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C1 ADVANCED

Use of English

Practice Test 9



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

Understanding long-established family firms

INSTRUCTIONS

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

After years studying small local family businesses in the conventional way, business adviser Maya Collins felt no closer to understanding their owners. She realised that she had to (1) _____ their trust. Abandoning professional detachment, she took the daring step of forming relationships with the owners, offering free advice to gain their acceptance.

The (2) _____ this has given her into their decisions has allowed her to dispel certain myths about firms. (3) _____ to popular belief, she contends that owners do not (4) _____ as much for profit as previously supposed. She also (5) _____ claims that they resist change. She says that clients should not be (6) _____ by behaviour such as delaying replies to new proposals, as this is a cautious, rather than an unfriendly, response.

However, Collins is no idealist. After devoting years of her career to these firms, she is under no (7) _____ about their respect for her. It is clear that their interest in her does not (8) _____ beyond the advice she offers.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	catch	win	achieve	receive
2	perception	awareness	insight	vision
3	Opposite	Opposed	Contrary	Contradictory
4	care	bother	desire	hope
5	concludes	disputes	reasons	argues
6	misguided	mised	misdirected	misinformed
7	error	doubt	illusion	impression
8	expand	spread	widen	extend



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Where street food began

INSTRUCTIONS

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

The truth is nobody really knows how street trading began. Did we all start cooking outdoors around the same time (9) _____ of the need to serve workers near busy city centres daily?

Although there is a lack of clear evidence, people have come up with various theories about the earliest street markets. One recent theory is that market stalls have developed in (10) _____ a way that they are designed for speed from the moment of ordering. In (11) _____ words, street food developed as a result of changing work routines in crowded cities over many years.

Cooking (12) _____ well be organised around quick service but, (13) _____ this, vendors still need feedback from customers around them. From records, we know that (14) _____ cooks are isolated from customer contact and have not learnt to balance flavours before they start trading, it is doubtful they will ever truly succeed. This evidence shows, if (15) _____ else, that street food is social fare, not something developed (16) _____ isolation.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Training mountain rescue dogs

INSTRUCTIONS

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

What are the abilities that a professional rescue dog needs? To guarantee that obstacles can be (17) _____, focus, stamina and agility are essential, not to mention outstanding natural instinct. Both a rigorous and comprehensive (18) _____ regime and a highly nutritious diet are vital for rescue work. It is regular rest, rather than constant activity, that provides animals with the (19) _____ they need to work. This means that sleep is more (20) _____ than constant hard exercise. Such a routine enables them to work very effectively when needed. Failure to follow a balanced schedule can result in the (21) _____ to maintain stamina.

Regular training to increase muscular (22) _____ is also a vital part of a dog's routine, and this is (23) _____ done by running over obstacles. Rescue dogs are prone to injury but a careful training programme can ensure that the (24) _____ of these can be minimised.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	COME	
18	FIT	
19	ENDURE	
20	BENEFIT	
21	ABLE	
22	STRONG	
23	TYPE	
24	SEVERE	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

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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 Eva earns much less than her sister.

NEARLY

Eva _____ as her sister.

26 The old kiosk is being demolished and replaced by a garden.

PULLED

The old kiosk is _____ by a garden.

27 Attendance has never been higher.

THE

Attendance is _____ .

28 The sequel proved disappointing when compared with the first film.

COMPARISON

The sequel was _____ the first film.

29 Mina completed the hike although she had no experience.

LACK

Mina completed the hike _____ experience.

30 The guide warned us that swimming near the rocks was dangerous.

WARNING

The guide issued a _____ swimming near the rocks.



ANSWER KEY

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INSTRUCTIONS

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

PART 1 | MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	BECAUSE
10	SUCH
11	OTHER
12	COULD / MAY / MIGHT
13	DESPITE / NOTWITHSTANDING
14	IF / WHEN
15	NOTHING
16	IN

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	OVERCOME
18	FITNESS
19	ENDURANCE
20	BENEFICIAL
21	INABILITY
22	STRENGTH
23	TYPICALLY
24	SEVERITY

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	DOES NOT EARN NEARLY AS MUCH / DOESN'T EARN NEARLY AS MUCH
26	BEING PULLED DOWN AND REPLACED
27	THE HIGHEST IT HAS EVER BEEN
28	A DISAPPOINTMENT IN COMPARISON WITH
29	IN SPITE OF HER LACK OF
30	WARNING ABOUT THE DANGERS OF