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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 16



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

Saving historic textiles

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Many artefacts of perennial cultural significance from earlier centuries were woven from natural textiles. It was always confidently assumed that this rather (1) _____ fabric was virtually indestructible. Now that some of these artefacts have become museum (2) _____, we have discovered that this (3) _____ was sadly mistaken.

The degradation of textiles is worrying both scientists and historians, who are racing against time to save our textile heritage before it (4) _____ into dust. Our lasting fascination with textiles (5) _____, in large part, from the fact they can be woven into just about any pattern imaginable. When it comes to longevity, however, they have a serious (6) _____: their delicate structure breaks down when they are exposed to air and sunlight.

Many now argue that we must consider the cultural (7) _____ we will be leaving future generations. Without urgent (8) _____, many artefacts will be lost forever. But developing effective conservation strategies is difficult because what works to preserve one type of textile can have a catastrophic effect on the lifespan of another.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	trivial	routine	customary	mundane
2	sections	portions	pieces	quantities
3	concept	premise	notion	proposition
4	crumbles	shatters	erodes	shrivels
5	starts	sparks	stems	sprouts
6	fault	snag	stigma	flaw
7	bequest	legacy	endowment	heirloom
8	intervention	interception	interference	intercession



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Is every recipe possible?

INSTRUCTIONS

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

It is certainly the case that believers in unlimited culinary possibility base their bold optimism on something which involves a logical contradiction. Generally (9) _____, as cooks are keen to remind us, only (10) _____ which involves a logical contradiction is impossible. So ice cannot remain frozen inside ovens; (11) _____ can there ever be any truly dry water.

However, the limits that most home cooks have in (12) _____ when planning ambitious meals are rarely logical. As (13) _____ as a recipe remains theoretically possible, some people keep saying, "(14) _____ it isn't impossible." This attitude is reinforced by food media, which encourages viewers to (15) _____ big and regard impossibility as nothing more than a failure of imagination.

It is far simpler, though, to compare levels of difficulty with chances of success. If the former are too high and the latter too low, there is little point in claiming that anything is achievable, (16) _____ enough skill or equipment.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Living in a car-free city

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Today, city life is filled with engines, traffic and fumes to an unprecedented degree, with residents spending much of their time surrounded by different forms of transport. Consider the “pedestrian zone” signs found in many European cities; these are indications that drivers are being (17) _____ requested to refrain from entering zones with private vehicles.

Benefits of car-free urban living are easily (18) _____. While travelling around the city, residents can easily (19) _____ local routes and public services within minutes. We have almost (20) _____ capabilities, and we are becoming increasingly adept at using them. When cars are absent, we can demonstrate the capacity to make decisions and to act on our own (21) _____. We therefore need to appreciate the value of being able to function both locally and regionally.

However (22) _____ regulation becomes in the future, we need to think (23) _____ and to learn how to assess its (24) _____ as well as its advantages in order to make discerning use of it in our cities.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	SPECIFY	
18	NUMERATE	
19	REFER	
20	IMAGINE	
21	INITIATE	
22	PERVADE	
23	CRITIC	
24	COME	



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 How likely is it that Tom will get a place in the team?

CHANCES

What _____ getting a place in the team?

26 It has never been explained why he relinquished his position as director.

DECISION

No _____ to relinquish his position as director.

27 Sam doesn't think he'll be able to come with us at the weekend.

PROSPECT

Sam sees _____ to come with us at the weekend.

28 Harry has worked hard, but it remains to be seen whether he'll win.

TIME

Harry has worked hard, but _____ whether he'll win.

29 Luigi decided not to bring up his salary at the first meeting.

NO

Luigi decided to _____ his salary at the first meeting.

30 The professor said that, as far as he knows, the results are accurate.

BEST

The professor said that, _____, the results are accurate.



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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	SPEAKING
10	THAT
11	NOR
12	MIND
13	LONG
14	BUT
15	THINK
16	GIVEN / WITH

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	SPECIFICALLY
18	ENUMERATED
19	REFERENCE
20	UNIMAGINABLE
21	INITIATIVE
22	PERVASIVE
23	CRITICALLY
24	SHORTCOMINGS

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	ARE TOM'S CHANCES OF
26	EXPLANATION HAS EVER BEEN GIVEN FOR HIS DECISION
27	LITTLE PROSPECT OF BEING ABLE
28	ONLY TIME WILL TELL
29	MAKE NO MENTION OF
30	TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE