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# USE OF ENGLISH.

# B2

## Practice test 06

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## PART 1 · QUESTIONS 1-8

## MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

01

Trees with a digital record

## INSTRUCTIONS

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

## Trees with a digital record

City trees are often taken for granted until one is damaged or removed. Yet they provide shade, absorb rainwater and create habitats for birds and insects. Some councils are now building digital maps to record every tree they manage.

Each tree is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a unique number and its position is added to an online map. Staff can then keep (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of its condition, age and maintenance history, and the information makes it easier to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ which trees need attention first and to plan future planting. In some places, residents are invited to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ part by sending photographs or reporting damage.

The maps can also (5) \_\_\_\_\_ awareness of how much value trees bring to a neighbourhood. A street with few trees may be (6) \_\_\_\_\_ priority for planting, while well-established trees can be protected during building work. Supporters point (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that good data does not replace expert care. Instead, it provides specialists (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a clearer picture of the urban forest as a whole.

CHOOSE A, B, C OR D

| No. | A         | B         | C        | D       |
|-----|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| 1   | offered   | made      | put      | given   |
| 2   | track     | pace      | notice   | watch   |
| 3   | calculate | recognise | identify | measure |
| 4   | make      | take      | play     | have    |
| 5   | lift      | grow      | rise     | raise   |
| 6   | offered   | made      | given    | taken   |
| 7   | up        | to        | out      | over    |
| 8   | for       | with      | by       | from    |

## PART 2 · QUESTIONS 9–16

## OPEN CLOZE

02

Why People Swim in Cold Water

## 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.

## Why People Swim in Cold Water

Outdoor swimming now takes place not only in summer but throughout the year, even where lakes and seas remain cold.

Regular swimmers often say that entering cold water makes them feel energetic and alert. Scientists (9) \_\_\_\_\_ been investigating whether the activity may have wider health benefits, but the evidence is still developing. What is clear is that cold water affects the body very quickly, which is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ beginners are advised not to stay in for long. People should enter gradually rather (11) \_\_\_\_\_ jump straight in, especially when the water is very cold.

It is also safer to swim with other people in (12) \_\_\_\_\_ something goes wrong. Experienced swimmers pay close attention to weather conditions and know (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to turn back. Warm clothes should be ready for afterwards because the body can continue (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for some time after a person has left the water. For those who take sensible precautions, the attraction seems to lie as (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in the shared experience as in the swim itself. Many say they would find it hard to give the habit (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

## YOUR ANSWERS

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

## PART 3 · QUESTIONS 17–24

## WORD FORMATION

03

Small Museums, Big Stories

## 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.

## Small Museums, Big Stories

Big national museums attract huge crowds, yet small local museums can offer an equally memorable visit. Their collections often focus on the (17) \_\_\_\_\_ development of one town, trade or group, which gives each object a clear personal setting. As the displays are often modest in size, people can explore them without feeling (18) \_\_\_\_\_ by too many facts.

Many small museums depend on volunteers, whose local (19) \_\_\_\_\_ can add details that are missing from labels. A former factory worker, for example, may show how a machine was really used. This kind of (20) \_\_\_\_\_ makes a visit more vivid and can create a strong sense of (21) \_\_\_\_\_ between past and present. Small museums also have the (22) \_\_\_\_\_ to change displays fast when new material appears. Their budgets may be tight, but good planning can produce highly (23) \_\_\_\_\_ displays. For visitors, the result is often unexpectedly (24) \_\_\_\_\_ and well worth the trip.

| No. | Base word | Your answer |
|-----|-----------|-------------|
| 17  | HISTORY   | _____       |
| 18  | OVERWHELM | _____       |
| 19  | KNOW      | _____       |
| 20  | EXPLAIN   | _____       |
| 21  | CONNECT   | _____       |
| 22  | FLEXIBLE  | _____       |
| 23  | IMAGINE   | _____       |
| 24  | REWARD    | _____       |

## PART 4 · QUESTIONS 25-30

## KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

## 04

Key Word Transformations – B2 Test 6

## 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 We need to reduce the amount of plastic we use.

CUT

We need to \_\_\_\_\_ of plastic we use.

- 26 I prefer cycling to driving when the weather is good.

RATHER

I would \_\_\_\_\_ when the weather is good.

- 27 The room was too small for all of us.

BIG

The room was \_\_\_\_\_ of us.

- 28 It would be sensible to reserve a table in advance.

IDEA

It is \_\_\_\_\_ reserve a table in advance.

- 29 The two backpacks cost exactly the same.

EXPENSIVE

This backpack is \_\_\_\_\_ the other.

- 30 "When will the results arrive?" Mina asked last Monday.

WHEN

Last Monday, Mina asked \_\_\_\_\_ arrive.

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

## PRACTICE TEST 06 · REVIEW

## ANSWER KEY



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

## 01 MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

- |             |             |                |            |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| 1 D · given | 2 A · track | 3 C · identify | 4 B · take |
| 5 D · raise | 6 C · given | 7 C · out      | 8 B · with |

## 02 OPEN CLOZE

- 9 HAVE
- 10 WHY
- 11 THAN
- 12 CASE
- 13 WHEN
- 14 COOLING
- 15 MUCH
- 16 UP

## 03 WORD FORMATION

- 17 HISTORICAL
- 18 OVERWHELMED
- 19 KNOWLEDGE
- 20 EXPLANATION
- 21 CONNECTION
- 22 FLEXIBILITY
- 23 IMAGINATIVE
- 24 REWARDING

## 04 KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

- 25 CUT DOWN ON THE AMOUNT
- 26 RATHER CYCLE THAN DRIVE
- 27 NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR ALL
- 28 A GOOD IDEA TO
- 29 AS EXPENSIVE AS
- 30 WHEN THE RESULTS WOULD

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