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PART 1 · QUESTIONS 1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

01

A second life for old buildings

INSTRUCTIONS

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

A second life for old buildings

When an old factory or warehouse is no longer needed, demolition may seem like the simplest solution. However, architects are increasingly finding ways to give such buildings a new purpose.

Converting an existing structure can (1) _____ in less waste than knocking it down and starting again. It may also (2) _____ a town preserve part of its history while creating useful modern space. Designers often have to work (3) _____ strict limits because walls, windows and supporting columns cannot always be moved. Rather than treating these features as a problem, successful projects make (4) _____ of them.

Old industrial buildings can be particularly well (5) _____ to uses such as studios, markets or libraries because they often contain large open rooms. Even so, every project needs to be considered on its own (6) _____. Some structures are simply too damaged to save. Where conversion is possible, supporters argue that it can bring empty areas back to (7) _____ and help local people develop a stronger sense of (8) _____ with their surroundings.

CHOOSE A, B, C OR D

No.	A	B	C	D
1	result	lead	cause	bring
2	help	allow	enable	permit
3	below	within	inside	under
4	purpose	benefit	use	profit
5	matched	fitted	prepared	suited
6	merits	grounds	terms	reasons
7	energy	life	action	use
8	contact	relation	connection	link

PART 2 · QUESTIONS 9–16

OPEN CLOZE

02

Turning School Grounds Wild

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.

Turning School Grounds Wild

Some schools are changing parts of their grounds in order to create more space for wildlife. Areas that were once cut short every week are being allowed to grow.

At first, a patch of long grass may look as (9) _____ nobody is looking after it. In fact, the aim is to provide insects and small animals (10) _____ food and shelter. Teachers can also use the area for lessons, giving pupils a chance to observe species they might not otherwise come (11) _____. In some schools, children help decide (12) _____ of the suggested plants should be added and where paths should go.

These projects cost relatively little, and (13) _____ is no need for expensive equipment. Staff still need to keep some routes clear and make sure that harmful plants do not spread. Once a wild area has (14) _____ established, it often requires less regular maintenance than a lawn. The greatest change, however, may be in the way pupils think (15) _____ nature. Instead of seeing it as something distant, they discover that wildlife can exist right on (16) _____ own doorstep.

YOUR ANSWERS

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

PART 3 · QUESTIONS 17–24

WORD FORMATION

03

Why We Enjoy Puzzles

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.

Why We Enjoy Puzzles

Crosswords, logic games and number puzzles have stayed popular despite the growth of digital games. One reason, psychologists say, is the sense of (17) _____ we feel after solving a hard problem. A puzzle gives us a clear goal, often within a short period of time, and progress can usually be measured with unusual (18) _____.

Good puzzles create a balance between difficulty and (19) _____. If the answer is obvious, players soon lose interest; if it seems completely (20) _____, they may give up. Designers test puzzles with real users and often make small (21) _____ before release. Many people also enjoy the brief (22) _____ from daily worries that a puzzle gives them. Online games have added a social side, letting players compare results or work (23) _____ on a challenge. Although no one needs to solve puzzles, their lasting (24) _____ shows that set problems can satisfy a basic human curiosity.

No.	Base word	Your answer
17	ACHIEVE	_____
18	PRECISE	_____
19	ACCESS	_____
20	POSSIBLE	_____
21	MODIFY	_____
22	DISTRACT	_____
23	COOPERATE	_____
24	POPULAR	_____

PART 4 · QUESTIONS 25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

04

Key Word Transformations – B2 Test 7

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 met my old neighbour unexpectedly at the station.
RAN
I _____ neighbour at the station.

26 Leo continued talking even after the lights went out.
ON
Leo _____ the lights went out.

27 The weather was so poor that we stayed indoors.
BAD
It was _____ we stayed indoors.

28 There is no reason to complain about such a small delay.
POINT
There _____ about such a small delay.

29 I am certain the new system will be useful.
DOUBT
I _____ the new system will be useful.

30 Even though the weather was bad, we enjoyed the trip.
DESPITE
We enjoyed the trip _____

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

PRACTICE TEST 07 · REVIEW

ANSWER KEY



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

01 MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1 A · result | 2 A · help | 3 B · within | 4 C · use |
| 5 D · suited | 6 A · merits | 7 B · life | 8 C · connection |

02 OPEN CLOZE

- 9 IF
- 10 WITH
- 11 ACROSS
- 12 WHICH
- 13 THERE
- 14 BEEN
- 15 ABOUT
- 16 THEIR

03 WORD FORMATION

- 17 ACHIEVEMENT
- 18 PRECISION
- 19 ACCESSIBILITY
- 20 IMPOSSIBLE
- 21 MODIFICATIONS
- 22 DISTRACTION
- 23 COOPERATIVELY
- 24 POPULARITY

04 KEY WORD TRANSFORMATIONS

- 25 RAN INTO MY OLD
- 26 WENT ON TALKING EVEN AFTER
- 27 SUCH BAD WEATHER THAT
- 28 IS NO POINT IN COMPLAINING / IS NO POINT COMPLAINING
- 29 HAVE NO DOUBT THAT
- 30 DESPITE THE BAD WEATHER

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