***Spotlight 11* Progress Check 1**

**A Choose the correct item.**

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| 1 Tony is of Italian **generation\origin**, but he grew up in England.  2 The **swarm\flock** of bees that had gathered around us at the park spoiled our picnic.  3 As a teenager, Stella had a strange taste in clothes, so she was **picked on**\**brought up** quite often.  4 Although Patrick works long hours, his family still **takes\remains** priority over his work.  5 Instead of **wasting\removing** paper, why don’t you use both sides of the page to write on? | 6 Chris strongly **refuses\objects** to going out with his younger sister and her friends.  7 Working from home was a **policy\concept** that John wasn’t really familiar with.  8 Mary rarely **agrees\approves** with her friend’s views, but this doesn’t affect their friendship.  9 Jane and George got married in the States, so many of their **relatives\ancestors** from Scotland found it difficult to be there for the wedding. |

**B Fill in the correct word/phrase.** There are three answers you do not need to use.

*• unheard of • extended • envious of • noble • devoted • black sheep • immediate • household name*

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| 10 The new singer has become a \_\_\_\_. He’s on TV every day and most teenagers in the country have bought his new CD.  11 Not having dinner together is \_\_\_\_in my family; all of us always eat together in the evenings. | 12 They wanted to have a very small and quiet wedding, so they only invited members of their \_\_\_\_ families and very few friends.  13 Janet has always been \_\_\_\_ her younger sister because she thinks that their parents pay more attention to her.  14 Mr and Mrs Outtridge are extremely \_\_\_\_ parents who will do anything to keep their children safe and happy. |

**C Put the verbs in brackets into the correct present form.**

e.g. A: What time *does* the film start **(film/start)**?

В: I think it *has already started* **(already/start)**, let me check.

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| 15 A: …… if (you\know) a problem between Ann and Mary?  B: No, but ……(think) of asking Julia about it.  16 A: I ……(not/call) Helen for ages. I wonder how she is.  B: Well, I know she ……(stay) in town this week, so maybe you two can meet while she’s here.  17 A: What ……(do)? Your face is all red and you look really upset!  В: I ……(just\have) another fight with Tom because he used my laptop without asking me again. | 18 A: Bob ……(always\want) to be part of a large family.  B: ……(you\talk) about? I know for a fact that he loved being an only child!  19 A: Don’t you think that Bill ……(get) to be more and more of a busybody these days?  B: Yes, I do. Someone ……(need) to tell her to stop interfering in things that aren’t her concern! |

**D Underline the correct verb form.**

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| 20 I'm sure Harry **will forgive\is going to forgive** you when he hears your side of the story.  21 This time next Monday John **is about to drive\ will be driving** his brand-new car.  22 Watch out! You **are crashing\are going to crash** into that tree! | 23 Although Tracy and Stephen aren’t speaking to each other these days, they’re **due to\bound to** become friends again; they’ve known one another too long to ruin their friendship.  24 By the time we arrive at the theatre, the play **will have started\will start.** |

**E Put the verbs in brackets into the *past simple*, *past continuous*, *past perfect* or *past perfect continuous*.**

25 Amily ……(try) to find a present for her mum for over an hour before she ……(finally\see) something nice to buy her.

26 Max ……(already\hear) the news when I ……(call) to tell him.

27 While Tracy ……(do) her homework, her brother ……(play) music loudly, and she couldn’t concentrate.

28 Bob ……(come) across a photo of his great-grandfather as he ……(look) through some old things.

29 Iren ……(be) exhausted because she ……(jog) for two hours.

**F Match the texts A-G with the headings 1-8*.* Use each heading only once. There is one extra heading.**

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| 1 Thoughtless behaviour  2 Benefits of private business  3 Too complicated to use  4 Bad for business | 5 Science brings hope  6 A Road incident  7 More parking places  8 Personal choice |

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| A. City centre parking is expensive and many important roads are now closed to private transport. This would be fine — if public transport was cheap and convenient, but it is neither. The result is that people are avoiding the city centre so restaurants, cinemas and shops are closing.  B. The motorcyclist drew along side and I heard abusive language as he banged on the car roof. I immediately locked the car doors and tried to work out was wrong. He then shouted that I had almost collided with him. Truth to tell — I didn’t see him until now. I tried to apologise but he wouldn’t listen.  C. They now have cars that run on electricity, solar power and even on vegetable oil. New petrol engines are super efficient and make less harmful emissions. More people are working from home because of advances in communication technology and computer security. At last we have some grounds for optimism.  D. As she approached the traffic lights the driver in front of her tipped out a mess of fast food boxes, polystyrene cups and chip bags. She pressed her horn angrily. “Why don’t people consider what they do” , she wondered helplessly. “Some one will have to clear this up and we all have to pay for it.” | E. Sarah has worked for herself more than 10 years now. It had been risky but now her interior decoration business is a success. She loves being her own boss. It constantly  amazes her that her friends in big corporations believe they have job security. How can they think this way when these companies are constantly firing people to make bigger profits?  F. It was not easy deciding. It never is when buying a new car. Reliability and comfort are big issues as are fuel economy, maintenance and so forth. A car has to feel right  as well. Price and value for money are also critical. But in the end Ralph made his decision confident that it was just the right one for him.  G. Jane studied the small print. To make a successful insurance claim for her accident  she needed so much information. Several complicated forms took hours to complete.  She then needed three independent quotations, a witness statement, and a police  statement and after everything she still had to pay the first J500 anyway. |