I was not listening. The idea of jumping off this cliff suddenly seemed totally **(5)** ..... ! .

I hesitated for a moment. But I had to do it. I **(6)** ..... a deep breath and began to move forwards. After only five steps I was lifted up into the air by the wind. I gasped as I flew over the **(7)** ..... of the cliff. Excitement surged through me, and I **(8)** ..... to laugh. I was excited and afraid at the same time, and I loved it. I **(9)** ..... the control bar tightly, as if that was the only thing **(10)** ..... me falling as I hung hundreds of metres above the valley spread out below.

All too soon I was over the landing field, and I had to **(11)** ..... hard on getting down safely. When I finally landed, I was triumphant. I had flown like a bird, and I would never be the **(12)** ..... person again.

0	**A** running	**B** beating	**C** moving	**D** rushing
1	**A** floor	**B** ground	**C** base	**D** bottom
2	**A** reviewed	**B** reminded	**C** reconsidered	**D** realised
3	**A** long	**B** far	**C** further	**D** away
4	**A** over	**B** out	**C** by	**D** in
5	**A** indecisive	**B** unrepeatable	**C** unreasonable	**D** insensitive
6	**A** had	**B** took	**C** caught	**D** got
7	**A** bit	**B** section	**C** border	**D** edge
8	**A** burst	**B** started	**C** set	**D** felt
9	**A** held	**B** carried	**C** touched	**D** reached
10	**A** closing	**B** keeping	**C** stopping	**D** making
11	**A** attend	**B** consider	**C** concentrate	**D** apply
12	**A** equal	**B** same	**C** similar	**D** typical

Use of English: open cloze (Part 2)

5 For questions 13–24, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

TEA BAGS

These days, in millions of homes around the world, people make cups of tea **(0)** ..with.... tea bags. But **(13)** ..... first thought of putting tea leaves into small bags? It was an American, in 1919. At **(14)** ..... time, the bags were mainly used by tea companies to allow customers to try the tea before buying it. But the idea of the tea bag took **(15)** ..... , and by 1935 most were being bought for use **(16)** ..... home.

It wasn't long **(17)** ..... tea bags started to become popular in countries outside America. But they were not an immediate success everywhere. In Britain, for **(18)** ..... , people held very strong views on how to make a good cup of tea. There was a strict procedure which involved warming the teapot, putting one spoonful of tea for each person into the pot and then filling **(19)** ..... with boiling water. The pot was then left **(20)** ..... five minutes before the tea was poured into cups, and milk and sugar were added last.

However, **(21)** ..... this tradition, nowadays things **(22)** ..... changed. Modern people lead busy lives, and making the perfect cup of tea properly is **(23)** ..... important than making it easily and conveniently. These days, over 75% of the cups of tea drunk in Britain **(24)** ..... made with tea bags.

Use of English: word formation (Part 3)

6 For questions 25–34, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Space – fiction and fact

In science fiction, space is often described as a silent, empty place but in (0) ...reality... , things are very different. In fact, all of the (25) ..... that is used to keep a space station functioning can be so (26) ..... that the astronauts working there cannot communicate with one another (27) ..... – they have to shout. The high levels of sound may affect their work, and can sometimes even mean that they are (28) ..... to sleep. In addition, they may face other problems in space. Scientists have (29) ..... over 70,000 items of rubbish left by former astronauts that still remain in orbit around the earth. Most of these are smaller than a tennis ball, but they still (30) ..... the safety of (31) ..... in space. Even a small piece of metal floating in space could cause a (32) ..... disaster if it hit a manned spacecraft.
Although astronauts do (33) ..... try to bring most of their rubbish home, they don't always manage it. And they don't just leave their rubbish floating in space either. There is even a (34) ..... camera among the litter left behind on the Moon.

REAL
EQUIP
NOISE
EASY
ABLE
IDENTITY
THREAT
EXPLORE
CATASTROPHE
GENERAL
BREAK

Use of English: key word transformations (Part 4)

7 For questions 35–42, 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. Here is an example.

Example:

0 You must do exactly as I tell you. **carry**
You must ...carry out my..... instructions exactly.

35 There are hardly any copies of the book left in the shop. **very**
There are ..... of the book left in the shop.

36 I only ate a little at lunch, so I'm hungry now. **to**
I didn't ..... at lunch, so I'm hungry now.

37 Don swims better than Carlos. **well**
Carlos ..... as Don.

38 They don't know what caused the problem yet. **discovered**
They ..... of the problem yet.

39 He said that the accident was my fault. **blamed**
He ..... the accident.

40 It's three years since we worked together. **not**
We ..... three years.

41 'I'll come with you tomorrow,' said Jaime. **promised**
Jaime ..... the next day.

42 I prefer watching football to playing it. **rather**
I ..... play it.

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