

SOLUTIONS PRE-INTERMEDIATE 5

CULTURE 7:


WALL STREET

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Cumulative Review 2 (Units I–3)

Listening

- 1  2.19 Read the sentences and underline the key words. Then listen to the information about the London Cinema Museum. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?
- 1 The London Cinema Museum isn't very well-known.
 - 2 The actor Charlie Chaplin once visited the museum.
 - 3 You needn't go on a guided tour if you want to visit the collection.
 - 4 You don't have to buy a ticket to see a film before the day of the showing.
 - 5 The museum is difficult to get to.

Speaking

- 2 Work in pairs. You are at home with a friend and there is nothing you want to watch on TV. You are looking at the films available on the pay-per-view channel. Express your opinions about the films below. Which film will you pay to see, and why? Why are you rejecting the other options?

Film	Genre	Length	Price
Guardians of the Galaxy	action	122 mins	£4
Frozen	animation	108 mins	£3.50
Anchorman 2	comedy	143 mins	£4.50

Reading

3 Read the text and choose the best answers. Underline the sentences in the text that helped you decide.

- 1 What is Mike Owen doing today?
 - a He is playing computer games.
 - b He is watching a TV series from start to finish.
 - c He is running a difficult race.
 - d He is watching an interesting documentary on TV.
- 2 According to the text, waiting for the next episode of a TV series can make viewers feel
 - a anxious.
 - b bored.
 - c delighted.
 - d frightened.
- 3 How much does it cost to use Netflix?
 - a Nothing – it's free.
 - b It depends on the film.
 - c The same every month.
 - d Users pay by the hour.
- 4 Viewers who stream programmes
 - a can leave the room during the adverts.
 - b needn't receive phone calls.
 - c mustn't get up in the middle of a film.
 - d don't have to watch at particular times.
- 5 What makes *House of Cards* different from other TV dramas?
 - a It only has thirteen episodes.
 - b Many TV channels show it at the same time.
 - c You can only see it via the internet.
 - d There is just one episode each week.

ARE YOU WATCHING?

It's dark outside, but eighteen-year-old Mike Owen doesn't notice the time passing. Today, he is only doing one thing: sitting in front of his computer screen, watching all thirteen episodes of season two of a TV crime drama. For Mike, a TV marathon like this one is an enjoyable way of spending the day. And he is not alone in his opinion.

Binge-viewing – watching several episodes of a TV series in one sitting – is getting more and more popular these days. And it isn't hard to see why. In the past, viewers had to wait nervously between episodes of their favourite TV series, because they were usually broadcast only once a week. Each chapter finished with a moment of suspense called a 'cliffhanger', and fans were often left for seven whole days wondering what would happen next. During this time, they often forgot some of the details, so they needed a flashback at the beginning of the next instalment to remind them of the key events. But all of this is changed with the technology of streaming. One of the most successful companies to use this technology is the American internet television network Netflix. For a monthly subscription, members can choose films or programmes from the company's enormous library and stream them to their TV or computer.

This system has a number of advantages. Firstly, users can watch what they want when they want and they don't have to follow the schedule of a TV channel. Secondly, they can play, pause and resume watching as they wish, so they can get a snack or answer the phone without missing the action. Thirdly, and most importantly for some, their viewing is not constantly interrupted by advertisements. Of course, this system has also made binge-viewing much easier.

Netflix has its own TV drama series called *House of Cards*, a political thriller starring Kevin Spacey and Robin Wright. Instead of introducing one episode a week, all thirteen chapters were streamed online at the same time. The series was extremely popular with the public, and it also won a number of important prizes. TV executives should take note of the show's success because the future of their own channels may be in danger.

Grammar and vocabulary

4 Choose the correct answers.



Going to the cinema is supposed to be fun, but sometimes, this is not the case. For example, how ¹_____ times have you heard a mobile phone ring while you ²_____ a film? This is one of the most ³_____ things that can happen in the cinema. We are always reminded to turn off our mobiles before the film starts, so there really aren't ⁴_____ excuses. And if you forget, you ⁵_____ answer your phone, because the person can leave a message on your voicemail.

Sitting next to a baby can also be a pain. Unfortunately, small children don't understand that they ⁶_____ be noisy in the cinema. ⁷_____ parents may not have anybody to leave their children with, but they don't ⁸_____ to go to the cinema to see a film. Instead, they could watch one online or rent a DVD.

Finally, there is the issue of people talking. Most of us whisper when we want to say something, but a ⁹_____ people don't seem to know how. I'm afraid I don't have ¹⁰_____ patience with these rude people, and I usually tell them to be quiet!

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| 1 a many | b much | c some |
| 2 a watch | b were watching | c watched |
| 3 a annoyed | b cross | c annoying |
| 4 a a lot | b any | c some |
| 5 a mustn't | b needn't | c don't |
| 6 a needn't | b don't | c mustn't |
| 7 a Some | b Any | c A |
| 8 a have | b must | c needn't |
| 9 a little | b lot | c few |
| 10 a many | b much | c some |



**WHAT WOULD
YOU DO IF HAD
\$1 MILLION?**



**WHERE IS THE
BEST PLACE TO
INVEST IT?**



**CAN YOU NAME SOME OF THE
IMPORTANT FINANCIAL CENTRES?**





1 **SPEAKING** Look at the photo of people working at the New York Stock Exchange. What do you imagine their jobs are like? Use some of the adjectives below.

creative challenging repetitive rewarding
stressful tiring varied well-paid

WALL STREET



Wall Street is a street ¹___ New York City's financial district. People also use Wall Street to mean the whole financial district. The Dutch gave the street ²___ name. They built a wall there to protect the area from the British in the 17th century.

Wall Street is one of the main financial centres in the world, ³___ with London, Hong Kong and Tokyo. The New York Stock Exchange opens every morning at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m. The ⁴___ for opening and closing is a bell and they often invite a celebrity to ring it.

In the early part of the 20th century, Wall Street was the centre of the financial world. Millions of people wanted to invest money in the New York Stock Exchange because it was ⁵___ so well. Their money grew and grew and investors became rich. It seemed ⁶___ good to be true – and it was.

The Wall Street Crash began on 24 October 1929. The value of investments started to fall and soon everybody wanted to get their money back. Investors panicked and the situation got ⁷___. The New York Stock Exchange lost 89% of its value very quickly and caused the worst global depression in history.

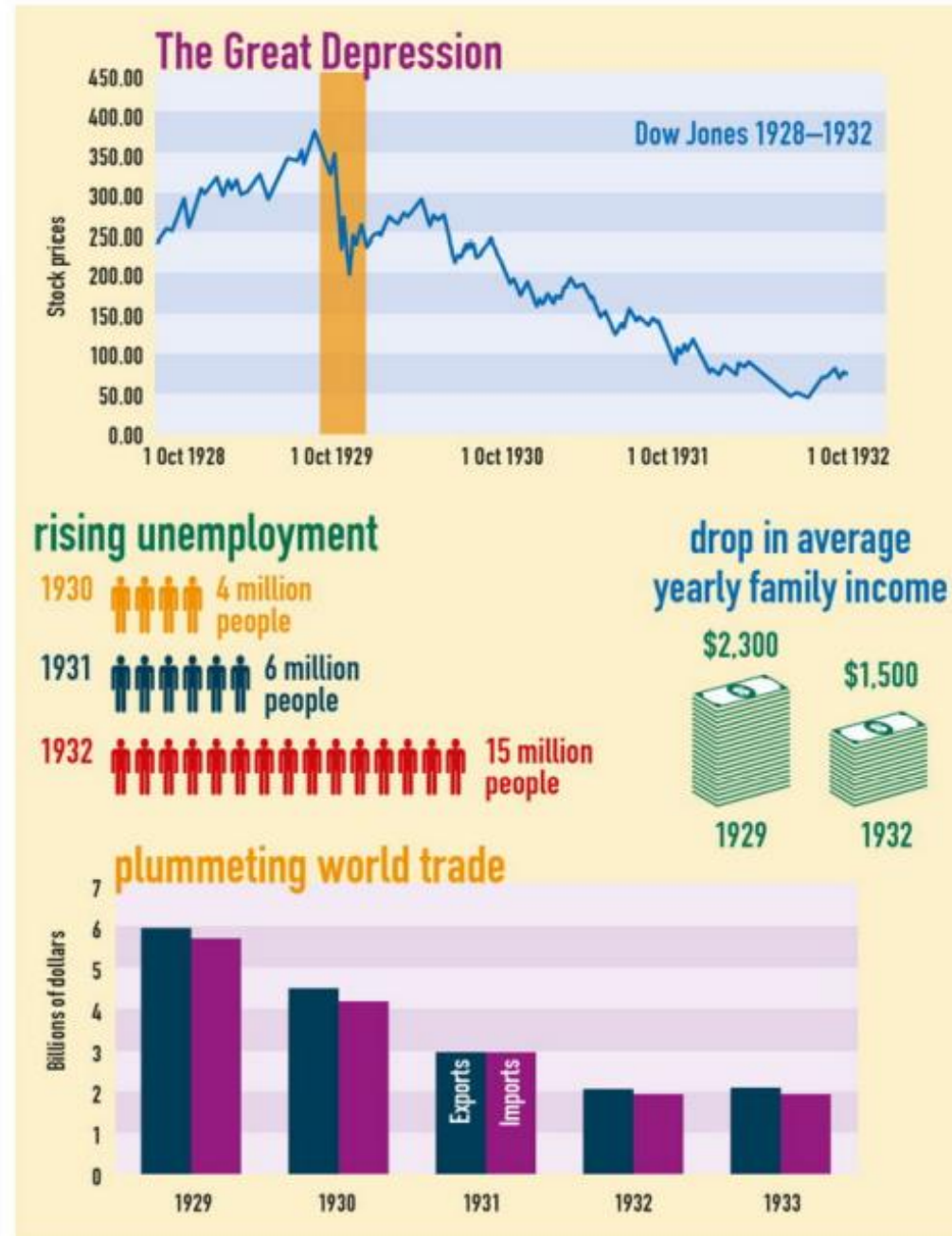
2 USE OF ENGLISH Read the text about the New York Stock Exchange. Circle the correct words to complete the text.


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| 1 a at | b in | c on |
| 2 a its | b it's | c their |
| 3 a also | b moreover | c together |
| 4 a alarm | b signal | c symbol |
| 5 a becoming | b being | c doing |
| 6 a enough | b more | c too |
| 7 a badly | b worse | c worst |


3 Answer the questions about the text.

- 1 What two meanings are there for 'Wall Street'?
- 2 What are the opening hours of the New York Stock Exchange?
- 3 Was the Stock Exchange doing better before or after 1929?
- 4 What happened to the Stock Exchange on 24 October 1929?

4 In pairs, study the infographic about the Great Depression. How many different pieces of information does it show?



5  3.29 Listen to the information about the Great Depression. Which two pieces of information from the infographic are not mentioned?

6  3.29 Listen again. Make a note of a piece of information from the recording that is not in the infographic.

7 Work in pairs. Decide how you could show the pieces of information you wrote down in exercise 6 on an infographic like the one in exercise 4. Then compare your ideas with other pairs.

8 **SPEAKING** Read the quotations about money. In pairs, decide if you agree or disagree. Give reasons.

‘The love of **money** is the root of all evil.’

‘The lack of **money** is the root of all evil.’

‘Time is more valuable than **money**. You can get more **money** but you cannot get more time.’

‘Too many people spend **money** they haven’t earned, to buy things they don’t want, to impress people they don’t like.’

DO YOU REMEMBER WALL STREET CRASH?



**ASSIGNMENT:
CUMULATIVE REVIEW 4
SUMMARY**

DEADLINE: THURSDAY