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C1 ADVANCED

Use of English

Practice Test 6



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

Why racing boats accelerate quickly

INSTRUCTIONS

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

When considering what produces the rapid acceleration of racing boats, it is useful to examine the design principles behind modern yachts. A common (1) _____ many of us make is that boats which accelerate very rapidly achieve this speed by using large engines. But the abilities of yachts (2) _____ to the fact that this is not always the (3) _____. They lack huge engines, yet are capable of accelerating over short distances. Engineers Maya Roberts and Henry Allen have shown that, in fact, the secret of yachts' abilities (4) _____ in elastic mechanisms in their sails. They used digital onboard wind sensors and tracking technology to keep (5) _____ of changes in a yacht's flexible rigging before, during and after acceleration. The measurements supply (6) _____ of how the flexible masts act like springs, releasing stored-up energy to propel the yacht forward. This is what accounts for the truly exceptional racing abilities of yachts. According to Roberts, while yachts are interesting in their own (7) _____, their design also provides (8) _____ into how flexible materials in rigging may work in marine transport generally.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	outlook	reasoning	assumption	logic
2	point	indicate	refer	illustrate
3	condition	matter	case	model
4	holds	lies	stems	stays
5	pace	touch	place	track
6	data	material	evidence	backing
7	right	concern	style	aspect
8	understanding	vision	perception	insight



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Taking over a community choir

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Your conductor is away and you've been asked to stand in for her. Regardless of (9) _____ it's only for a few days or a whole month, such leadership is simultaneously exciting and terrifying. Most choir members, (10) _____ we're honest, want our conductor's role, so (11) _____ on the choir temporarily is an opportunity worth seizing. In the future, you might want to apply for the role, so (12) _____ the most of any chance to prove you can direct the group.

Is your conductor (13) _____ of those people who checks messages during breaks and never quite switches off? Then it's probably tempting to contact her about your decisions. This is bad for just about (14) _____ concerned: your conductor won't have a restful break and you, (15) _____ you may not realise it, are unconsciously proving you're not ready for greater leadership. So be brave. There's no need to make dramatic changes, just take a deep breath and go (16) _____ your instincts.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Automated canteens at work

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Over recent decades, the number of staff canteens in remote factories has been falling dramatically. For reasons related to the economy and a declining population, these canteen (17) _____ have affected numerous isolated workplaces. However, since automated canteens opened, the way factory workers eat at work has (18) _____ a radical change. To enter, all that is actually needed is a code from the company app. Once inside there are no servers, and workers make their selections from a range of everyday food (19) _____, including basic meals and drinks. The company app is also used to process any (20) _____ which need to be made. At first workers admitted to feeling slightly (21) _____ at having no colleague there to greet them, but they soon became accustomed to the new system. Previously, getting lunch had involved a long walk to another building, but the automated canteen has (22) _____ factory staff to eat well without this (23) _____. Indeed, the idea has proved so popular that the firm behind the system plans an (24) _____ of the service in the near future.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	CLOSE	
18	GO	
19	NECESSARY	
20	PAY	
21	COMFORT	
22	ABLE	
23	CONVENIENT	
24	EXPAND	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

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

25 The judges admire Lina's work greatly.

OPINION

The judges _____ Lina's work.

26 You worked harder on this essay than on the previous one.

EFFORT

You put _____ into the previous one.

27 The team tried not to announce bad news during the morning briefing.

AVOID

The team tried _____ the morning briefing.

28 Omar struggled not to become angry during the argument.

TEMPER

Omar struggled to _____ during the argument.

29 The staff did not realise that she was open to their suggestions.

OPEN

The staff did not _____ their suggestions.

30 That camera is much more expensive than the other two.

MOST

That camera is by _____ the three.



ANSWER KEY

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INSTRUCTIONS

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

PART 1 | MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	WHETHER
10	IF
11	TAKING
12	MAKE
13	ONE
14	EVERYONE / EVERYBODY
15	THOUGH / ALTHOUGH / WHILE
16	WITH

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	CLOSURES
18	UNDERGONE
19	NECESSITIES
20	PAYMENTS
21	UNCOMFORTABLE
22	ENABLED
23	INCONVENIENCE
24	EXPANSION

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	HAVE A VERY HIGH OPINION OF
26	MORE EFFORT INTO THIS ESSAY THAN
27	TO AVOID GIVING BAD NEWS IN
28	KEEP HIS TEMPER UNDER CONTROL
29	KNOW THAT SHE WAS OPEN TO
30	FAR THE MOST EXPENSIVE OF