

END-OF-YEAR TEST 1 UNITS 1–16

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct options (a, b, c or d) to complete the text.

The lives of the rich in Ancient Rome

¹_____ the majority of people in Ancient Rome were poor, it is the lives of its wealthier citizens that fascinate us today. In recent years, many of their villas ²_____ by archaeologists, and they have made a number of fascinating discoveries. Rich Romans had one-storey homes ³_____ of brick, with red roofs, and balconies ⁴_____ inwards towards the attractive courtyard, ⁵_____ often had a fountain or statue at its centre. The wealthier the Roman, ⁶_____ more they spent on protection. Many were ⁷_____ worried about ⁸_____ burgled or killed that they had ⁹_____ thick walls ¹⁰_____ around their villas and employed guards ¹¹_____ keep watch through the night. They had bedrooms, bathrooms and offices. ¹²_____ really amazes me is how similar their homes were to those of rich people in warm countries today.

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| 1 a Although | b Despite |
| c In case | d Provided |
| 2 a have been excavating | b have excavated |
| c have been excavated | d have to excavate |
| 3 a make | b was made |
| c making | d made |
| 4 a face | b to face |
| c facing | d faced |
| 5 a which | b where |
| c who | d whose |
| 6 a so | b as |
| c the | d much |
| 7 a so | b enough |
| c such | d too |
| 8 a be | b to be |
| c being | d for being |
| 9 a complete | b really |
| c absolutely | d extreme |
| 10 a build | b built |
| c building | d to build |
| 11 a to | b so |
| c for | d as |
| 12 a It | b What |
| c This | d That |

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2 Choose the correct option (a, b or c) to complete each sentence.

- Fry the rice _____ a few minutes.
a after b for c until
- We were forced _____ a heavy fine.
a pay b paying c to pay
- I wish I _____ leave, but it's already midnight.
a mustn't b haven't to c didn't have to

- _____ of the students did well in the tests.
a Every b Each c Much
- We were supposed _____ the boat back to the other side, but we missed it.
a take b to take c taking
- We'll take warm coats _____ it gets cold later.
a in case b provided c unless
- Her plan is a recipe _____ disaster. It will undoubtedly go wrong.
a of b from c for
- I've been waiting here _____.
a since 40 b an hour ago c all morning minutes

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3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- She _____ (not see) me, did she?
- May I remind you all _____ (fasten) your seatbelts?
- I really wish you _____ (be) quiet! You never stop talking!
- When they get here, they'll be hungry. They _____ (not eat) all day.
- There's no hope of _____ (find) anyone alive.
- You _____ (should / visit) the castle while you were in Warwick.
- You _____ (must / feel) proud of Graham when he won.
- The food _____ (serve) outside right now. Let's hurry or we won't get any.
- I _____ (not recognise) Paul if I hadn't already seen the photo of him.
- Jenny denied _____ (steal) the money.

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VOCABULARY

4 Complete each sentence with one word.

- It looks _____ one of Picasso's early works.
- It's one of the most _____-down cities in this region. Many houses need repair.
- Have you ever taken _____ in a parade?
- The company is in danger of _____ bankrupt.
- I worked _____ a sweat on the exercise bike.
- On match point, Hewett served a _____ fault.
- I don't know how the criminals got _____ of my personal details.
- Rising crime rates have run _____ parallel with a fall in tourists.
- So, _____ sum up what I've said, the more you work, the better your prospects.
- I'm not up _____ going out. Let's watch TV.
- Jeffrey got caught by the police after he went _____ a red light.
- Amy has set _____ her own company, selling kitchenware.

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5 Circle the word that cannot usually be used to describe the topic.

- 1 art
a abstract b runny c traditional
- 2 books
a catchy b atmospheric c gripping
- 3 rich cities
a affluent b grand c deprived
- 4 fitness
a flexible b filthy c uncoordinated
- 5 rain
a pouring b easing c stunning
- 6 crimes
a minor b serious c clumsy
- 7 having and losing jobs
a redundant b sweaty c promoted
- 8 feeling ill
a sore b uplifting c stiff

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6 Choose the correct verb to complete the sentences.

- 1 In business news, chemical companies Blixo and Furness have _____ to form a new, larger company.
a set up b merged c taken over
- 2 It's really nice if you _____ the chocolate, then pour it over the ice cream.
a melt b peel c steam
- 3 You've _____ a break after working so hard this month.
a bet b staked c earned
- 4 We _____ out a mortgage in order to buy a house.
a took b brought c got
- 5 My throat has _____ up and I've got a rash
a suffered b swollen c thrown
- 6 It was serious. I didn't _____ the funny side of it at all.
a see b watch c look at
- 7 I hate my job. I'm going to _____ in my notice.
a place b hand c move
- 8 Stop _____ the mickey. I hate the way you laugh at me all the time.
a putting b taking c fetching
- 9 Government policies haven't _____ much difference to our standard of living.
a made b given c done
- 10 They _____ a parade through the town centre.
a made b threw c held

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LISTENING

7 Listen to the interview and choose the correct option for each sentence.

- 1 The presenter says that Andy ...
a works as a zookeeper in North America.
b only works with large mammals like lions.
c works with a range of species including mammals and birds.
d is directly responsible for just a few species.
- 2 Andy says that on a typical day ...
a he might start and finish at different times.
b he always carries out operations in the morning.
c he has no idea how many hours he is going to work.
d he usually doesn't get home until midnight.
- 3 What Andy finds most challenging about his job is ...
a performing difficult operations on some of the larger animals.
b trying to diagnose problems in some of the rarer, stranger animals.
c having to check and compare all the data he is sent by others.
d trying to meet the dietary needs of such a wide range of animals.
- 4 Andy says that if you want to be a vet in a zoo ...
a you should expect the process to be long.
b there is a clear route that everybody has to follow.
c it involves working in a lot of different zoos.
d you don't actually need to take a veterinary degree.
- 5 In his career, Andy has ...
a treated pets and farm animals.
b done some of his studies while working at a zoo.
c taught at a veterinary school.
d had a variety of jobs to pay for his courses.

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SPEAKING

8 Talk about one of the following topics.

- compare two sports that are popular in your country
- present reasons for against the idea of working part-time while studying full-time
- describe your job or the job you would like to have

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READING

Lucky László

Homeless and unemployed, László Andraschek was on his way to attend a workshop for recovering alcoholics in Budapest when he decided to buy a lottery ticket at a railway station shop. He picked six numbers at random, and handed over the list to the shop assistant, who handed it back, reminding him that he had to choose seven numbers, not six. Feeling irritated, and wishing that he hadn't bothered to stop and waste his money, Andraschek selected one more number – the number 24. He headed onwards, towards Budapest, his ticket in his pocket, but all thoughts that he might win anything were far from his mind.

A few months later, a large donation was made to a hostel for the homeless in Hungary, and journalists were quick to track down the man responsible for such a generous gift. Against all odds, Andraschek's lottery ticket had contained the luckiest of numbers, and he had won over two million euros. In one of the most sudden rags to riches stories in history, Andraschek had been transformed overnight from being penniless to being fabulously wealthy. To his credit, however, he hadn't forgotten his previous struggles, hence the generous gift to the hostel.

When interviewed, the 55-year-old seemed to still be in shock that he had been so lucky. He revealed that he had spent some of the money on himself and his family, but hadn't really been sure what to buy. As well as buying flats for his three children, he had bought a luxury car. However, as neither he nor his wife had passed their driving test, he had given the car to his children, all of whom had licences. He announced that he was planning a trip to Italy, a country he had always dreamed of visiting, but he still hadn't got round to applying for a passport, something he had never previously possessed.

Having struggled with alcoholism, Andraschek finally gave up drinking five years ago, and now says that he has no excuse for returning to his former habit. He hopes to help others with similar problems by using a part of his winnings to establish a foundation for addicts and for women who have been the victims of domestic abuse.

News of Andraschek's remarkable story has focused attention on the plight of homeless people in Hungary, a country where 30,000 people sleep rough each night. In a bid to clean up the streets, authorities have recently passed a law banning sleeping on the streets, a law which many consider unfair. Activists argue that it is punishing people with nowhere else to go, subjecting them to fines or imprisonment, rather than finding a long-term solution to the problem. Perhaps Andraschek's story will provide hope for people down on their luck, and his generosity will provide some support for those in need.

9 Read the text and decide if each statement is true (T), false (F) or not given (NG).

- At the time he bought the lottery ticket, László Andraschek had neither a job nor a place to live. T / F / NG
- Andraschek bought the winning lottery ticket at a railway station in Budapest. T / F / NG
- At first, the shop assistant refused to accept his list of numbers because he had selected too many. T / F / NG
- Andraschek selected the number 24 because it had a special significance for him. T / F / NG
- Although he kept the lottery ticket, Andraschek never really expected to win anything. T / F / NG
- Andraschek gave money to the Hungarian hostel before the media and public knew he had won the lottery. T / F / NG
- Andraschek spent most of the money on his children. T / F / NG
- Andraschek has planned a return to Italy just as soon as he has his passport. T / F / NG
- Hungarian authorities have recently begun to fine homeless people sleeping rough in their country. T / F / NG
- Andraschek has taken a keen interest in the plight of homeless people in his country. T / F / NG

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WRITING

10 Write one of the following.

- an email to a friend inviting them to a special event that you have organised
- a short story entitled *The Best Day of my Life*
- an opinion essay about this statement: *The lottery is the best way of raising money to support the arts and sport in my country. Discuss.*

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