

Progress Test 1

Units 1–3

1 Read the text about a Hollywood legend and choose the correct word in 1–8.

RUDOLPH VALENTINO

After Rudolph Valentino's (1) *death/dead*, more than 100,000 people lined the streets of New York for his funeral. It was 1926, and the young star died from (2) *complicated/complications* following a double operation for appendicitis, and stomach ulcers. Valentino had been the most popular (3) *romance/romantic* leading man of the silent era of Hollywood movies, and almost (4) *each/every* young woman in America was heartbroken when he died. Valentino arrived in the U.S. from Italy in 1913. After (5) *danceing/dancing* professionally in New York, he set off for California, where he soon received bit parts in movies and became typecast as the (6) *villainous/villian* foreign seducer. In 1921, he got his big breakthrough in the film *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* produced by Rex Ingrams. This was considered a (7) *main/major* achievement and one of the first anti-war films. Tragically, within five years the star's career and life were over, but Valentino is still (8) *remembered/memorised* as one of Hollywood's most enduring legends.

(16 marks)

School sports day

When I was at school, sports day was the highlight of the year. Let me (1) the scene. First of all, on sports day, it was always bound (2) rain. Sunny weather? No such luck. Despite the previous two months of soaring temperatures, as likely (3) not, on the morning of the games, the temperature would plummet. So, imagine a hundred (4) small children, dressed in tight shorts and thin vests, shivering in the cold, unaware of the heartbreak that (5) in store for them. Swept (6) by the excitement and desperate to win, tempers soon get (7). One girl finds herself disqualified from the egg and spoon race despite giving it everything she's got, and another boy, (8) jealous of the winner of the sack race, makes the mistake of being rude to him (9) earshot of the teachers. Scores of tiny children, (10) disappointed at tasting defeat for the first time, break down and cry. Twenty years on, I'm certainly not (11) any younger, but I do have some really lasting (12) of those days at school!

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| 1 | A put | B set | C make | D do |
| 2 | A for | B of | C by | D to |
| 3 | A to | B if | C as | D than |
| 4 | A enthusiast | B enthusiastic | C enthuse | D enthusiasm |
| 5 | A sits | B stands | C lies | D hides |
| 6 | A over | B up | C down | D off |
| 7 | A fractured | B turned | C frayed | D torn |
| 8 | A fiercely | B warmly | C keenly | D strongly |
| 9 | A between | B within | C among | D across |
| 10 | A absolutely | B strongly | C warmly | D bitterly |
| 11 | A getting | B putting | C going | D coming |
| 12 | A remembrances | B mementoes | C souvenirs | D memories |

(12 marks)

3 For a–j, rewrite the part of the sentence in italics with a phrase using the words in brackets.

a I am writing to you *as the representative of* the Manager. (behalf)

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b My grandfather *started* the company in 1956. (set)

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c I can't tell you how *much I appreciate* your help. (grateful)

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d Modern fashions are not *something that I like*. (taste)

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e It's *very likely* that the government will change the law. (cards)

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f In the ten minutes he was on the pitch, the substitute certainly *had an impact*. (mark)

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g *As well as* her day job in an office, Sheila also works in the evenings. (addition)

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h Try to be optimistic. I'm sure better times *will soon be on their way*. (corner)

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i The police arrived to *put a stop to* the demonstration. (break)

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j We all hope that, *eventually*, this new policy will be successful. (run)

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(10 marks)

4 Complete sentences a–l with one word formed from the word in capitals.

a You can trust Gary completely. He's the most person I know. RELY

b It's important to be when giving someone bad news. TACT

c Jo's invaluable made the scheme a success. CONTRIBUTE

d Jack is a very little boy, constantly asking questions. INQUIRE

e I have no in recommending Paula for the position. HESITATE

f Nursing has a reputation as one of the most of professions. CARE

g There was no hint of when I showed him the photograph. RECOGNISE

h It was a(n) day, and one we'll both treasure forever. FORGET

i You wouldn't have failed the exam if you hadn't approached it so CARE

j Please let us know of any special medical at the time of booking. REQUIRE

k What do you think is the best of someone's success? INDICATE

l This position really needs a person. DECIDE

(12 marks)

Total: /50