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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 13



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

The packed-lunch revolution

INSTRUCTIONS

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

The importance of a packed lunch is beyond dispute according to health experts, but historically the packed lunch remains a relatively recent custom in England, with descriptions of lunchboxes seldom (1) _____ in medieval literature. (2) _____, there are scattered references to workers carrying a meal at noon before (3) _____ on arduous journeys, and to factory workers eating packed meals during short midday breaks, but most people went without unless they were merchants or nobles.

However, in the nineteenth century it gradually became the (4) _____, not the exception. Some writers have (5) _____ this to the greater availability of containers. Proponents of this view have not always considered other profound social changes. For example, new (6) _____ of employment may well offer a plausible explanation for the greater importance now (7) _____ to lunch, as individuals were increasingly employed for a prescribed number of hours. Often this involved working far from home. Thus, carrying a meal each day away from home was (8) _____ in necessity, and was no longer associated with domestic routine alone.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	displaying	manifesting	disclosing	featuring
2	Deservedly	Admittedly	Conceivably	Assuredly
3	engaging	launching	embarking	committing
4	norm	prototype	standard	trait
5	attributed	assigned	accounted	accorded
6	figures	shapes	lines	patterns
7	linked	fixed	attached	secured
8	embedded	rooted	entrenched	founded



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Mission to the deep ocean

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Wanted: two experienced marine scientists for a ninety-day voyage into the deep Pacific. Applicants must be physically and emotionally robust. This will be the profile of the very first abyssal explorers if oceanographer Lena Ortiz's detailed plans to launch a deep-sea submersible next spring actually (9) _____ to fruition.

The vessel will take the crew about eleven kilometres below sea level. The submersible will use adjustable ballast tanks to let it return safely to the surface without wasting any additional power, for power efficiency is a priority. The spring deadline has been fixed (10) _____ the next weather window when ocean conditions become completely calm isn't (11) _____ autumn.

It is a (12) _____ order, but the race is on to develop systems involving totally new technologies. (13) _____ that these can be put in place soon enough, the submersible might just (14) _____ it. But even if it (15) _____ leaves port, the efforts to achieve these ambitious goals will not be in (16) _____, as they will lead to valuable advances for future expeditions.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

The social language of tears

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Charles Darwin thought that the human tendency to weep had no obvious purpose. He was almost certainly wrong. More recently scientists have pointed to its (17) _____ purpose, with psychiatrist John Bowlby highlighting the social (18) _____ of tears in developing the (19) _____ between partners and friends. Many believe that tears, especially during early childhood, are mainly an expression of (20) _____. However, the persistence of tears into adulthood is harder to explain.

It seems that the sound of crying becomes considerably less important than the visible signal tears convey. It may have been (21) _____ to large social communities as a means of promoting trust and social connectedness. Adult tears can have other causes too. We may cry to express sympathy for those suffering terrible (22) _____. Furthermore, tears can be shed (23) _____, rather to our embarrassment, when we hear moving music or inspiring speeches.

We may cry when watching a triumphant film, but interestingly, this is more likely to occur in company than when we are alone. The social function of tears would seem to be (24) _____, but research continues.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	EVOLVE	
18	SIGN	
19	ATTACH	
20	HELP	
21	ADVANTAGE	
22	JUST	
23	VOLUNTARY	
24	DENY	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - Test 13

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 I hope the committee will consider this new information next week.

ACCOUNT

I hope this new information _____ when the committee meets next week.

26 James did not find it difficult to answer the interviewer's questions.

COMING

James had no _____ the interviewer's questions.

27 The experienced expedition members were made responsible for finding food.

CHARGE

The experienced expedition members _____ finding food.

28 The agent said he had stopped hoping that Sam Bowker would appear in a film.

HOPE

The agent said he _____ appearing in a film.

29 My father said that the portrait bore no likeness to him.

RESEMBLANCE

My father said that the portrait _____ him.

30 Leo doesn't understand the nature of his sister's opposition to his plan.

WHAT

Leo doesn't understand _____ his plan is.



ANSWER KEY

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INSTRUCTIONS

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

PART 1 | MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	COME
10	BECAUSE / AS / SINCE
11	UNTIL / BEFORE
12	TALL
13	PROVIDING / PROVIDED
14	MAKE / DO
15	NEVER
16	VAIN

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	EVOLUTIONARY
18	SIGNIFICANCE
19	ATTACHMENT
20	HELPLESSNESS
21	ADVANTAGEOUS
22	INJUSTICES
23	INVOLUNTARILY
24	UNDENIABLE

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
26	DIFFICULTY COMING UP WITH THE ANSWERS TO
27	WERE PUT IN CHARGE OF
28	HAD GIVEN UP HOPE OF SAM BOWKER
29	BORE NO RESEMBLANCE TO
30	WHAT HIS SISTER'S OPPOSITION TO