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B2

Practice test 01

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PART 1 · QUESTIONS 1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

01

Bees above the city

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Bees above the city

Urban beekeeping has become increasingly popular in many large cities. Rooftops that once stood empty are now home to small groups of hives, often cared for by local residents or office workers.

People who decide to (1) _____ beekeeping usually begin with a short training course. This is important because bees require regular attention, even though they are generally able to (2) _____ with changes in the weather. New beekeepers are also advised to place hives where they will not (3) _____ a risk to people passing nearby. In return for this care, the insects can (4) _____ an important role in pollinating city plants.

Some projects have been so successful that they have (5) _____ the attention of schools and community groups. Honey is often sold locally, with the money being (6) _____ towards environmental projects. Supporters say the activity gives residents a chance to learn about nature at close (7) _____. It may also encourage them to become more (8) _____ of how much wildlife exists in urban areas.

CHOOSE A, B, C OR D

No.	A	B	C	D
1	take up	set off	bring in	turn down
2	manage	resist	cope	stand
3	make	pose	give	put
4	set	hold	keep	play
5	paid	attracted	pulled	called
6	put	sent	held	kept
7	distance	view	range	space
8	familiar	awake	thoughtful	aware

PART 2 · QUESTIONS 9–16

OPEN CLOZE

02

Gardens Above the Street

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 9–16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Write your answers in capital letters.

Gardens Above the Street

In many crowded cities, rooftops are becoming a new home for gardens. What was once empty space is now being used to grow herbs, vegetables and even small fruit trees.

The idea appeals to residents (9) _____ have little or no access to private gardens. Before planting begins, however, experts must check whether a roof is strong enough to cope (10) _____ the extra weight of soil and water. Lightweight containers have (11) _____ developed for buildings where ordinary beds would be too heavy. Some projects also include (12) _____ small pond, which can attract insects and other wildlife.

Although a rooftop plot will not produce huge quantities of food, it can still make a difference. Plants keep buildings cooler in summer and, (13) _____ a result, reduce the need for air conditioning. They may also hold rainwater for longer, so drains are (14) _____ likely to overflow during storms. For many gardeners, though, the greatest benefit is simply having a peaceful place (15) _____ which to relax. In the long (16) _____, such spaces may become an ordinary part of city life.

YOUR ANSWERS

9	_____	10	_____
11	_____	12	_____
13	_____	14	_____
15	_____	16	_____

PART 3 · QUESTIONS 17–24

WORD FORMATION

03

Community Repair Cafés

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 17–24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits each gap. Write your answers in capital letters.

Community Repair Cafés

Across many towns, repair cafés are becoming a practical response to the growing amount of household waste. Visitors bring broken lamps, radios or small appliances and work with volunteers to fix them. The atmosphere is usually relaxed, and the main aim is to make repair feel less (17) _____ for people who have never opened a device before. Volunteers also explain why some faults are surprisingly (18) _____ to solve and why others require specialist tools.

Supporters argue that the cafés have a wider (19) _____ than simply saving money. They encourage people to think about (20) _____ rather than replacement, and they can build confidence among people who once felt completely (21) _____ with practical tasks. Organisers say the events are particularly (22) _____ when local schools and businesses take part. Although not every object can be rescued, the sense of shared (23) _____ keeps many visitors returning. For some, the greatest (24) _____ is learning that an old product may still have years of use left.

No.	Base word	Your answer
17	ACCESS	_____
18	COMPLICATE	_____
19	SIGNIFY	_____
20	MAINTAIN	_____
21	EXPERIENCE	_____
22	SUCCESS	_____
23	ACHIEVE	_____
24	DISCOVER	_____

PART 4 · QUESTIONS 25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

04

Key Word Transformations – B2 Test 1

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 25–30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 25 Ben invented a clever way to store the bikes.

CAME

Ben _____ way to store the bikes.

- 26 I finished the report and then called Priya.

AFTER

I called Priya _____ the report.

- 27 I had never ridden a horse before yesterday.

FIRST

Yesterday was _____ a horse.

- 28 Interest in local history has increased recently.

INCREASE

There _____ interest in local history recently.

- 29 People think the painting is genuine.

THOUGHT

The painting _____ genuine.

- 30 I regret not studying harder for the exam.

WISH

I _____ harder for the exam.

Before checking: read each complete sentence again and check the meaning, grammar and word count.

PRACTICE TEST 01 · REVIEW

ANSWER KEY



Accepted answers are shown where more than one form is valid.

01 MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

- | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 A · take up | 2 C · cope | 3 B · pose | 4 D · play |
| 5 B · attracted | 6 A · put | 7 C · range | 8 D · aware |

02 OPEN CLOZE

- 9 WHO / THAT
- 10 WITH
- 11 BEEN
- 12 A
- 13 AS
- 14 LESS
- 15 IN
- 16 TERM

03 WORD FORMATION

- 17 ACCESSIBLE
- 18 COMPLICATED
- 19 SIGNIFICANCE
- 20 MAINTENANCE
- 21 INEXPERIENCED
- 22 SUCCESSFUL
- 23 ACHIEVEMENT
- 24 DISCOVERY

04 KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

- 25 CAME UP WITH A CLEVER
- 26 AFTER I HAD FINISHED
- 27 THE FIRST TIME I RODE
- 28 HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN
- 29 IS THOUGHT TO BE
- 30 WISH I HAD STUDIED

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