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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 3



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

Not your average cycle courier

INSTRUCTIONS

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

That cycle couriers are among the fastest urban riders is beyond dispute, with some reportedly recorded at speeds exceeding seventy kilometres per hour when descending steep roads in controlled conditions. However, although trained riders can accelerate impressively over short distances, they could not (1) _____ sustain such speeds for long. Therefore, when making urgent deliveries, they tend to depend mainly on the (2) _____ of surprise to negotiate traffic to good effect. Otherwise, during a prolonged climb, a rider may (3) _____ wanting in stamina and, after several kilometres, have to abandon the delivery.

Still on the (4) _____ of cycling, experienced couriers may cover more than fifty kilometres during a single demanding shift. Indeed, while riding at full (5) _____, their longest uninterrupted journey may easily extend for well over seven kilometres.

Couriers are distinctive among urban workers, though, because, aside from impressive cycling skills, their administrative performance sometimes leaves a lot to be (6) _____. For instance, their record-keeping is not always as meticulous as clients expect. Unusually for freelance workers, however, newcomers are (7) _____ to work entirely alone, whereas experienced couriers are often more likely to (8) _____, regularly near transport hubs between deliveries. The familiar name for a group of city couriers is a crew.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	conceivably	perceivably	comprehensively	predictably
2	segment	feature	portion	element
3	show	prove	confirm	disclose
4	course	field	subject	content
5	rate	throttle	rush	scurry
6	desired	required	craved	fancied
7	convinced	swayed	prompted	inclined
8	conjoin	congest	congregate	disperse



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

The traders' uncertain future

INSTRUCTIONS

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

The historic market hall in Harbourton is inaccessible in more ways than one. It is not merely all but impossible for shoppers to walk through the fenced building in their quest to reach the famous family stalls of the area, (9) _____ can the market's former traders, the local vendors, literally penetrate it at all.

Strictly (10) _____, of course, the locked gate does not prevent developers from going in search of the valuable land directly beneath it; it just severely delays them as they work. However, notwithstanding the difficulty encountered as soon as they enter the ageing structure, (11) _____ in mind that at least they can access this historic place. Entry is not an option afforded any longer to its original working community, the local vendors.

The vendors were evicted from the site last spring based on the council's desire to make it exclusively a shopping complex - great for the future tenants, yet you can't help (12) _____ wonder how fair that was on the traders. They appear to have got the (13) _____ straw to say the least, receiving little compensation on account of not holding formal leases (14) _____ their traditional informal way of trading.

Since that time, they have been in a never-ending struggle for their shared livelihood. They cannot afford to (15) _____ big and dream of a very secure, wealthy lifestyle. Instead, they want only (16) _____ which everyone deserves - a decent existence.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Harbourton: ignore the old reputation

INSTRUCTIONS

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

We often have a tendency to buy into what everyone else thinks or the (17) _____ image of things without ever directly experiencing them or finding out for ourselves. Indeed, my original (18) _____ of the harbour town of old Harbourton is a perfect case in point.

The blogs' portrayal of the town as solely the quiet refuge of retired sailors is, as I found out on a recent weekend there, plainly (19) _____. Indeed, it is only outsiders who have this horribly (20) _____ perception and most residents consider themselves (21) _____ fortunate to reside in their quiet coastal home.

And now that I have spent some proper time there, my opinion of the town has definitely shifted (22) _____, such that it is now more or less in line with the locally held view. Take, for example, the supposedly dull district of West Harbour. While there are (23) _____ some empty warehouses beside the docks, move (24) _____ but a few streets and you are rewarded with a lively independent quarter. And that is before an exploration of some of the town's hidden corners has even commenced. Indeed, the districts are collectively and without exception a curious visitor's delight.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	STREAM	
18	PERCEIVE	
19	ACCURACY	
20	GUIDE	
21	SPECIAL	
22	APPRECIATE	
23	DOUBT	
24	LAND	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - Test 3

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 most skilled technician was made responsible for the stage lighting.

CHARGE

The most skilled technician _____ the stage lighting.

26 Coco said that her resignation surprised her friends.

CAME

Coco said that her _____ to her friends.

27 He doesn't intend to apply for a second term as chairperson.

NO

He has _____ for a second term as chairperson.

28 The Prime Minister doesn't understand why Parliament is opposing the proposal.

WHAT

The Prime Minister doesn't understand _____ the proposal is.

29 Derek was too lazy to volunteer for a role on the committee.

BOTHERED

Derek _____ forward for a role on the committee.

30 Felicity changed courses only because she disliked her lecturer.

DISLIKE

But for her _____ changed courses.



ANSWER KEY

PRACTICE TEST 3

INSTRUCTIONS

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

PART 1 | MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	NOR
10	SPEAKING
11	BEAR / KEEP
12	BUT
13	SHORT
14	GIVEN
15	THINK
16	THAT

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	MAINSTREAM
18	PERCEPTION
19	INACCURATE
20	MISGUIDED
21	ESPECIALLY
22	APPRECIABLY
23	UNDOUBTEDLY
24	INLAND

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF
26	RESIGNATION CAME AS A SURPRISE
27	NO INTENTION OF APPLYING
28	WHAT PARLIAMENT'S OBJECTION TO
29	COULD NOT BE BOTHERED TO PUT HIMSELF / COULDN'T BE BOTHERED TO PUT HIMSELF
30	DISLIKE OF HER LECTURER SHE WOULD NOT HAVE / DISLIKE OF HER LECTURER SHE WOULDN'T HAVE