

# DARWIN ENGLISH

## ENTRY TEST FOR B2 LEVEL COURSE

### SECTION A

- 1** Choose the correct alternatives to complete the following sentences.
- 1 After she ..... out with her boss Susan left the company  
a is falling  
b has fallen  
c was falling  
d had fallen
  - 2 When you ..... it's better to warm up first.  
a aren't used to exercising  
b used to exercise  
c have been exercised  
d aren't use to exercise
  - 3 After he ..... the dinner the guests began to arrive.  
a to cook  
b had cooked  
c was cooking  
d cook
  - 4 We ..... for the train to arrive at 7.30 but it was cancelled at the last moment.  
a wait  
b would wait  
c were waiting  
d have been waiting
  - 5 It was agreed that the promotion ..... about until the boss arrived back from holiday.  
a wouldn't speak  
b was being spoken  
c had to be spoken  
d wouldn't be spoken

### SECTION B

- 2** Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.
- 1 During the last five years the price of living ..... so expensive!  
a is getting  
b becomes  
c has become  
d will be getting
  - 2 He ..... medical insurance in case there was an emergency while he was on holiday.  
a took out  
b took up  
c took down  
d took off
  - 3 On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November the ..... of people in Britain and the Commonwealth observe two minutes silence.  
a most  
b majority  
c more  
d few
  - 4 In my current job you ..... a suit and tie everyday.  
a could be wearing  
b have to wear  
c were wearing  
d must to wear
  - 5 If you ..... I'm sure he will understand your problem.  
a speak to him  
b have spoken to him  
c will speak him  
d are speaking to him

**SECTION C**

**3** Choose the correct alternative to complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first.

- 1 They started living in London in 1996  
They ..... 1996  
a have lived in London for  
b have been living in London since  
c have gone to London since  
d have lived in London in
- 2 The thought that there would be a lot of traffic so the left early.  
The thought there would be a lot of traffic so they ..... early.  
a left out  
b drove on  
c got up  
d set off
- 3 The shop was losing money so the owners were forced to stop trading.  
The shop was losing money so the owners were forced to .....  
a close down  
b shut up  
c break off  
d knock down
- 4 Although they thought it would be boring they went to the party.  
They went to the party ..... the fact they knew it would be boring.  
a despite  
b though  
c in spite  
d however
- 5 "Do you think you could work late this evening," her boss asked her.  
Her boss ..... work late that evening.  
a asked if she was wanting to  
b told her she was to  
c asked her if she would  
d said she might
- 6 Bill is so similar to his father. They're both mad about cricket!  
Bill really ..... his father. They're both made about cricket!  
a seems to be  
b is identical

- c makes the same as  
d takes after
- 7 'Hurry up! Or we're going to miss the plane," his wife said.  
His wife told him to hurry up or ..... the plane.  
a they would miss  
b they would have to miss  
c they couldn't miss  
d they might to miss
- 8 Recently they have built a new leisure complex in the centre of the city.  
A new leisure complex ..... in the centre of the city.  
a has been built  
b is being built  
c will be built  
d has been building
- 9 If he can afford it he will go on holiday to the USA this year otherwise he will go to France instead.  
If he ..... go on holiday to the USA he will probably go to France.  
a doesn't have to  
b can't afford  
c could  
d isn't able to
- 10 Martin didn't arrive until 12 o'clock so we missed the last train.  
Martin didn't ..... until 12 o'clock so we missed the last train.  
a give up  
b take on  
c turn up  
d put down

**SECTION D**

- 4** Complete the sentences below with the correct form of the word in brackets.
- 1 Going to Indonesia in February was the ..... idea he's ever had! It's the middle of the rainy season! (BAD)
- 2 Jack the Ripper is one of the most ..... villains in British history. (FAMOUS)
- 3 The ..... of the street was too small for the bus to drive down. (WIDE)
- 4 Barry was late this morning. That's very ..... for him. He's always on time. (USUAL)

- 5 We were never ..... Latin at my school. (TEACH)
- 6 ..... told his boss that he was quitting his job. It was a complete surprise to everyone. (EXPECT)
- 7 She just doesn't care about anything or anyone! She's so ..... (RESPONSIBLE)
- 8 I'm ..... going to have a holiday after this exam is over! (DEFINITE)
- 9 The plane skidded ..... when it landed at Heathrow. (MOMENT)
- 10 He arrived to meet her at the station but ..... she had already left. (FORTUNATE)

## SECTION E

### 5 Read the passage and choose the correct answer to each question.

#### Back to the Future (and the Past!)

A scientist in Britain has claimed that he is the first man to travel back in time. Dr. Monroe of Camden, North London, claims that in a recent experiment he was able to slow time by a tiny amount allowing him to essentially travel in time. Many leading scientists and scholars, however, are skeptical of Dr. Monroe's claims and believe that he is nothing more than a joke. Even so, none of these 'experts' have been able to prove that Dr. Monroe *didn't* travel back in time, they have just said that they don't *believe* him. So, what are the real possibilities of going back to the time of the dinosaurs, having a conversation with Leonardo or pushing Hitler in front of a speeding train? Well, if modern scientists are to be believed then your chances are very small indeed, I'm afraid. Many believe that to travel back in time you would need to firstly travel at the speed of light, and if Einstein is to be believed then this is totally impossible for a human being to do. Even if you decided not to believe the teachings of one of earth's greatest scientists you would face something called the 'Grandfather Paradox', which suggests that if people were able to go back in time they could (if they wanted to) kill one of their grandparents. This would mean that *they* would also cease to exist. Makes your head hurt doesn't it? However, there is one other thing to consider: if time travel is possible then it must all ready exist! Next time you are on the train or on the bus, you might want to consider whether the person sitting opposite you is from the same time as you or a 'time tour-

ist' from the 24<sup>th</sup> century who is just curious to see how people lived in the 'old days'!

- 1 According to the text...
- a man has successfully travelled into the future.
  - people believe that time travel will be possible soon.
  - the majority of experts have proof that time travel exists.
  - time travel may be possible but it appears scientifically impossible.
- 2 Dr. Monroe...
- claims that he has travelled into the past.
  - has developed a theory for travelling into the past.
  - has received a lot of encouragement about his work.
  - believes that time travel already exists.
- 3 Many leading scientists are...
- encouraged by Dr. Monroe's claims.
  - upset by Dr. Monroe's claims.
  - skeptical about Dr. Monroe's claims.
  - intrigued by Dr. Monroe's claims.
- 4 The Grandfather Paradox is...
- when someone travels back in time to meet their Grandparents.
  - when someone travels back to a time before the Second World War.
  - when someone travels back in time and kills their Grandfather.
  - when someone travels back in time and cannot return to the present.
- 5 Modern scientists believe...
- that time travelers are probably already among us.
  - that Einstein's theories were incorrect.
  - that the possibilities for time travel are very small.
  - that time travel is possible if you travel at the speed of light.
- 6 Which information is not in the text?
- Dr. Monroe has been sacked from his post at Greys University.
  - If time travel is possible then it already exists.
  - If it were possible to travel into the past you may affect the present.
  - It's scientifically impossible for a human to travel at the speed of light.

**SECTION F**

**6 Complete the conversation with the words below. Do not use a word more than once. Careful, there are five extra words.**

*outrageous • usually • angry • tabloids • disgraceful • scandal • mean • nowadays • old-fashioned • moaning • ask • obnoxious • nowadays • middle of the road*

**Mick:** I read in the newspaper today that the singer Lisa Di Belle is going to divorce the English comedian Johnny X.

**Joel:** Whose Johnny X

**Mick:** Oh, he's this [1] ..... celebrity in Britain. He's very funny actually, although some people find him quite [2] ..... and rude. Some people complain about him to the... *tabloids* [3] .....

**Joel:** That's [4] ..... people with too

much time on their hands if you [5] ..... me. Still, I think that some people [6] ..... think that they can just say anything they want and people will laugh at them.

**Mick:** I know what you [7] ..... Sometimes you wonder if they are just saying certain things just to be shocking and [8] .....

**Joel:** Maybe we're just becoming a little bit [9] .....

**Mick:** I don't think it's that, I just think that people have forgotten what real comedy is.

**Joel:** But you think that Johnny X is a good comedian?

**Mick:** He's better than the majority! Anyway I think he's funny, and as far as I'm concerned that's all that matters!

**Total:** ..... / 45

# ANSWER KEYS

## B2 Entry Test

### Section A

**1**

1d; 2a; 3b; 4c; 5d

### Section B

**2**

1c; 2a; 3b; 4b; 5a

### Section C

**3**

1b; 2d ; 3a; 4a; 5c; 6d; 7a; 8a; 9d; 10c

### Section D

**4**

1 worst; 2 infamous; 3 width; 4 unusual; 5 taught; 6 unexpectedly ; 7 irresponsible; 8 definitely;  
9 momentarily; 10 unfortunately

### Section E

**5**

1d; 2a; 3c; 4c; 5c; 6a

### Section F

**6**

1 scandalous / outrageous ; 2 obnoxious; 3 tabloids; 4 usually; 5 ask; 6 nowadays ; 7 mean;  
8 scandalous / outrageous; 9 old-fashioned