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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 12



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

Field science at its most daring

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Field researchers who worked so close to volcanoes that their clothes started to burn, came within stroking (1) _____ of tigers in the wild, or dived under sea ice in freezing cold water have (2) _____ forces for an exhibition, (3) _____ as presenting research from the harshest places on Earth.

Polar bears and seals were (4) _____ on camera by a researcher who grew up in the Arctic and trained as a (5) _____ biologist. He dives under sea ice to observe closely his subjects, once offending a leopard seal by (6) _____ the penguin she tried to offer him directly. Another researcher has recorded not only tigers but also chimpanzees that had never before encountered human beings.

The volcano specialists work in fireproof suits, always at risk of becoming so (7) _____ by the beauty of the eruptions that they venture too close. There are invisible pockets of gas as well as flames, all of which contribute to the (8) _____ perils of being an extreme researcher.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	interval	space	distance	reach
2	united	joined	merged	integrated
3	billed	announced	labelled	scheduled
4	snatched	captured	taken	suspended
5	aquatic	sea	marine	ocean
6	repulsing	denying	dismissing	refusing
7	transfixed	bound	focussed	held
8	reckless	deadly	alarming	fearful



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Altering attention through audio

INSTRUCTIONS

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

A recently published book claims that the amount of constant audio we hear each day is changing the very structure of our brains. Its thesis is simple enough: not only that the modern world's relentless audio overload is killing our capacity (9) _____ reflection, contemplation and patience, but that our listening habits are also altering the way our brains are wired.

In the book, the author looks (10) _____ on such human inventions as radio, headphones and recorded music and the (11) _____ to which they influenced our essential models of thought. He argues that constant audio's multiplicity of voices and mass of commentary have (12) _____ rise to hurried and distracted thinking. Without putting too fine a point on it, the author concludes that our ability to learn (13) _____ at all worthwhile has become superficial.

Surprisingly, very (14) _____ research has looked into continuous audio's effects on the brain, but further research is (15) _____ hand and is investigating whether deep-thinking processes really are in (16) _____ of disappearing.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Tidal-energy farms

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Tidal farms are often promoted as important and useful practical tools for reducing global carbon emissions. Their predictable output and long operational service lives mean supporters regard the technology as environmentally (17) _____.

Like any technology, however, tidal power also has a clear (18) _____ to consider. Nearby residents sometimes report disturbance from construction noise and even occasional (19) _____ nights at home. A single turbine may seem unobtrusive in a broad estuary, but a large commercial array can dramatically change the visual landscape. Supporters generally argue that such drawbacks nevertheless pale into (20) _____ beside wider climate benefits.

Electricity storage remains costly in some settings, so tidal generation works best within a geographically diversified and carefully managed modern regional grid. Turbines produce power only when regular tidal currents flow, not (21) _____ when demand peaks; the (22) _____ from manufacturing yards and vessels must also be counted. (23) _____, extracting metals can cause severe environmental damage if regulation is weak or waste disposal becomes potentially (24) _____.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	VIRTUE	
18	SIDE	
19	SLEEP	
20	SIGNIFY	
21	NECESSARY	
22	EMIT	
23	ADD	
24	DISASTER	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - Test 12

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 Unless Sam's plans change over the weekend, we'll leave early on Monday.

NO

Providing _____ over the weekend, we'll leave early on Monday.

26 I have no reason to think Simon will be absent on Thursday.

SUPPOSE

I've _____ be here on Thursday.

27 The PR company's role in securing the contract was never officially acknowledged.

OFFICIAL

At no time _____ the role the PR company played.

28 Passengers are absolutely forbidden to cross the railway track.

ACCOUNT

On _____ to cross the railway track.

29 I have no idea why my email bounced back.

LOSS

I _____ why my email bounced back.

30 Felix doesn't intend to make the same mistake again.

NO

Felix _____ the same mistake again.



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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	FOR
10	BACK
11	DEGREE / EXTENT
12	GIVEN
13	ANYTHING
14	LITTLE
15	IN
16	DANGER

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	VIRTUOUS
18	DOWNSIDE
19	SLEEPLESS
20	INSIGNIFICANCE
21	NECESSARILY
22	EMISSIONS
23	ADDITIONALLY
24	DISASTROUS

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	THAT THERE IS NO CHANGE TO SAM'S PLANS
26	NO REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT SIMON WILL NOT / NO REASON TO SUPPOSE THAT SIMON WON'T
27	WAS THERE ANY OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
28	NO ACCOUNT ARE PASSENGERS ALLOWED
29	AM AT A COMPLETE LOSS TO UNDERSTAND
30	HAS NO INTENTION OF MAKING