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C1 ADVANCED

Use of English

Practice Test 1



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

The forgotten theatre

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 1-8, choose the option which best completes the text.

We work in a city where now virtually every local venue has been listed and photographed. Directors appear to be (1) _____ venues to book, so planners still debate whether such discoveries have any genuinely realistic chance of (2) _____ today.

Maya Turner was rehearsing inside the Grand Theatre in central Bristol when a backdrop (3) _____ from its frame onto empty seats below. Despite the (4) _____ damage to the old stage, Maya was relieved nobody had been injured during rehearsal. Now with funding support from the Bristol Community Arts Council (BCAC), she is planning to reopen the theatre in order to inspect and restore it. Her report will be used to (5) _____ records of this forgotten venue up to date. Its neglect is reflected in the fact that it has a seating (6) _____ of fewer than ten seats per hundred square metres. It is (7) _____ by the council and Maya Turner herself that Maya's discovery may not be of the (8) _____ of earlier discoveries in theatre, but it shows that old theatres still deserve renewed attention.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	falling short of	missing out on	cutting down on	running out of
2	episode	undertaking	occurrence	instance
3	plunged	tore	dashed	flung
4	numerous	spacious	extensive	ample
5	bring	put	take	mark
6	capacity	density	consistency	frequency
7	disclosed	granted	declared	acknowledged
8	bulk	volume	magnitude	expanse



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Why night markets stay

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 9-16, write one word in each gap.

When did you last visit a night market? Sometimes called evening markets, they're becoming features in our neighbourhoods. It seems that any town that wants to ensure that local products are shown to the public must have a carefully organised night market. (9) _____ these markets are usually intended to be seasonal events, more often than not they end (10) _____ staying for a number of reasons, not least because they become so highly thought (11) _____ by traders and residents.

So why do towns host them? There's very (12) _____ doubt that they create a lively focus, but there are several other reasons. They may be used (13) _____ signs of renewal or a friendly complement to the usual traditional shops visitors expect. They're also cheaper and easier to organise than most other public festivals. Finally, seeing the success they've (14) _____ in many places, towns may feel (15) _____ sense of competition and be driven (16) _____ run larger and livelier versions.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

A weekend clean for city canals

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 17-24, use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

Along several urban canals, walkers are now more likely to spot discarded plastic bottles and other waste than wildlife. As water levels fall during routine maintenance and litter surveys, previously hidden obstacles are gradually (17) _____. Because much of this waste is non-biodegradable, it often accumulates quickly along the canal edges. Broken furniture, tyres and signs, abandoned by unidentified (18) _____, are among the many larger objects found beside narrow towpaths. The scale of the clearance task makes it difficult to approach the work without some (19) _____.

To improve this increasingly difficult situation, (20) _____ councils now invite local residents to join organised spring canal-cleaning days. Similar community events across the region have been (21) _____ organised during spring weekends, a period of high seasonal (22) _____ among walkers and cyclists, whose presence significantly boosts volunteer turnout. These community events are usually sociable and enjoyable, (23) _____ participants to make a practical contribution to their neighbourhood. Each volunteer may collect several full bags, leaving organisers with carefully sorted piles of recyclable and general waste, all clearly labelled and ready for safe municipal (24) _____. In return for helping, canal cleaners are often offered a shared picnic at the end of the day.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	COVER	
18	OFFENCE	
19	PESSIMIST	
20	NUMBER	
21	SUCCEED	
22	POPULAR	
23	ABLE	
24	DISPOSE	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - Test 1

INSTRUCTIONS

For questions 25-30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Use between 3 and 8 words.

25 Although the wind was strong, we decided to play tennis.

WITH

We decided to _____ the strong wind.

26 Jo will probably not move away from the coast.

UNLIKELY

It is _____ the coast.

27 My brother never considered selling the boat.

MIND

The possibility of selling the boat never _____.

28 We were never required to wear formal clothes.

REQUIRED

At no _____ wear formal clothes.

29 Heavy snow meant that the delegates did not reach the venue in time for the opening.

PREVENTED

Heavy snow _____ time for the opening.

30 The café admitted that it should not have charged me for the extra drink.

NOT

The café admitted that I should _____ for the extra drink.



ANSWER KEY

PRACTICE TEST 1

INSTRUCTIONS

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

PART 1 | MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

1	D
2	C
3	A
4	C
5	A
6	B
7	D
8	C

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	ALTHOUGH / THOUGH / WHILE
10	UP
11	OF
12	LITTLE
13	AS
14	HAD
15	A
16	TO

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	UNCOVERED
18	OFFENDERS
19	PESSIMISM
20	NUMEROUS
21	SUCCESSFULLY
22	POPULARITY
23	ENABLING
24	DISPOSAL

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	GO AHEAD WITH TENNIS DESPITE
26	UNLIKELY JO WILL MOVE FROM / UNLIKELY JO WILL MOVE AWAY FROM
27	ENTERED MY BROTHER'S MIND
28	TIME WERE WE REQUIRED TO
29	PREVENTED THE DELEGATES FROM ARRIVING IN
30	NOT HAVE BEEN CHARGED