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B2

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PART 1 · QUESTIONS 1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

01

Night trains return

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Night trains return

Travelling long distances by sleeper train once was a common part of European travel. As cheap flights became more available, many overnight rail services disappeared. Now several routes are returning.

One reason is that passengers are becoming more (1) _____ of the environmental effect of flying. A night train can also (2) _____ travellers the cost of a hotel because they sleep while moving between cities. Operators are trying to (3) _____ advantage of this renewed interest by improving cabins and booking systems. Some trains now offer private rooms, while others (4) _____ for passengers who prefer cheaper shared accommodation.

(5) _____, the experience is not always completely smooth. Trains can be delayed, and sleeping in a moving carriage may take some getting (6) _____; even so, many travellers enjoy waking up in the centre of a new city rather than having to (7) _____ their way in from a distant airport. For these passengers, the slower journey is a price (8) _____ paying for a calmer start to a trip.

CHOOSE A, B, C OR D

No.	A	B	C	D
1	awake	familiar	aware	sure
2	save	reduce	lower	avoid
3	have	get	make	take
4	provide	cater	serve	deal
5	Therefore	However	Moreover	Similarly
6	used	known	ready	set
7	do	set	put	make
8	good	worth	useful	fair

PART 2 · QUESTIONS 9–16

OPEN CLOZE

02

Bees Between the Buildings

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.

Bees Between the Buildings

Keeping bees was once associated mainly with farms and villages, but hives can now be found on the roofs of offices, schools and hotels.

Urban beekeepers say cities may provide a surprisingly good environment because parks and gardens contain many kinds of flowers. Bees can therefore find food over a longer period (9) _____ they might in areas dominated by a single crop. Anyone thinking of keeping a hive, however, needs to find (10) _____ about local rules and possible risks. It is also important to make (11) _____ that nearby residents are comfortable with the idea.

A hive has to be inspected regularly so that illness can (12) _____ detected before it has a chance to spread. Beginners are often advised to work with an experienced beekeeper until they have become used (13) _____ handling the insects. Protective clothing is necessary, but calm behaviour matters just (14) _____ much. Bees rarely sting without a reason, and most city residents do not notice (15) _____ at all. If managed responsibly, a small number of hives can add (16) _____ the variety of urban wildlife.

YOUR ANSWERS

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

PART 3 · QUESTIONS 17–24

WORD FORMATION

03

Learning to Navigate Without a Phone

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.

Learning to Navigate Without a Phone

Phone maps have made it easy to find our way, but some walking guides worry that using them all the time is weakening basic navigation skills. They argue that map reading builds spatial (17) _____ and helps people notice the land around them. New learners are often surprised by the (18) _____ of facts shown on a paper map, from contour lines to paths and streams.

At first, using a compass can seem (19) _____, especially when several directions must be compared. With practice, though, the process becomes more (20) _____ and walkers gain confidence. Guides also stress the (21) _____ of checking a route before leaving, as batteries can fail and phone signals may vanish. Being able to judge distance is another (22) _____ skill. Even skilled walkers sometimes make mistakes, but good (23) _____ often stops them from becoming serious. For many learners, the greatest (24) _____ is finding that navigation can be fun rather than frightening.

No.	Base word	Your answer
17	AWARE	_____
18	VARY	_____
19	CONFUSE	_____
20	INSTINCT	_____
21	IMPORTANT	_____
22	VALUE	_____
23	PREPARE	_____
24	SATISFY	_____

PART 4 · QUESTIONS 25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

04

Key Word Transformations – B2 Test 4

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 Nadia refused to abandon her plan despite the difficulties.

GIVE

Nadia would not _____ despite the difficulties.

- 26 Ella succeeded in persuading the manager to reconsider.

MANAGED

Ella _____ to reconsider.

- 27 The lecture was so dull that several students left early.

BORING

It was _____ several students left early.

- 28 Rita objected strongly to the new parking rules.

OBJECTION

Rita _____ the new parking rules.

- 29 People expect ticket prices to rise next month.

EXPECTED

Ticket prices _____ next month.

- 30 "Where did you park the car?" Leo asked me.

WHERE

Leo asked me _____ the car.

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

PRACTICE TEST 04 · REVIEW

ANSWER KEY



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

01 MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

- | | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 C · aware | 2 A · save | 3 D · take | 4 B · cater |
| 5 B · However | 6 A · used | 7 D · make | 8 B · worth |

02 OPEN CLOZE

- 9 THAN
- 10 OUT
- 11 SURE
- 12 BE
- 13 TO
- 14 AS
- 15 THEM
- 16 TO

03 WORD FORMATION

- 17 AWARENESS
- 18 VARIETY
- 19 CONFUSING
- 20 INSTINCTIVE
- 21 IMPORTANCE
- 22 VALUABLE
- 23 PREPARATION
- 24 SATISFACTION

04 KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

- 25 GIVE UP HER PLAN
- 26 MANAGED TO PERSUADE THE MANAGER
- 27 SUCH A BORING LECTURE THAT
- 28 HAD A STRONG OBJECTION TO
- 29 ARE EXPECTED TO RISE
- 30 WHERE I HAD PARKED

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