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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 4



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

Reading a manager

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Last month a colleague personally invited me to inspect a restaurant with its manager. I hadn't met him before, but my colleague had been raving to everyone about his brilliant, calm and welcoming manner. Clearly he had completely (1) _____ customers off their feet. It didn't take long for me to see through this veneer. On arriving for service, he stood beside the service counter without so (2) _____ as an acknowledgement of our booking. He (3) _____ to continue his conversation with the chef as if I didn't exist, and then (4) _____ at the junior waiter for accidentally dropping several glasses near the entrance. I was eventually (5) _____ worthy of his attention only when it came to reviewing the accounts; I had offered to recommend their new restaurant to celebrate its recent design award. He was evidently someone who could turn professional courtesy on, but only when it (6) _____ his purpose. In my opinion, (7) _____ brilliant, calm and welcoming managers do not blow hot and cold in their behaviour towards customers (8) _____ on what they believe they can gain directly from them.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	plucked	swept	dragged	hoisted
2	much	far	great	long
3	proceeded	followed	progressed	continued
4	winked	glared	peeped	eyed
5	pondered	discriminated	weighed	deemed
6	met	realized	performed	served
7	fully	purely	literally	truly
8	varying	revolving	depending	determined



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

A voice on local radio

INSTRUCTIONS

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

The presenter Clara Hughes chronicled the everyday lives of shopkeepers, teachers, drivers and the other residents of a northern harbour town. Hughes, (9) _____ to her friends as “Clara”, hosted the morning programme for nearly forty years. Its distinctly regional humour (10) _____ nothing to hamper its national success. It was said to have nine million listeners across three countries, and it (11) _____ Hughes widely famous. Hughes displayed unflaggingly sharp observation and a fairly gentle, if sometimes downbeat, humour.

She was given (12) _____ anxiety and low spirits, and there was an underlying tenderness in her interviews, a bitter-sweet quality that clearly fascinated many of her listeners. In the 1950s, the programme had a loyal following (13) _____ intellectuals, but Hughes was happy to point (14) _____ that she herself had failed music, chemistry, history and French at school. When someone (15) _____ her an intellectual, she had to ask (16) _____ that description meant.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Behind a robotics demonstration

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Watching a successful robotics demonstration is an amazing experience. The display looks effortless and everything goes smoothly, but this often (17) _____ the amount of work that was actually involved. At the Innovation Centre, the average time from the first (18) _____ to demonstration day is just four weeks of intensive work. Everyone involved attends the first systems check by the team, so this is an ideal opportunity to get an (19) _____ into how a prototype develops.

I took myself to the centre on a (20) _____ October morning to attend the full rehearsal of the centre's new demonstration. It is a complex recreation of urban traffic flow, rich in detail and built around (21) _____ vehicles controlled by a student team for technical (22) _____.

"It's important for people to have a sense of common purpose and (23) _____," explains engineer Lena Brooks. "The robot has been in careful development since June but this is the first rehearsal and it will be (24) _____ of how the components work together. And it's for the centre staff as much as the students."

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	LIE	
18	REHEARSE	
19	SIGHT	
20	CHILL	
21	MEMORY	
22	AUTHENTIC	
23	TEAM	
24	INDICATE	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - Test 4

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

John has hinted that he no longer wishes to remain in the band.

HINT

John has _____ wishes to remain in the band.

26

Five actors were competing for the leading role in the play.

CONTENTION

There _____ the leading role in the play.

27

She was concentrating so hard on her work that she didn't notice the courier arrive.

WRAPPED

She was _____ that she didn't notice the courier arrive.

28

They still haven't discovered what caused the power failure.

CAUSE

They have yet _____ the power failure was.

29

I reluctantly signed the new agreement.

SIGNATURE

There was some _____ on the new agreement, which I nevertheless signed.

30

Suzanne is far superior to me in terms of technical knowledge.

MATCH

When it comes _____ for Suzanne.



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	B
5	D
6	D
7	D
8	C

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	KNOWN
10	DID
11	MADE / RENDERED
12	TO
13	AMONG / OF
14	OUT
15	CALLED / LABELLED
16	WHAT

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	BELIES
18	REHEARSAL
19	INSIGHT
20	CHILLY
21	MEMORABLE
22	AUTHENTICITY
23	TEAMWORK
24	INDICATIVE

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	DROPPED A HINT THAT HE NO LONGER
26	WERE FIVE ACTORS IN CONTENTION FOR
27	SO WRAPPED UP IN HER WORK
28	TO FIND OUT WHAT THE CAUSE OF
29	RELUCTANCE TO PUT MY SIGNATURE
30	TO TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE I'M NO MATCH / TO TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE I AM NO MATCH