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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 14



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

The way we treat kitchen appliances

INSTRUCTIONS

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

“An oven,” wrote one restaurant engineer, “like horses and children, seems to feel if you are afraid of it and plays up (1) _____.” Had he been writing today, he might well have mentioned that machines are just the same. Like impatient customers, they do not (2) _____ well to force, and just as one way of (3) _____ with a stubborn appliance is to let it (4) _____ off, so quite often, if the appliance is giving trouble, the first thing to try is simply switching it off and doing something else; quite why the machine works (5) _____ when you switch it on again I have no idea.

(6) _____ human emotions and feelings to inanimate objects is, of course, extremely unscientific; it’s only those who rarely maintain machines who believe that they behave like people. But I would (7) _____ that, although treating machines like people may be misguided, it is (8) _____, in general, to treating people like machines.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	correspondingly	similarly	accordingly	appropriately
2	respond	reply	adapt	answer
3	reacting	dealing	handling	bargaining
4	ease	calm	quieten	cool
5	perfectly	completely	reasonably	competently
6	Associating	Attributing	Accrediting	Admitting
7	support	decide	confirm	maintain
8	desirable	preferable	advisable	suitable



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Delivery drones

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Delivery drones would, of course, do away with the stress of deliveries, allowing local couriers to plan routes, serve customers or complete other tasks, and they would also reduce delays caused by human error.

The benefits would go (9) _____ speed and convenience, however, since they would also revolutionise distribution and urban planning. Loading bays and street signs would no (10) _____ be needed. Different autonomous drones in the air would be able to coordinate their movements, and travel (11) _____ close formation, so that deliveries would be kept moving without interruption, (12) _____ journeys quicker and local distribution more efficient.

On the one hand, this might mean that warehouses become smaller, with new urban parks occupying space previously dedicated to storage. As a (13) _____, distribution networks could spread over wider areas as delivery times fell. On the (14) _____ hand, this expansion might increase energy use. It may all sound (15) _____ science fiction, but much of the necessary technology already exists. Almost (16) _____ drone makers are developing systems that will turn aircraft into autonomous couriers.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Exploring deep caves

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Detailed international surveys of extensive limestone caves have recently documented thousands of distinct microorganisms, thereby promising important (17) _____ about the subterranean ecosystem that could (18) _____ our scientific understanding of pollution in cave systems worldwide.

Many fragile organisms were found living deep in the remote (19) _____ of extensive underground limestone cave systems. Karst, the international research team, was still a (20) _____ small group to undertake a systematic mission on this scale. The expedition's (21) _____ show considerable microbial diversity and identify organisms that support complex cave food webs. In total, thousands of microbial forms were recorded across several carefully chosen contrasting sites over three years, (22) _____ more than previously documented, and several proved unusually sensitive to water quality.

Scientists warn that contamination will intensify if industrial activity around the cave network produces greater (23) _____ from nearby factories. Because these organisms react quickly to pollutants, several could eventually become locally rare and officially classified among the most (24) _____ species in the region.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	REVEAL	
18	REVOLVE	
19	DEEP	
20	COMPARE	
21	FIND	
22	SIGNIFY	
23	EMIT	
24	DANGER	



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 Sam moved house only because he disliked commuting.

DISLIKE

But for his _____ moved house.

26 Katy didn't seem nervous, even though she spoke without notes.

SIGN

Katy _____, even though she spoke without notes.

27 The manager said he was completely confident in his team's ability to cope.

EVERY

The manager said he _____ to cope.

28 More and more tourists are visiting the ancient mountain towns.

GROWTH

There _____ tourists visiting the ancient mountain towns.

29 I don't think Harriet realises how difficult this apparatus is to use.

INVOLVED

I don't think Harriet has any idea _____ this apparatus.

30 The meeting has been postponed until next week.

PUT

The meeting _____ next week.



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	B
4	D
5	A
6	B
7	D
8	B

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	BEYOND
10	LONGER
11	IN
12	MAKING
13	RESULT
14	OTHER
15	LIKE
16	ALL

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	REVELATIONS
18	REVOLUTIONISE
19	DEPTHS
20	COMPARATIVELY
21	FINDINGS
22	SIGNIFICANTLY
23	EMISSIONS
24	ENDANGERED

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	DISLIKE OF COMMUTING, SAM WOULD NEVER HAVE
26	SHOWED NO SIGN OF NERVOUSNESS
27	HAD EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT HIS TEAM WAS ABLE
28	HAS BEEN GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF
29	OF THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN USING
30	HAS BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL