

Unit 9 Test A

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Use of English: Grammar

- 1 Complete the text with the correct relative pronouns.

Yesterday I had to take the laptop (1) _____ I'd bought on Saturday back to the shop. The same person who had sold it to me then was there in the shop, so I explained the problem. The software, (2) _____ I'd had to pay extra for, didn't work on this machine. The assistant said that I'd installed it wrongly, which wasn't true at all! Then he took me over to an office (3) _____ the manager was sitting and presented the problem to him. He started to say the same as the assistant, and that's when I started to get angry. The manager, (4) _____ had been running the shop for only two months, didn't really understand how laptops work, which was a great surprise to me! In the end, I put the laptop, (5) _____ I had repacked in its original box, on the table and insisted on a refund, which they eventually gave me.

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- 2 Complete the sentences with *what*, *all* or *that*.

- It's amazing _____ you can do online these days.
- It seems difficult to understand _____ some people have never been online in their lives.
- _____ you should do is take it back to the shop where you bought it.
- _____ I know is that Dave phoned asking for you to help him with a computer problem, nothing more.
- The fact is _____ I don't know any more than you do!

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- 3 Rewrite the sentences using the word given. Do not change the word given.

- 1 You haven't filled in the form correctly, and that's important.

FACT

- 2 I saw that man at the conference last month.

THAT'S

- 3 I asked Mike a question but I can't remember it.

WHAT

- 4 A woman used to give me technical advice on the phone but she's left now.

WHO

- 5 The restaurant that we used to have dinner in has been demolished.

WHERE

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- 4 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

I'm really tempted to buy one of those Kindle™ gadgets. You know, (1) _____ ones they've been advertising on TV that you download whole books onto. I never thought I would ever consider getting a form of electronic book because I love the feel of the paper and the smell of books so much but I've got to admit (2) _____ they look very interesting. And they're so handy too. You can just put them in a briefcase and bring them out to read on the tube or train and not have the hassle of turning pages and things like that. Friends say that the (3) _____ time they prefer having a real book to using their kindle is when they're in the bath! I imagine the kindle wouldn't survive (4) _____ dropped in the water, but then again, neither does a book! So, perhaps a bookless future is a possibility. What I would miss, however, would be bookcases, I think.

There's something lovely (5) _____ seeing lines of books arranged on shelves just to browse through. Maybe there is a place in the future for real books after all.

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Use of English: Vocabulary

- 5 Complete the sentences with the correct verbs.

- Can you help me _____ a firewall to protect the information on my computer?
- When the menu's on the screen, _____ an option and double click on it.
- If it's too loud, then you'll have to _____ the volume.
- Don't stay on the phone too long or you'll _____ up all the battery.
- I think I'll _____ the alarm for 6.00 tomorrow morning as we've got an early start.

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- 6 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

- First log _____ and then type in the name of the website.
- What sort of batteries does your camera run _____?
- Have you heard about the guy who hacked _____ the government's private files?
- The alarm clock went _____ an hour early this morning! I'm so tired.
- I wondered why the TV wasn't working. Then I found out that it wasn't plugged _____!

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- 7 Complete the text with words formed from the words given.

My mother isn't very good with modern technology! I got her an iPhone for her birthday, but she keeps forgetting to (1) _____ (charge) it and then complains that she can't find the charger. I also tried to explain (2) _____ (wire) technology to her, but she said that it's beyond her! At least I managed to persuade her to upgrade her computer, and now she has pretty fast (3) _____ (band). However, the coverage in our area could be a lot better. Also, I downloaded a lot of her favourite (4) _____ (classic) music pieces onto her MP3 player, and she admits that listening to it is very therapeutic. My brother was reading a letter from Mum about the problems she was having when he suddenly had an (5) _____ (inspire) and said that we should send Mum on a silver surfer's computer course for her next birthday. He might have something there!

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- 8 Complete the website post with the correct alternatives.

Hi! This is the first time I've been on this (1) _____, and I'm hoping that someone out there will be able to give me some useful advice. I've read a lot of the posts and the answers, and it seems to me that there are some really intelligent computer experts around, so maybe you can help me. I've got a couple of problems. One that I've just (2) _____ doesn't really affect the work I'm doing on my computer, but it's driving me mad! I have two (3) _____ because I do a lot of work on my computer that really requires two screens. Last night, I'd just (4) _____ in my MP3 player to recharge it, when I saw that my second one had got red dots all over it! So, as you do, I switched everything off and waited a bit. But they're still there this morning! I can still see the screen saver I have on the screen and I can pull the (5) _____ across to work on it OK, but those dots are really irritating. Anyone know

what they are and how I can get rid of them? Any tips at all would be very welcome! Cheers.

- 1 A file **B** website **C** menu **D** search
- 2 A realised **B** learned **C** noticed **D** impressed
- 3 A cables **B** buttons **C** streams **D** monitors
- 4 A plugged **B** inserted **C** scrolled **D** attached
- 5 A screens **B** files **C** software **D** menus

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Reading

- 9 Read two bloggers' responses to the question 'What is top of your technology wish list and why?' and decide if the statements are true (T), false (F) or not mentioned (NM).

A
It's an interesting question, particularly now when every day we see more and more gadgets in the shops and we begin to wonder how far technology can actually advance. For me, there's one big hurdle science needs to cross, and I shall be delighted if I'm still around to see it when it happens, as I'm sure it will. One day I'm quite sure that the technology will exist to replicate what they've been doing on science-fiction programmes for years: the ability to transport a person immediately from one place to another. This amazing ability has fascinated people for centuries. We've read stories about it and seen films where transporting is a basic form of getting from A to B. We've even seen magic shows where conjurors try every trick in the book to fool us into believing that they have this ability. There's a great film called *The Prestige* about two magicians from Victorian times who were obsessed by this. But the real truth is that it has never been done. And how often have we thought how useful it would be to be able to press a switch and travel immediately to a destination? Imagine, no more problems waiting in airports or squeezing into crowded buses. No more wasting time in traffic jams! I think inventing a transporter would be the single most important development our society could ever see. It would completely change our way of life. All the airlines would be out of business for a start! It will happen, it's when that's the question.

B
Wow, that's a difficult question. Technology is moving ahead so quickly at the moment that it's

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difficult to know what gadgets are just around the corner and which aren't even on the drawing board. Things like robots and computer games are developing all the time. They're two things that really interest me. Robots are getting smaller and cleverer, and I don't think it will be long before they are regularly used in daily everyday life situations rather than as they are now, mainly in industry. I can see them helping with chores around the house, cooking, cleaning, and so on. I know some robots are used in this capacity at the moment, but it's only the very rich who can afford the luxury, and I think they're still a bit clumsy. But apart from robot development, what intrigues me is how far the developers of computer games will go. On *Star Trek*TM, that incredible sci-fi series of the 70s which still has a cult following today, for relaxation the crew of the star ship go to the Holodeck. There they can interact with holograms from different historical periods of situations of their choice. Now, wouldn't that be a great form of entertainment? I can't see it happening soon but one day, who knows? That is definitely at the top of my technology wish list!

- 1 Blogger A believes that significant scientific progress in this field will not happen in her lifetime. T/F/NM
- 2 The desire to be able to 'transport' has come about because of recent science-fiction films and stories. T/F/NM
- 3 Scientists have started investigating the possibilities of 'transporting' people. T/F/NM
- 4 Some interesting new inventions may already be in development. T/F/NM
- 5 A commercial version of the Holodeck is too far-fetched to ever happen. T/F/NM

Writing

- 11 Write an article for a magazine for teenagers with this title:

What would be at the top of your technology wish list and why?

Write 180–250 words.

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Listening

- 10 You are going to hear an interview with an expert on addictions. Listen and choose the correct alternatives to answer the questions.

- 1 What is said at the beginning of the interview?
 - A Chocolate is bad for us.
 - B A bad habit is not an addiction.
 - C Addictions are not always dangerous for us.
- 2 What is true according to the interview?
 - A Gaming is commercially very important.
 - B Gaming addiction is accepted as a serious problem.
 - C No one knows what health problems may result from gaming addiction.
- 3 What advice is implied in the interview?
 - A Gamers should not try to play games above their difficulty level.
 - B Gamers should choose controls that are easy to use.
 - C Gamers should know when to stop playing a game.
- 4 What can happen to a gamer who enters a virtual world?
 - A He prefers the virtual world to the real one.
 - B He tries to destroy other avatars.
 - C He learns a lot about different countries' cultures.
- 5 What do addictive gamers sometimes do?
 - A They involve their friends and family in gaming.
 - B They don't have enough time to do important things.
 - C They exaggerate their success.

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