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C1 ADVANCED

Use of English

Practice Test 4



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

Streaming-choice psychology

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Have you ever struggled to make sense of a vast streaming catalogue? You're (1) _____ tired, trying to exchange pleasantries with family and holding the remote while your eyes (2) _____ about between the programme options. Will your (3) _____ be to go for something familiar or something different? Will you end up staring jealously at everyone else's choices while forcing yourself to watch your own misguided selection, as so often (4) _____ to be the case? Why is it so hard to decide? We want choice, but platforms (5) _____ in far more titles than most people want to have to choose from. A study suggests the optimum number of listed shows is between six and ten per (6) _____ (dramas, comedies, documentaries and films) depending on the service. Below this number, viewers feel there's too little choice and above it, deciding becomes too much of a (7) _____. So next time you watch online, choose the service according to the number of shows in the catalogue and the dilemma of choice will be solved. (8) _____, there's always the option of curated lists or bundled subscription plans; their popularity is on the increase, probably for the reasons above.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	highly	absolutely	unbelievably	unreservedly
2	dart	rush	tear	race
3	trick	tactic	slant	style
4	brings up	shows up	comes out	turns out
5	pile	squeeze	crowd	press
6	set	class	kind	category
7	chore	duty	procedure	trouble
8	Cheerfully	Gladly	Happily	Optimistically



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Fishing spiders on water

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Fishing spider species, also known as water-running or raft-building spiders, have an amazing ability to run on water. They are abundant (9) _____ the freshwater wetlands of southern Europe (10) _____ they spend much of their time among reeds and are never that (11) _____ from water. When threatened, they can leap from a plant and race at (12) _____ speed of about 1.5 metres per second across the surface of the water. To accomplish this, on their rear legs they have fine hairs (13) _____ layers of trapped air that spread out in the water to create a floating cushion. (14) _____ they are able to maintain their speed, this layer of air prevents them from sinking. Interestingly, they are born with the ability (15) _____ only to move on land and water but also to dive and swim. Fishing spiders are carnivores and survive (16) _____ a diet of aquatic insects, tadpoles, fish and small creatures, and are a common sight in the southern European wetlands.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

The planet in an unfinished novel

INSTRUCTIONS

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

The idea of a distant but highly advanced civilisation has captured the imagination of people for centuries. Perhaps the most (17) _____ of these tales is the story of the forgotten planet of Astra, which (18) _____ with the British novelist Ward, over 100 years ago. Ward wrote of a planet located beyond the solar system, the home of a peaceful and technically gifted alien people. Over time, however, the people became corrupted. According to the novel, when their leaders saw this, they decided to abandon the planet and Astra vanished beyond the stars. These (19) _____ by Ward are the only known mention of Astra, and the very idea of Astra has remained (20) _____ among romantics and scholars. Today, people still (21) _____ about Astra and its possible (22) _____, and it has been the subject of many books and movies. There is a (23) _____ endless fascination for the planet. Maybe we all want this (24) _____ place to be real.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	COMPEL	
18	ORIGIN	
19	WRITE	
20	CONTROVERSY	
21	FANTASY	
22	EXIST	
23	SEEM	
24	MYSTERY	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - 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. Use between 3 and 8 words.

25 The play lasted three hours, but I enjoyed it.

DESPITE

I enjoyed the play _____ lasted three hours.

26 The contractor denied responsibility for the delay.

ACCEPT

The contractor _____ the delay.

27 Rob quickly became accustomed to the new route.

GET

It did not _____ used to the new route.

28 Every trainee is required to go to Professor Turner's safety lecture.

ATTEND

All trainees _____ safety lecture.

29 Cycling has become more popular locally.

INCREASE

There has _____ of cycling locally.

30 Elena would have completed the course without errors if she had not fallen twice.

COUPLE

But _____, Elena would have completed the course without errors.



ANSWER KEY

PRACTICE TEST 4

INSTRUCTIONS

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

PART 1 | MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	IN / THROUGHOUT
10	WHERE
11	FAR
12	A
13	WITH
14	IF / PROVIDED / PROVIDING
15	NOT
16	ON

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	COMPELLING
18	ORIGINATED
19	WRITINGS
20	CONTROVERSIAL
21	FANTASISE
22	EXISTENCE
23	SEEMINGLY
24	MYSTERIOUS

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT
26	REFUSED TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR
27	TAKE ROB LONG TO GET
28	HAVE TO ATTEND PROFESSOR TURNER'S
29	BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE POPULARITY
30	FOR A COUPLE OF FALLS