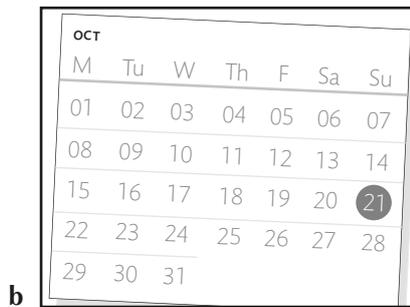
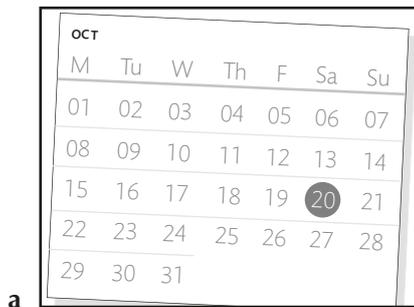


MID-COURSE ASSESSMENT (UNITS 1–6)

SECTION A: LISTENING

1a **MCA1** Listen to seven people and choose the correct answer, a, b or c.

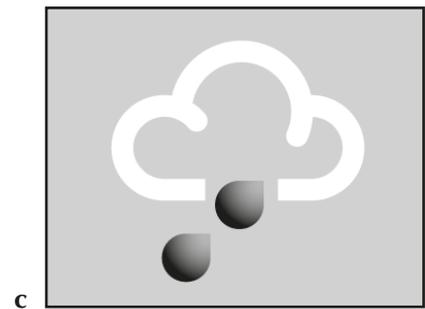
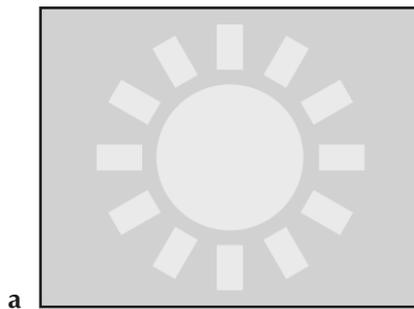
1 Which date is Alice's party?



2 What's in the photo?



3 What will the weather be like this evening?



4 What was Tom doing last week?



5 What advice did the woman's doctor give her?



6 Which is the second largest island in the world?



7 Where is George going to go?



1b Listen again and check your answers. ___/7

2a **MCA2** Listen to Gemma, the editor of a new student magazine. Tick (✓) the four things that are included in the magazine.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 national news | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 local area news | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 study skills | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 help finding part-time work | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 applying for full-time jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 interviews with business bosses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 news about the university | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 advice on courses to take | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2b Listen again and check your answers. ___/4

3a **MCA3** Listen to a conversation between Gemma, Fred and Toby and complete the sentences. Use no more than two words in each gap.

- Local community features will be on the ten-kilometre run and the _____.
- The next issue of the magazine will include an article about the _____.
- In the job section some _____ are giving advice about getting a part-time job.
- The second article is about the _____ that's just started doing business in town.

3b Listen again and check your answers. ___/4

SECTION B: READING

4 Read the article. Are these statements true or false, or does the text not say? Choose the correct answers.

- 1 It's quite easy today to make a documentary.
true false doesn't say
- 2 People don't find it difficult to choose a subject.
true false doesn't say
- 3 It's important to be passionate about the subject.
true false doesn't say
- 4 Audiences find documentaries interesting.
true false doesn't say
- 5 Studying other documentaries should be part of your research.
true false doesn't say

Making a documentary

Now that nearly everyone owns a video camera, many people today think that they can produce a documentary, but good documentaries are not easy to make. From the beginning you need to have a clear reason for making the film, so it's important to know what you are hoping to achieve. Probably the most important thing is to make sure that you have an interesting subject, which you are passionate about, because if you aren't interested in the subject, it's unlikely that the audience will be interested. The next step is to study other successful documentaries to get some ideas on how to tell your story. However, before you can tell that story, you need to do as much research as you can into the subject because it is always better to have too much information than not enough.

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5 Read the advert and tick (✓) five true statements.

- 1 Photography students can become volunteers with this programme.
- 2 Teaching students will help with all subjects in the community schools.
- 3 Local clinics are looking for teachers of medical subjects.
- 4 Medical students will help mothers having babies.
- 5 Volunteers will work in different families.
- 6 Local families will offer rooms to the students.
- 7 There is no water in most Maasai homes.
- 8 All volunteers will spend two weeks in Nairobi before starting work.
- 9 Some teachers will stay in Nairobi to work.

Volunteer work overseas

Calling medical and teaching students. Want to spend a year working with the Maasai in East Africa?

Maasai community schools welcome volunteer teaching staff who can assist with all subjects. They also need people with medical knowledge to help run local health clinics and give vaccinations. They also need people to assist women who are having babies and to care for them afterwards.

Accommodation is provided with local families, which is a great way to learn more about their lives and customs. However, most homes do not have running water, so life will be very different from what you are used to.

Before you start working either as a teacher or a medical assistant, there is a two-week orientation or preparation programme based in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. After that we transport you to your home stay and introduce you to the family you are going to live with.

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6 Read the article and complete the notes. Use no more than two words or a number in each gap.

The islands of Fiji

Fiji consists of a group of three hundred and twenty-two islands in the South-West Pacific Ocean, just over three thousand kilometres from Sydney in Australia. Just under a third of these islands have no human population. The Dutch and British first explored the island in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and after 1874 Fiji was controlled by Britain. It became independent in 1970.

The islands of Fiji are mainly mountains and volcanoes. The mountains rise thousands of feet above the sea and many of the islands are covered in tropical forests. The islands also have one of the most amazing coastal environments in the world, which attracts a large number of tourists every year. The largest Fijian island is VitiLevu, which has the most people and is the most developed of all the islands. This island also has the highest point in Fiji, Mount Tomanivi (one thousand, three hundred and twenty-four metres). The beaches here are the not the best ones, but the wonderful mountain landscape offers amazing walks, views and waterfalls. Suva, the capital of Fiji, is located on VitiLevu, although Nadi, the third largest city, is the main centre for tourist arrivals.

Fiji has a mild tropical climate, with a wet season from November to April, although sometimes there can be bad storms during this period.

FIJI

Number of islands: ¹ _____

Location: South-West Pacific Ocean

Islands not populated: just less than ² _____

History: late 19th century: belonged to ³ _____; became independent in 1970

Island landscape: mostly mountains and volcanoes covered with forests

Coast: brings in ⁴ _____ to the country

Highest point: Mt Tomanivi on VitiLevu

Climate: mild tropical with some bad storms in the ⁵ _____

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SECTION C: LANGUAGE

7 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Last week, while I ¹ _____ (watch) a television programme about holidays abroad, I ² _____ (make) a big decision. I ³ _____ (never / travel) outside my country before and if I ⁴ _____ (not do) it now, I never will. So now I ⁵ _____ (look) online to see where I ⁶ _____ (want) to go.

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8 Complete the text with the words in the box.

who but which however so because

John has applied to go to a different university ¹ _____ he isn't very happy where he is at the moment. He is studying a course ² _____ isn't very interesting for him at the moment, ³ _____ he wants to change as soon as possible. ⁴ _____, the tutor ⁵ _____ is in charge of the course has told him that usually you can't change until the end of the year, ⁶ _____ he may be able to arrange it earlier.

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9 Choose the correct words to complete the text.

The wildlife documentary we watched last night wasn't ¹ *as good / good* as the one we saw last week. In fact, it was ² *most / more* boring than the last one. The people in it were not ³ *as / a bit* interesting as the people last week and I fell asleep half way through. To be honest, there are ⁴ *little / few* documentaries I really enjoy. I prefer to watch films or comedy shows, although I do sometimes enjoy wildlife documentaries – they are ⁵ *better / as good* to watch than most of the documentaries about people. There are ⁶ *a lot / a few* of other programmes to watch, but I don't have enough time to see them all.

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10 Choose the correct answer, a, b, c or d, to complete the sentences.

- 1 I don't like _____ places and prefer to go somewhere with very few people on my holiday.
a scary b peaceful c crowded d relaxed
- 2 Look at the college's _____. It has all the information about how to apply for a place.
a programme b station c homepage d blog
- 3 _____ I was very nervous about the new course, but now I'm really enjoying it.
a Until b At first c Afterwards d Then
- 4 My friend Bill is a very _____ person; he won't stop until he has succeeded in being the best doctor ever.
a creative b rude c miserable d determined
- 5 George has a problem with his left eye. He should see _____.
a a dentist b an optician c a clinic d a nurse
- 6 Which channels do you usually _____?
a upload b see c watch d listen
- 7 Your next appointment is _____ 5 December at 4 p.m.
a in b by c on d at
- 8 Did you see him save the child from that dog? I thought he was very _____.
a hard-working b friendly c confident d brave
- 9 The island we visited was very _____ and extremely beautiful.
a hilly b steep c deep d regular
- 10 They did some sightseeing and _____ they went to the beach for the afternoon.
a at the moment b until c at first d then
- 11 He never smiles. He always looks _____.
a cheerful b chatty c shy d miserable
- 12 There are beautiful beaches all along the _____.
a coast b cliff c peak d hill

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SECTION E: SPEAKING

12 Prepare to talk to your teacher. You have two minutes to prepare. Make some notes so that you can

- introduce yourself, say where you are from and what you do.
- describe your best friend, what they look like and their personality.
- say what you did the last time you were with your best friend.
- describe your favourite TV programme or film and say why you like it.
- say how you think your life will change over the next ten years.

When you have prepared, talk to your teacher. Your teacher will ask you questions.

Your notes

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SECTION D: WRITING

Content points	___/5
Production and coherence	___/5
Range	___/5
Accuracy	___/5

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SECTION E: SPEAKING

You:		
introduced yourselves and said where you are from and what they do.		
Content:	1	2
Effective communication:	1	2
described both physical aspects and personality of your best friend.		
Content:	1	2
Effective communication:	1	2
said what you did the last time you were with your best friend.		
Content:	1	2
Effective communication:	1	2
described your favourite TV programme or film and said why you like it.		
Content:	1	2
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Content:	1	2
Effective communication:	1	2

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Total: ___/100