TEST 3 | Units 5 and 6

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VOCABULARY

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in CAPITAL LETTERS.

0 Stella Young was a ___comedian___ . **COMEDY**
1 People with a _____ don't have to be an inspiration for the rest of society. **ABLE**
2 Many famous sports people go on to give _____ talks to business people. **MOTIVATE**
3 Some TV shows are guilty of the _____ of people with certain body types. **OBJECT**
4 This filter takes out all the bad chemicals from _____ water. **CONTAMINATE**
5 How do you make filthy water _____ ? **DRINK**
6 He got angry because he _____ what I meant to say. **INTERPRET**
7 How did you manage to _____ your fear of flying? **COME**
8 Let's begin by _____ some ideas for the party. **STORM**
9 There's a strong _____ that you might be right after all. **POSSIBLE**
10 Stella Young doesn't want to be anyone's _____ . **INSPIRE**

Marks (out of 10): _____

2 Read the text and choose the word (A–D) which best fits each gap.

New ideas and **(0)** ___A___ can come from the most surprising places. Take the case of America writer Sylvia Wright who, after many years, eventually got to the **(11)** _____ of a mistake. When she was a child, she had a favourite old folk song which had a line that she **(12)** _____ as, 'They have killed the Earl of Moray and Lady Mondegreen.' Wright, didn't have the **(13)** _____ idea that the actual line is, 'They have killed the Earl of Moray and laid him on the green.' When she realized her mistake some years later, it **(14)** _____ Wright that there must be a word in English for this sort of lyrical confusion. It never **(15)** _____ to her that no such word would exist but when she tried to think of the name for the phenomenon, she drew a **(16)** _____ . Then it dawned **(17)** _____ her that this was the perfect opportunity to invent a word. So, she **(18)** _____ up with her own term: 'Mondegreen'. After many years, the writers of English dictionaries went **(19)** _____ with her bright **(20)** _____ and now define it as a misunderstood word or phrase from mishearing the lyrics of a song.

0	**A** inspiration	**B** thinks	**C** minds	**D** occurs
11	**A** top	**B** middle	**C** junction	**D** bottom
12	**A** listened	**B** noticed	**C** understood	**D** solved
13	**A** strong	**B** initial	**C** weakest	**D** faintest
14	**A** struck	**B** hit	**C** drew	**D** told
15	**A** thought	**B** occurred	**C** rose	**D** opened
16	**A** gun	**B** gap	**C** blank	**D** hunch
17	**A** in	**B** at	**C** on	**D** over
18	**A** came	**B** ended	**C** discovered	**D** go
19	**A** on	**B** along	**C** out	**D** up
20	**A** plan	**B** light	**C** word	**D** idea

Marks (out of 10): _____

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GRAMMAR

3 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word given in bold. (2 marks per question).

0 What would happen if someone offered me a new job? **supposing**
Supposing someone offered me _____ a new job?

21 I regret selling my old house. **wish**
I _____ my old house.

22 I think I should look for a new job. **time**
It's _____ for a new job.

23 If I hadn't failed science, I would have become a doctor. **only**
If _____ and become a doctor.

24 I would have changed my plans if I'd known. **had**
_____ , I would have changed my plans.

25 If you don't know where to go, ask someone for directions. **should**
_____ , ask someone for directions.

Marks (Two marks per question. Total out of 10): _____

4 Complete the text with a suitable word in each gap.

These **(0)** *days* people use apps **(26)** _____ order to help with every aspect of their lives. Probably one of the most popular is a health app which people use to **(27)** _____ overeating and **(28)** _____ measure the amount of steps they take. Some exercise apps will even speak to you in **(29)** _____ that you don't forget to jog five kilometres on Tuesday or do 50 press-ups on Thursday. Other popular apps provide instant news reports so **(30)** _____ you are always in touch with the world. Speaking of which, **(31)** _____ you to feel that you might lose touch with friends, you can always download a social media app so **(32)** _____ to send photos, videos and smiley faces. **(33)** _____ languages learners, it's also worth having a dictionary app **(34)** _____ you suddenly need a key word. It'll also record your voice **(35)** _____ you can compare your pronunciation with the recorded version.

Marks (out of 10): _____

READING

5 Read the text. For questions 36–45, choose the answer (A–C) which best fits according to the text.

The best ideas often come from thinking inside the box

If you are one of those people – and most of us are these days – who attend meetings then you have probably experienced that moment when the discussion stops and no one can come up with any good new ideas. At this point in the meeting, your team-leader will often use that popular expression, 'Let's think outside the box.' It comes from the belief that most creativity will emerge when we aren't limited by our thinking. After all, take a famous artist like Jackson Pollack or Picasso. They didn't achieve greatness in their art by limiting themselves. They stretched their imagination by coming at something from a new angle.

However, some new thinking on 'creativity' suggests that when trying to solve a problem creatively, it's often better to work within some limitations – to think 'inside' instead of 'outside' the box. After all, we are not all creative geniuses and even the great artists had studied the technique of those that had gone before them.

To understand how this might work, researchers from The University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University looked at how people approach generating new ideas. They found that looking at unrelated areas (outside of the box) can often result in lots of impractical solutions which are unhelpful when trying to find solutions. After analysing around 2,000 ideas they concluded that when looking for inspiration, going off and talking to different people or reading articles totally unrelated to the problem can sometimes be time-wasting.

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One way they tested their theory was to look at the concepts of more than 350 people posting on the website OpenIDEO. It's an online crowd-sourcing platform that focuses on social and environmental problems. Here's how it works: A 'challenge sponsor' posts a challenge on the site and users are invited to offer ideas for solutions. They are allowed about ten weeks to post all their potential solutions. When the ideas generation phase ends, OpenIDEO experts sort through the submissions and come up with a list of ideas that they think are viable.

What the study of OpenIDEO highlighted was how many of the ideas were simply unworkable. Instead, closely related ideas were the ones that OpenIDEO experts picked. In other words, a large number of the suggested ideas were of no help because the site attracts users from such a wide range of disciplines. The people with a knowledge background in the subject area were much better-suited to coming up with useable ideas.

This view is also supported by the growing belief that we often think more creatively when working with a template to follow. If we define the boundaries of a project, we are more likely to work creatively within those limitations. To illustrate the point, imagine someone asks you to write a story on any topic you like; many people would find this task quite hard. However, if you are set a word limit of 200 words, told it has three characters – a princess, a witch and a wolf – and that it must begin with the words, 'Once upon a time there lived a princess in a tower …', then suddenly most people will feel much more comfortable at achieving the task.

The same is true in any situation where creativity is required – define the conditions and work within them.

0 The writer assumes that the reader …
- **A** often runs meetings. ☐
- **B** often attends meetings. ☑
- **C** has little experience of meetings. ☐

36 The writer thinks the expression 'Let's think outside the box' is …
- **A** very common. ☐
- **B** fairly common. ☐
- **C** not very common. ☐

37 The writer mentions Picasso and Pollock because …
- **A** he likes their art. ☐
- **B** they are examples of very creative people. ☐
- **C** they tried to work within certain limitations. ☐

38 The writer thinks the reader should …
- **A** try to be as creative as artists. ☐
- **B** not expect to be as creative as artists. ☐
- **C** study other people's techniques. ☐

39 The researchers concluded that thinking 'outside the box' often …
- **A** doesn't help. ☐
- **B** generates ideas. ☐
- **C** solves problems. ☐

40 OpenIDEO is a website to help …
- **A** analyse how we generate ideas. ☐
- **B** people with specific interests. ☐
- **C** anyone solve a problem. ☐

41 Challenges on the site are posted …
- **A** to test users. ☐
- **B** by the researchers. ☐
- **C** for a fixed time. ☐

42 At the end, experts …
- **A** choose the best idea. ☐
- **B** draw up a shortlist. ☐
- **C** analyse the user's approach. ☐

43 The researchers concluded that ideas are more effective from people …
- **A** with access to crowdsourcing websites. ☐
- **B** with experience in the field. ☐
- **C** who are highly creative. ☐

44 The example of writing a story shows how most people find it easier to be creative …
- **A** with examples. ☐
- **B** with stereotypes. ☐
- **C** with an outline. ☐

45 Which piece of advice would this writer NOT agree with?
- **A** Always try to be as creative as you can. ☐
- **B** Know the limitations. ☐
- **C** Define the problem first before you try to solve it. ☐

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LISTENING

6 74 Listen to a lecture about an inventor. Complete the sentences with one or two suitable words according to what you hear. You have one minute to read the sentences before listening.

Around **(0)** *three quarters* of a billion people worldwide don't have access to clean drinking water.

Cynthia Sin Nga Lam has made a **(46)** _____ device which cleans dirty water.

The device is made of **(47)** _____ .

The **(48)** _____ contains a titanium mesh which is activated by sunlight.

As well as being cheap to manufacture, the other benefit is that it doesn't require any **(49)** _____ .

In the future, Lam would like to produce her invention on a much **(50)** _____ .

She imagines that you could build a version on the roof of houses, similar to **(51)** _____ .

At the annual Google Science Fair, **(52)** _____ are deciding between her invention and those of others.

The competition is open to people aged between **(53)** _____ and 18.

In the past, one boy based his invention on fruit **(54)** _____ .

Another girl developed sand filters to clean up **(55)** _____ .

Marks (out of 10): _____

SPEAKING

7 Imagine that you are going to have an end-of-course party for everyone in your English class. You are going to brainstorm some ideas with your teacher. You need to discuss what type of party it is going to be. For example, talk about the food, the venue, music and entertainment, and anything else. When brainstorming, include the following:

- You should begin the meeting by stating the objectives.
- Make suggestions and encourage contributions from your teacher.
- Show enthusiasm and agree with his/her suggestions.
- Compare and reject some of the ideas.
- Choose and agree upon the final ideas.

You can receive ten marks for including all the points above and using a range of language for brainstorming.

Marks (out of 10): _____

WRITING

8 You give online advice and you have received the following question in the forum:

Dear …

I recently moved to a much larger city for my work. The new job is going well, but I don't have much social life outside of work. People in my office are nice and friendly, but they are all much older than me and have families. We don't have much in common. What can I do?

Joel

Write a reply to Joel. In your reply, include the following:

- Show your understanding of Joel's problems.
- Give advice and make one possible recommendation.
- Make a second recommendation.
- Make a third recommendation.
- End the email appropriately.

You can receive ten marks for including all five points above and using language for softening advice and recommendations.

Marks (out of 10): _____

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