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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 17



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

Sports documentaries

INSTRUCTIONS

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

It is surely beyond argument that sports documentaries are the most consistently admired kind of television programme in the world. They have succeeded in (1) _____ the imagination of millions since it first (2) _____ as a genre back in the 1950s. The early format reflects the role once played by travelling newsreel producers, who promoted their films before major events. Sports documentaries have been (3) _____ as predictable entertainment, with audiences supposedly (4) _____ this viewing habit in order to escape from reality.

Films are often centred on close, highly competitive teams, evoking nostalgic feelings in some viewers, since such clubs may no longer dominate in many regions. The subject matter of sport also (5) _____ great appeal for viewers since the films (6) _____ focus on personal setbacks they may have experienced themselves.

There has been a significant shift in attitudes with many films now (7) _____ moral and social issues. The athletes and decisions (8) _____ are complex and ambiguous, providing much food for thought and no easy answers.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	commanding	capturing	carrying	conquering
2	originated	emerged	established	inaugurated
3	disregarded	deplored	disapproved	dismissed
4	resorting	applying	resigning	adopting
5	catches	holds	bears	brings
6	permanently	uniformly	perpetually	invariably
7	enquiring	addressing	commenting	interpreting
8	symbolised	illustrated	depicted	represented



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

My new tutor is virtual

INSTRUCTIONS

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

In fiction virtual tutors have patience, but reality is disappointingly different. Although sophisticated (9) _____ to mark essays and explain difficult grammar clearly, current tutors are limited programs, (10) _____ of striking up relationships with their student users.

However, change is (11) _____ the horizon. Developers argue that, as tutors begin to make (12) _____ a bigger part of society, they will need a way to interact with humans. To this end they will need adaptable personalities. The big question is this: what does a virtual teacher need to have so that you want to engage (13) _____ it over a long period of time? Games and applications have already shown the (14) _____ to which people can develop relationships with inanimate electronic objects.

Looking further (15) _____, developers envisage tutors helping throughout the week, integrating with the web to set personalised exercises using data. Programming the tutor with a teacher-like persona and (16) _____ it the ability to learn its learners' preferences will help the student feel at ease with it. Interaction with such a learning system in this context is more natural than studying from a static printed workbook.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

The migration of whales

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Migration is the perilous seasonal journey undertaken by many whale species. Across the northern oceans it is prompted by the (17) _____ of food. Migrants are also (18) _____ programmed to respond to the changing temperature of the sea as autumn approaches. Nevertheless, near the equator, where there is little variation in the temperature of water, migration is still a surprisingly common (19) _____.

Many whales will display considerable agitation before beginning their journeys. Their (20) _____ to the ocean's magnetic field helps them navigate, but inexperienced whales may get things (21) _____ wrong and end up far from their intended route.

In the past, the arrival dates could be predicted with great precision but climate change makes this harder. Although it is (22) _____ for whales to arrive earlier than their rivals so they can feed first, getting back too early could have incalculable consequences for their long-term survival. However, some whales are (23) _____ reducing the distances they migrate in response to a milder climate. Their adaptability in such a short period in (24) _____ terms has greatly surprised scientists.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	SCARCE	
18	GENE	
19	OCCUR	
20	SENSE	
21	SPECTACLE	
22	ADVANTAGE	
23	PROGRESS	
24	EVOLVE	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - Test 17

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 The driver instructed passengers to move down the bus.

WAY

Passengers _____ down the bus by the driver.

26 Mira tried not to support either side in the argument between her colleagues.

SIDES

Mira tried _____ between her colleagues.

27 A lack of support is threatening the success of the carnival.

UNDER

The carnival's _____ support.

28 The manager stated that he would permit no further discussion of his decision.

OPEN

The manager stated that his decision _____ discussion.

29 Please text me when you get home, even if it's very late.

HOW

No _____ when you get home, please text me.

30 I saw Emma only for a moment as she walked past the café.

CAUGHT

I just _____ as she walked past the café.



ANSWER KEY

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INSTRUCTIONS

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

PART 1 | MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	ENOUGH
10	INCAPABLE
11	ON
12	UP
13	WITH
14	EXTENT / DEGREE
15	AHEAD
16	GIVING / GRANTING

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	SCARCITY
18	GENETICALLY
19	OCCURRENCE
20	SENSITIVITY
21	SPECTACULARLY
22	ADVANTAGEOUS
23	PROGRESSIVELY
24	EVOLUTIONARY

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	WERE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE THEIR WAY
26	NOT TO TAKE SIDES IN THE ARGUMENT
27	SUCCESS IS UNDER THREAT OWING TO LACK OF
28	WAS NOT OPEN TO FURTHER / WASN'T OPEN TO FURTHER
29	MATTER HOW LATE IT IS
30	CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF EMMA