

## Midterm Exam (Solutions Upper-Intermediate)

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## 1 Circle the correct modal verbs to complete the sentences.

- 1 You **don't have to** / **mustn't** wear hiking boots during the walk. It isn't far and the paths are good. Wear trainers if you prefer.
- 2 Students **ought not to** / **needn't** leave their bags in the corridor because they may cause an accident.
- 3 We're flying to the USA on Sunday. Do you think I **must** / **should** exchange euros for dollars before we go?
- 4 According to safety regulations at the safari park, visitors **mustn't** / **needn't** leave their car windows open at any time.
- 5 We **aren't supposed to** / **needn't** leave the school grounds at break time, but a lot of students go out to buy sweets at the shop across the road.
- 6 You **have to** / **should** use this key to open the door. It's the only one that will work.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 6

## 2 Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ (do) a part-time job at weekends can be fun.
- 2 Have you tried \_\_\_\_\_ (talk) it over with your parents? Sometimes it's good to share a problem.
- 3 I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis than golf.
- 4 On the way home, I stopped \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) some chewing gum at the corner shop.
- 5 Why not \_\_\_\_\_ (call) round later? We'll do something together.
- 6 I overheard Karen \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) Simon about your party, but I didn't stay and listen to the end of their conversation.
- 7 Could you remember \_\_\_\_\_ (pick) up the parcel from the post office?
- 8 The government should stop people \_\_\_\_\_ (cycle) in the park.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 8

## 3 Complete the sentences with the words below.

combat    prevention    rate    recorded    violent

- 1 The number of \_\_\_\_\_ crimes – that is, the number of crimes reported to the police – have fallen sharply.
- 2 The authorities are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ crime in the area by introducing more community police officers.
- 3 Take crime \_\_\_\_\_ seriously. Put a lock on your bicycle.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ crimes such as assault and murder are falling.
- 5 The crime \_\_\_\_\_ in this area has started to fall. It's down by 10%.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 5

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## 4 Complete the text with compound adjectives. Use the word in brackets in the compound.

**My cousin Jake**

Although I don't see him often, Jake is my favourite cousin. He is tall and <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (thin), which makes him look skinny. He has <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (low) ears, which makes his head look big. He used to be <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (long), but he had it cut short, and now his hair only reaches to his shoulders. He's funny and friendly and has a <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (deep) laugh, which sounds loud and strong. He loves cooking. The last time I saw him he baked a cake in the kitchen. That <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (home) cake was much tastier than anything you could buy in a shop.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 5

## 5 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

- Hundreds of years ago, travelling by sea was \_\_\_\_\_ quicker \_\_\_\_\_ trying to make the same journey overland.
- Roads back then were nowhere \_\_\_\_\_ as good \_\_\_\_\_ they are now.
- Although \_\_\_\_\_ well-known than Columbus or Magellan, one of \_\_\_\_\_ greatest of the late medieval explorers was Vasco Núñez de Balboa.
- \_\_\_\_\_ longer the journey, \_\_\_\_\_ more supplies travellers had to take.
- One of the \_\_\_\_\_ significant discoveries by 18th-century European sailors was that of New Zealand, a country composed of two islands of similar size. Actually, South Island is only \_\_\_\_\_ larger than North Island.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 5

## 6 Read the task below. Write a blog post.

Your school newspaper published an article saying that school trips to places of interest for students in your year have been cancelled because of cuts in the school's budget. It means that trips to places such as museums and famous monuments will not take place. Write a blog post outlining why you think school trips should not be cancelled and describe your own personal experiences of going on school trips.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 6

7 Read the text divided into three parts. Match questions 1–5 with paragraphs A–C.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 5

### The Mosquito

**A** Exasperated with having large gangs of teenagers outside their premises day and night, a growing number of British shopkeepers have taken extreme measures. They have installed a Mosquito alarm, a small, square-shaped object which is no bigger than a regular burglar alarm and just as easy to install. Fitted to the exterior wall of a shop, the Mosquito produces an incredibly irritating high frequency noise that only people younger than 25 can hear. To my mind, it seems unfair to target youths in such a way, but the device is proving a bestseller. As a result of its increasing use, hanging out with friends in front of local newsagents, something British teenagers used to enjoy doing, has become, in many places, a thing of the past.

**B** So far, over three thousand people have purchased the Mosquito, ranging from homeowners driven crazy by teenagers listening to music in the street outside their houses, to local councils anxious about how to prevent teenagers going close to railway lines or electrical cables. It's most popular with shopkeepers, however. 'Hanging out near my shop at weekends was all the kids round here ever did,' complained Frank Court, a newsagent from Bristol. 'Imagine how that affected my business. The elderly, in particular, felt terrified of walking past them. It all changed the moment I installed the Mosquito. The kids put up with it for about twenty minutes or so, then wandered into the shop and demanded to know what the noise was. In the end, they hated it so much they went away and stayed away. I'm over the moon.'

**C** Naturally, the use of Mosquitoes has split opinions. Some lawmakers consider it a useful means of crime prevention, pointing out that petty crimes such as shoplifting and vandalism have fallen on large housing estates where youths once congregated in large numbers. Others argue that the Mosquito is an illegal 'sonic weapon'. Nothing less than the civil rights of young people are at stake, they say, and the authorities should ban selling a product that so obviously discriminates against one section of the community. Furthermore, campaigners have suggested that the Mosquito could be dangerous for very young children who have sensitive hearing. 'More tests should have been carried out to see what the long-term effects might be before selling this device to the public,' said a campaigner. Whatever the rights and wrongs, the Mosquito, silent to adults, but buzzing loudly in the ears of the young is, for now, becoming more and more common.

In which paragraph does the author ...

- 1 say why some consider the Mosquito a bad thing? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 mention people other than shop owners who consider teenagers a nuisance? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 express a personal opinion? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 mention the Mosquito without describing the kind of noise it makes? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 talk about a group of people who may be harmed by the Mosquito? \_\_\_\_\_

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