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Practice test 16

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PART 1 · QUESTIONS 1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

01

Borrowing musical instruments

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Borrowing musical instruments

Learning an instrument can prove expensive because beginners often need to buy equipment before they know whether they will continue. Some schools and community centres are trying a different approach by lending instruments.

The schemes are intended to (1) _____ music more accessible to families who might otherwise be unable to afford it. Learners can borrow an instrument for several months and then decide whether to (2) _____ with their lessons. Staff usually check each instrument carefully before it is (3) _____ out, and users are shown how to look after it properly.

The service can also help beginners make a more informed (4) _____ about what suits them. A child who finds one instrument uncomfortable may be able to try another without putting parents (5) _____ additional expense. Demand, (6) _____, can be difficult to predict, especially at the start of a school year. Some centres therefore keep waiting lists and ask users to return instruments as soon as they are no longer (7) _____ use. Organisers say that even a small collection can make a real (8) _____ to participation.

CHOOSE A, B, C OR D

No.	A	B	C	D
1	do	make	hold	bring
2	carry	remain	continue	keep
3	lent	given	passed	sent
4	idea	choice	mind	decision
5	at	to	under	with
6	moreover	however	therefore	otherwise
7	in	on	for	at
8	change	effect	impact	difference

PART 2 · QUESTIONS 9–16

OPEN CLOZE

02

Saving Rain for Later

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.

Saving Rain for Later

Collecting rainwater is not a new idea, but modern systems are making it easier to use in homes and public buildings.

Water from a roof can be directed into a tank and stored until it is needed. It is often used for watering gardens or washing outdoor areas, tasks for (9) _____ drinking-quality water is unnecessary. In larger buildings, treated rainwater may even be used to flush toilets. This can reduce the amount of mains water a building depends (10) _____.

The system has to be designed carefully so that dirty water cannot (11) _____ allowed into the drinking supply. Tanks also need to be large enough to hold water during wet periods without using a great (12) _____ of space. In places with long dry summers, rain collected in winter may run (13) _____ before demand falls. Even so, a well-designed system can make a useful contribution, especially in places (14) _____ water prices are high. As climate patterns change, architects are likely to pay increasing attention (15) _____ ways of storing water locally rather (16) _____ allowing it all to flow away.

YOUR ANSWERS

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

PART 3 · QUESTIONS 17-24

WORD FORMATION

03

Cooking with Leftovers

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.

Cooking with Leftovers

Food waste is a major household problem, but many leftovers can be turned into new meals with a little planning and a willingness to combine ingredients in unfamiliar ways. The first step is proper (17) _____, since cooked food must be cooled and refrigerated safely rather than left at room temperature. Clear labelling also reduces (18) _____ about how long something has been kept.

Creative cooks often treat leftovers as ingredients rather than finished dishes. Roasted vegetables can become soup, while old bread has countless (19) _____ uses in crumbs, puddings or salads. This approach encourages (20) _____ and can make everyday cooking more interesting. It may also lead to significant financial (21) _____ over time. Of course, not every leftover is suitable for reuse, and people should be (22) _____ about food safety. Learning a few flexible recipes can make the process feel less (23) _____. With practice, using what is already available becomes almost (24) _____.

No.	Base word	Your answer
17	STORE	_____
18	CERTAIN	_____
19	PRACTICE	_____
20	CREATE	_____
21	SAVE	_____
22	CAUTION	_____
23	REPEAT	_____
24	INSTINCT	_____

PART 4 · QUESTIONS 25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

04

Key Word Transformations – B2 Test 16

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 Please continue working while I answer this call.

CARRY

Please _____ while I answer this call.

- 26 I last saw Anna three months ago.

FOR

I _____ three months.

- 27 "I will help you with the boxes," Tom said.

PROMISED

Tom _____ me with the boxes.

- 28 I found the instructions difficult to understand.

DIFFICULTY

I _____ the instructions.

- 29 I did not buy the jacket because I had forgotten my wallet.

HAD

I would have bought the jacket if I _____ my wallet.

- 30 Only one student failed the test.

ONLY

There _____ who failed the test.

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

PRACTICE TEST 16 · REVIEW

ANSWER KEY



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

01 MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

- | | | | |
|------------|----------------|------------|------------------|
| 1 B · make | 2 C · continue | 3 A · lent | 4 D · decision |
| 5 B · to | 6 B · however | 7 A · in | 8 D · difference |

02 OPEN CLOZE

- 9 WHICH
- 10 ON
- 11 BE
- 12 DEAL
- 13 OUT
- 14 WHERE
- 15 TO
- 16 THAN

03 WORD FORMATION

- 17 STORAGE
- 18 UNCERTAINTY
- 19 PRACTICAL
- 20 CREATIVITY
- 21 SAVINGS
- 22 CAUTIOUS
- 23 REPETITIVE
- 24 INSTINCTIVE

04 KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

- 25 CARRY ON WORKING
- 26 HAVE NOT SEEN ANNA FOR
- 27 PROMISED TO HELP
- 28 HAD DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING
- 29 HAD NOT FORGOTTEN
- 30 WAS ONLY ONE STUDENT

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