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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 15



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

A community-garden directory

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Volunteers at Green Streets Network in Brighton have recently launched a garden directory that lists the courtyards and rooftops most likely to (1) _____ urban wildlife. They created the catalogue to make sense of the ever-increasing number of growing spaces that are visible across modern cities. They believe it will help gardeners, and residents with an interest, to compare nearby sites and keep (2) _____ on the most productive ones as volunteers register them.

The catalogue ranks the sustainability of gardens and allotments according to three (3) _____: soil condition, ready access to water and their capacity to (4) _____ plants suited to local food projects. It also identifies secluded corners where rare species might (5) _____. It suggests that among hundreds of locations, only a few sites are (6) _____ productive. The database carefully records sustainability (7) _____ and the exact (8) _____ of every garden it covers.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	shield	protect	harbour	safeguard
2	eyes	logs	tabs	check
3	principles	criteria	concepts	scales
4	uphold	service	reserve	sustain
5	lurk	loiter	hide	hover
6	potentially	plausibly	predictably	prospectively
7	levels	notes	totals	scores
8	situation	destination	location	orientation



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Museum interpretation

INSTRUCTIONS

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

In today's globalised world, the role of museum guides is, without a doubt, crucial. Each and (9) _____ time museum guides address visitors they have a heavy responsibility to communicate as accurately as possible. A poor explanation might merely cause amusement, but at (10) _____ the consequences could sometimes be extremely serious.

There are a great many problems encountered in museum interpretation work, some deriving (11) _____ the cultural differences between audiences and others caused by idioms, not to mention highly specific historical references that some argue, with good (12) _____ perhaps, cannot be easily explained.

It (13) _____ without saying that guides should have a well-developed sensitivity to their local history and the broader culture that they present. But whereas once they needed little (14) _____ than exceptional linguistic skills, guides nowadays may require specialist knowledge of areas such as medicine, law or technology.

One factor they consider is how the explanation sounds. Here, they may make (15) _____ of strategies such as reading their explanation aloud, thereby ensuring that words are not put in a sentence if, (16) _____ individually accurate and appropriate, together they sound harsh or unpleasant.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

The need to sketch

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Young children often ask why careful observational sketching still matters today. Affordable paper production gradually (17) _____ access to drawing many centuries ago; now digital tools allow researchers to explore how it affects perception. Brain-imaging studies suggest that we mentally simulate scenes (18) _____ in diverse landscapes and creatively combine them with remembered and imagined visual experiences.

Although such scientific studies necessarily remain preliminary, many highly experienced artists readily recognise (19) _____ that a particularly memorable or especially visually striking (20) _____ drawing can sometimes have a genuinely profound, enduring and truly (21) _____ effect on how they observe subtle detail. This transformation occurs gradually when artists accept (22) _____ that their (23) _____ visual structure matters in practice.

This does not provide an irrefutable answer, but it strongly suggests that observational sketching should remain deeply (24) _____ in our culture.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	DEMOCRACY	
18	COUNTER	
19	INSTINCT	
20	STAND	
21	REVOLVE	
22	CONDITION	
23	IN	
24	BED	



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 I don't think many road atlases have such detailed maps.

FEW

I _____ have such detailed maps.

26 The shop owner said we didn't have to buy anything.

OBLIGATION

We _____ a purchase.

27 Martin was too lazy to present any ideas at the meeting.

BOTHERED

Martin _____ forward any ideas at the meeting.

28 Once he'd submitted his entry, Tom could only wait for the decision.

NOTHING

There _____ wait for the decision.

29 Philip said his sudden decision to retire surprised his friends.

CAME

Philip said his _____ to his friends.

30 Susan doesn't intend to climb that mountain again.

HAS

Susan _____ that mountain 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	C
3	B
4	D
5	A
6	A
7	D
8	C

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	EVERY
10	WORST
11	FROM
12	REASON / CAUSE
13	GOES
14	MORE
15	USE
16	WHILE / ALTHOUGH / THOUGH

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	DEMOCRATISED
18	ENCOUNTERED
19	INSTINCTIVELY
20	OUTSTANDING
21	REVOLUTIONARY
22	UNCONDITIONALLY
23	INNER
24	EMBEDDED

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT FEW ROAD ATLASES
26	WERE UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO MAKE
27	COULD NOT BE BOTHERED TO PUT / COULDN'T BE BOTHERED TO PUT
28	WAS NOTHING TOM COULD DO EXCEPT
29	SUDDEN DECISION TO RETIRE CAME AS A SURPRISE
30	HAS NO INTENTION OF EVER CLIMBING