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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 11



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

A station becomes a library

INSTRUCTIONS

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

The old Westbridge railway station is a shining example of a public building using books to renew its purpose. The council hired an architecture studio called Newspace to carry out a rebranding (1) _____ and gave the agency (2) _____ rein to take the project by the scruff of the neck and effect a major makeover. The council wanted calm, contemporary interiors which would symbolise an inviting, forward-thinking library.

(3) _____, the station now has a new entrance, and all its waiting rooms contain bright reading areas which are (4) _____ on the eye. Architect Lena Ross comments: "The spaces Newspace (5) _____ say a lot about our history, scale and purpose. And we were delighted with the renovation programme they subsequently (6) _____, using a stylish, sophisticated approach with a touch of humour here and there."

Public response to the reopening has been excellent, and what appeared to be a (7) _____ old railway station has been given a new lease of (8) _____ as a welcoming and confident library.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	routine	exercise	transaction	function
2	extra	complete	wide	free
3	In the end	After all	As a result	In total
4	easy	attractive	delightful	agreeable
5	stood up for	came up with	got through to	fell back on
6	portrayed	devised	imagined	copied
7	dusty	tedious	murky	monotonous
8	fortune	energy	time	life



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

New language on menus

INSTRUCTIONS

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

For restaurants, language must evolve, yet it is resistant to certain forms of change. New menu terms sparkle briefly, (9) _____ at all, and then fade away. However, new terms are necessary because, as food culture changes, (10) _____ must menu vocabulary. In a society (11) _____ cuisine seems to occupy the cultural high ground, it is inevitable that menus are continually being augmented (12) _____ fashionable terms.

Novel items on menus distress people for two reasons. They attest to phenomena we don't like (13) _____ expect not to like, and their wording offends our sensibilities. There is (14) _____ new about this aversion to innovation. As far (15) _____ as the 1750s, a distinguished restaurant critic criticised the "unnecessary labels creeping onto the menu".

So what does make a term stick? First of all, it has to be widely adopted; it also has to denote something of lasting significance, for it will only last as long as the phenomenon (16) _____ question; and to become embedded, it needs to describe recognisable dishes.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Floating towns in 2050

INSTRUCTIONS

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

There are no guarantees as to what floating towns will be like midway through the twenty-first century, but there are scientific initiatives which offer an interesting glimpse into the future. Many residents will work from boats, electric ferries will be the typical form of transport, with goods and services ordered through community platforms. The most advanced floating homes will be (17) _____ friendly, equipped with their own (18) _____ units which will be able to make (19) _____ waste water completely safe and palatable.

Advances in marine engineering will also have far-reaching (20) _____; structures built today can have a life (21) _____ of 100 years. The development of so-called smart monitoring systems suggests that residents will carry out their own digital safety checks, enabling remote engineers to reach an immediate (22) _____ of any structure requiring maintenance.

Scientists predict with reasonable (23) _____ that some of these engineering advances will be in place for many communities worldwide, whereas the nature of other changes remains (24) _____ for the time being.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	ENVIRONMENT	
18	CYCLE	
19	DRINK	
20	SEQUENCE	
21	EXPECT	
22	DIAGNOSE	
23	CERTAIN	
24	SPECULATE	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - Test 11

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 Don't let Sarah's carefree attitude deceive you; she is extremely conscientious.

TAKEN

Don't let _____ Sarah's carefree attitude; she is extremely conscientious.

26 Fred didn't tell Sophie his news until she had finished her homework.

FOR

Fred _____ telling her his news.

27 Although I am angry, in no circumstances would I want anyone to intervene.

LAST

Although I am angry, the _____ anyone to intervene.

28 There is a rumour that the company lost over twenty million dollars.

SUSTAINED

The company is rumoured _____ over twenty million dollars.

29 I ought to have had the roof repaired in summer rather than autumn.

BETTER

It _____ the roof repaired in summer.

30 Alex made regular calls to his parents while travelling abroad.

KEPT

Alex _____ his parents by phone while travelling abroad.



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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	IF
10	SO
11	WHERE
12	WITH / BY
13	OR
14	NOTHING / LITTLE
15	BACK
16	IN

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	ENVIRONMENTALLY
18	RECYCLING
19	UNDRINKABLE
20	CONSEQUENCES
21	EXPECTANCY
22	DIAGNOSIS
23	CERTAINTY
24	SPECULATIVE

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	YOURSELF BE TAKEN IN BY
26	WAITED FOR SOPHIE TO FINISH HER HOMEWORK BEFORE
27	LAST THING I WOULD WANT IS FOR / LAST THING I'D WANT IS FOR
28	TO HAVE SUSTAINED LOSSES OF
29	WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO HAVE
30	KEPT IN TOUCH WITH