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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 18



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

The benefits of daydreaming

INSTRUCTIONS

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

The other day, over coffee, my friend Angela confided her concerns about spending excessive time lost in daydreams. She'd never struck me as a (1) _____ person, so I listened carefully before mentioning an accessible, carefully researched online video that I had watched recently about the subject.

Doctors once held the misguided (2) _____ that all daydreaming was inherently harmful in every circumstance. However, recent careful psychological research has (3) _____ doubt on this. Researchers describe structured daydreaming as a (4) _____ effective short-term coping strategy during anxiety or isolation. In the video, a psychologist described how people can sometimes derive (5) _____ from imagining positive future experiences. She emphasised that this need not replace professional help, but can briefly reduce anxiety and restore a sense of perspective.

Equipped with that more balanced account, I asked Angela whether ordinary, unstructured daydreaming actually helped or hindered her. She nodded, saying the distinction really (6) _____ the nail on the head. Her daily routine had become increasingly stressful because of several clashes in her family's complicated timetable, and it was now beginning to take (7) _____ inevitable toll on her. This sustained pressure was causing intrusive daydreams, and she had gradually lost (8) _____ of the bigger picture.

She decided to monitor the habit and seek advice if it continued to disrupt her everyday life significantly.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	bland	sentimental	pathetic	longing
2	belief	conclusion	deduction	intuition
3	cast	dropped	thrown	shed
4	realistically	conclusively	remarkably	unanimously
5	relief	comfort	caution	freedom
6	tapped	struck	chopped	hit
7	its	some	a	all
8	standard	sight	perspective	outlook



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

The mayor behind the scenes

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Last spring, Harbourton very nearly appointed its first ever teenage town mayor. However, (9) _____ most people don't realise is that in the late nineteenth century one determined deputy quietly assumed the mayoral role, (10) _____ all but name. Although never officially elected, as the assistant of town mayor Arthur Bell, Clara Bell quietly managed the entire council for over a year while the mayor was seriously ill.

Upon (11) _____, it was love at first sight between Clara and Arthur, and she soon became one of his trusted deputies, despite having no political experience, a development with which Arthur's council team were ill at (12) _____ to say the least. Despite objections, Clara and Arthur soon collaborated and she became engaged (13) _____ helping the Mayor with his work, unofficially, with full access to all kinds of confidential documents.

When Arthur suddenly developed pneumonia, Clara would not contemplate that he should resign from the role as Mayor and have the senior councillor step in. She decided instead to cover (14) _____ his illness by taking on his duties in secret. According to her and the council physicians, Arthur was working from his bedroom, and she insisted that all mayoral work come (15) _____ her, even firing staff members who disobeyed. Many at the time claimed it was clear to see the lack of governance, but all things considered, for a self-taught deputy who had to (16) _____ it by ear, she didn't do a bad job.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Audition advice

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Nerves affect even the most confident person before a theatre audition, which is why preparation and attitude are vital. Being chosen for an audition means that, on paper, you have all the necessary (17) _____. So, when preparing remember that you are (18) _____ of the director's time. However, so are all the rival stage performers, which means you need to stand out.

While you have fulfilled the essential criteria on the casting notice, look at the list of (19) _____ attributes closely. Focusing on these will (20) _____ your thinking in preparation for the audition.

Research into the theatre company prior to your audition will be helpful, too, as it will enable you to better (21) _____ to the director. This helps you understand the type of person they want to fit the theatre culture. Another characteristic to highlight is that of being (22) _____ as it is a highly valued trait nowadays. Just remember that you'll need concrete examples.

Lastly, consider your approach on the day. From your initial step inside the theatre, project an air of (23) _____ to everyone you encounter, from the theatre staff to senior directors. Even though you may be nervous, whatever happens in the audition will be a learning curve. Try to convince yourself that this could be a (24) _____ experience. You never know, you might just win the role!

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	QUALIFY	
18	WORTH	
19	DESIRE	
20	SHARP	
21	RELATIONSHIP	
22	RESOURCE	
23	CHEER	
24	PLEASURE	



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 Nothing indicated that the director would win the award.

WHATSOEVER

There was _____ the director would win the award.

26 Joyce had a difficult childhood and joined the army young.

CONTEND

Joyce joined the army young because she had a _____ growing up.

27 Although many people dislike oysters, I think they are delicious.

NOSES

A lot of people _____, but I think they are delicious.

28 The bakery remains successful despite the new supermarket.

STRONG

Despite the new supermarket, the bakery _____.

29 There was no doubt Peter would pass his driving test after so much practice.

BOUND

Given the amount of practice, Peter _____ his driving test.

30 We haven't confirmed the reports, so please wait before announcing anything.

HOLD

Could _____ announcements until we confirm the reports?



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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	WHAT
10	IN
11	MEETING
12	EASE
13	IN
14	UP
15	THROUGH
16	PLAY

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	QUALIFICATIONS
18	WORTHY
19	DESIRABLE
20	SHARPEN
21	RELATE
22	RESOURCEFUL
23	CHEERFULNESS
24	PLEASURABLE

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER THAT
26	LOT TO CONTEND WITH WHILE
27	TURN THEIR NOSES UP AT OYSTERS
28	IS STILL GOING STRONG
29	IS BOUND TO PASS
30	YOU HOLD OFF MAKING ANY