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PART 1 · QUESTIONS 1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

01

A library of things

INSTRUCTIONS

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

A library of things

Public libraries have long offered books, magazines and other reading material, but some are now lending a much wider range of objects. These services, sometimes called “libraries of things”, allow members to borrow equipment they may need only occasionally.

The idea has proved particularly popular (1) _____ people who do not have enough space to store tools at home. Instead of buying a drill or sewing machine, a member can (2) _____ one for a few days. This can (3) _____ people money while also reducing the number of rarely used products that are thrown away. Before an item is lent, staff usually make (4) _____ that it is safe and in good condition.

Many libraries depend (5) _____ volunteers with practical skills to inspect the equipment. They may also offer workshops designed to (6) _____ users to handle unfamiliar tools with confidence. Organisers say the scheme has proved popular across a broad (7) _____ of age groups. In some towns, demand has even (8) _____ expectations, leading libraries to expand their collections.

CHOOSE A, B, C OR D

No.	A	B	C	D
1	at	by	for	with
2	rent	collect	order	borrow
3	save	store	reserve	protect
4	certain	true	sure	clear
5	from	on	of	with
6	suggest	encourage	recommend	propose
7	range	scale	extent	length
8	passed	beaten	exceeded	crossed

PART 2 · QUESTIONS 9–16

OPEN CLOZE

02

Repair Cafés

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.

Repair Cafés

A growing number of towns now hold events where people bring broken household objects to be repaired instead of throwing them away. These gatherings are often known as repair cafés.

Visitors may arrive with anything from a lamp to a toaster, and volunteers try to work (9) _____ what has gone wrong. The aim is not only to fix the object but also to show its owner (10) _____ the repair can be done. In many cases, a simple fault turns (11) _____ to be responsible, such as a loose wire or a worn switch. People are encouraged to take (12) _____ in the process rather than simply hand the object over.

The events can reduce waste, but they also have a social purpose. Some visitors stay for (13) _____ while after their item has been repaired because they enjoy meeting neighbours. Others return later to help, even (14) _____ they had no technical experience at first. There is often no charge, (15) _____ donations used to cover basic costs. As a result, useful skills can (16) _____ passed from one person to another.

YOUR ANSWERS

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

PART 3 · QUESTIONS 17–24

WORD FORMATION

03

Night Trains Return

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.

Night Trains Return

For years, night trains vanished from many routes in Europe, but some rail firms are now bringing them back. The new interest is partly a response to public concern about the (17) _____ impact of frequent flying. Night travel can also be surprisingly (18) _____, as people sleep while the train covers long trips and may save the cost of a hotel.

Modern sleeper trains are built to give a more (19) _____ journey than old services. Some cabins have private showers, better beds and less noise. Even so, rail firms face real (20) _____ when they link routes across borders. Other signal systems and ticket rules can make planning (21) _____ complex. Companies therefore need close (22) _____ with station staff and other operators. For many people, the greatest (23) _____ is arriving in the city centre early in the morning. Whether night trains become a (24) _____ choice again will depend on price, trust and ease of use.

No.	Base word	Your answer
17	ENVIRONMENT	_____
18	ECONOMY	_____
19	COMFORT	_____
20	DIFFICULT	_____
21	EXPECT	_____
22	COOPERATE	_____
23	ATTRACT	_____
24	FAVOUR	_____

PART 4 · QUESTIONS 25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

04

Key Word Transformations – B2 Test 2

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 I found an old school photo while I was clearing a drawer.

ACROSS

I _____ school photo while clearing a drawer.

- 26 The film started before we arrived at the cinema.

BEEN

The film _____ while when we arrived.

- 27 The shop closed ten minutes before we got there.

BY

The shop had closed _____ there.

- 28 We were surprised by the cost of the repairs.

SURPRISE

The cost of the repairs _____ us.

- 29 They say Max owns three apartments.

SAID

Max _____ three apartments.

- 30 I would prefer you not to use my desk.

RATHER

I would _____ use my desk.

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

PRACTICE TEST 02 · REVIEW

ANSWER KEY



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

01 MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

- | | | | |
|------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1 D · with | 2 D · borrow | 3 A · save | 4 C · sure |
| 5 B · on | 6 B · encourage | 7 A · range | 8 C · exceeded |

02 OPEN CLOZE

- 9 OUT
- 10 HOW
- 11 OUT
- 12 PART
- 13 A
- 14 THOUGH
- 15 WITH
- 16 BE

03 WORD FORMATION

- 17 ENVIRONMENTAL
- 18 ECONOMICAL
- 19 COMFORTABLE
- 20 DIFFICULTY
- 21 UNEXPECTEDLY
- 22 COOPERATION
- 23 ATTRACTION
- 24 FAVOURABLE / FAVORABLE

04 KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

- 25 CAME ACROSS AN OLD
- 26 HAD BEEN ON FOR A
- 27 BY THE TIME WE GOT
- 28 CAME AS A SURPRISE TO
- 29 IS SAID TO OWN
- 30 RATHER YOU DID NOT

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