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A2 Progress test 4 B (Units 10–12)

Milestones in English

1 ▷ Listen to the radio report. Complete the sentences with one word.

- 1 Rob Kinghorn has just completed a _____.
- 2 The race starts in Kintail on the _____ coast of Scotland.
- 3 The event was to raise money for the local _____.
- 4 Rob says that running in the countryside is _____.
- 5 It's difficult to know what _____ to expect, so people sometimes bring the wrong equipment.

2 points for each correct answer

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2 ▷ Listen again. Match the numbers to the facts.

- 1 5 _____
- 2 20 _____
- 3 50 _____
- 4 1,000 _____
- 5 25 _____

- a the total number of miles from the start to the finish of the race
- b the height of some of the mountains in metres
- c the number of hours Rob took to complete the race
- d the temperature in degrees that it might be on the day of the event
- e the number of miles people have to run

2 points for each correct answer

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3 Read the text. Choose the correct answer (a, b or c) to complete the sentences.

According to research, people all over the world prefer the same kind of paintings. In a recent survey, researchers asked people in ten different countries about their favourite kind of paintings. They were shown different types of paintings including paintings of people, paintings of objects – such as flowers and fruit – and paintings of cities. But the researchers found that everyone in the study preferred paintings of the countryside with geographical features such as mountains, beaches, lakes, waterfalls and rivers.

Experts have different ideas about the reasons why people prefer paintings of the countryside. One idea is that because the countryside has been part of human life for many thousands of years, it is natural for people to want to feel part of the world around them.

Another possible reason is that they are usually painted in different colours or shades of green. Research shows that colour can change people's moods. According to studies, people find the colour green more relaxing than other colours. Because modern life can be very busy, people find it calming to take a break from their daily routine for a minute or two and look at a painting of a beautiful forest or some green fields.

Another idea is that paintings of nature and the countryside give us a feeling of space. Many people in the world live in small houses or flats in cities and they don't have much personal space around them. Perhaps this feeling of space helps them to feel more relaxed.

An interesting fact is that people didn't like paintings of the countryside that showed extreme weather conditions, such as snow and ice, or very hot, dry environments. Psychologists believe this could be because people don't like to think about situations that could be dangerous for them in real life.

Researchers are now planning to study more about why these paintings are so popular worldwide. They are also going to research whether men and women and young and old people have different opinions.

- 1 The main purpose of the text is to _____.
 - a describe the writer's own favourite kind of paintings
 - b give information about different kinds of paintings
 - c report the results of a survey about people's favourite kind of paintings
- 2 The survey found the most popular type of painting is of _____.
 - a people
 - b the countryside
 - c cities
- 3 Experts _____ the reasons for people's choices.
 - a disagree about
 - b agree about
 - c don't have any ideas about
- 4 Colour can change our _____.
 - a body clock
 - b learning
 - c mood
- 5 The studies showed that people don't like paintings that _____.
 - a show busy modern life
 - b make them think of dangerous situations
 - c give a feeling of space

2 points for each correct answer

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A2 Progress test 4 B (Units 10–12)**4 Read the article again. Complete the sentences with one or two words from the article.**

- 1 People from ten _____ countries completed the survey.
- 2 People feel calm if they take a break from their _____ to look at a painting of the countryside.
- 3 People don't like paintings of extreme _____.
- 4 We like paintings that give us a feeling of _____ because many people live in small flats or houses.
- 5 Researchers now want to study whether men and women have different _____ about paintings.

2 points for each correct answer

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5 Choose the correct answers (a, b or c) to complete the article.**My life as a singer**

It takes a lot of skill and practice to become a singer and many people never become famous, but I was lucky. I started when I was five years old. I had singing ¹ _____ three times a week. Then, I sang in school concerts and competitions. I ² _____ a lot of competitions – it's always nice to come first! I then went on to university to study music. Since then, I ³ _____ as a singer and I've been in ⁴ _____ with three other musicians.

I've travelled a lot in my career. The best place I've been to was Rio in Brazil. I ⁵ _____ in a concert on the beach. It was ⁶ _____ amazing. I was sad when I came back to London and it was wet and ⁷ _____!

Later this year, I ⁸ _____ going to start learning to play the piano. I think it's ⁹ _____ instrument to learn but I've wanted to learn for many years. I hope that playing the piano will help me write ¹⁰ _____ songs than before.

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| 1 a concerts | b lessons | c instruments |
| 2 a won | b have won | c win |
| 3 a have worked | b am working | c worked |
| 4 a dance | b a band | c a play |
| 5 a sing | b sung | c sang |
| 6 a really | b too | c very |
| 7 a snow | b ice | c freezing |
| 8 a am | b is | c are |
| 9 a the hardest | b harder | c hard |
| 10 a best | b good | c better |

2 points for each correct answer

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6 Write a description of a place you know. Write 60–70 words.

In your description, you should write about:

- the geography
- the weather
- what people go to see and to do there

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SPEAKING

Student B

7 Work with Student A. Prepare and give a presentation about ways you can help your community. Student A speaks first.

In your part of the presentation you should talk about:

- three examples of good things people can do in your local area to help the community that they don't do now
- why you think it's a good idea to do these things

Progress test 4 total

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