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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 5



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

Cookbooks of the year

INSTRUCTIONS

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

The best food books of this year fall into three main categories: purely instructional, historical, and what, for (1) _____ of a better term, I'll call "anecdotal". Between these broad categories, however, the boundaries are (2) _____. One problem with putting food writers into genres is that they are (3) _____ to be pigeon-holed. Many of them see their role as a (4) _____ of the practical and the creative.

Some (5) _____ to be more like novelists, (6) _____ some of the elements of literary writing. Others regard themselves as historians, exploring the habits and dishes of earlier generations. At the end of the day, what (7) _____ is how readable or useful the recipe is, and in many cases, how well it is presented. However, it is quite clear that cooking and books were (8) _____ for each other.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	want	absence	shortage	need
2	misted	blurred	blended	sketchy
3	wary	loath	cautious	resistant
4	merger	mixture	cross	compound
5	allege	hold	claim	contend
6	engaging	exerting	employing	exercising
7	counts	reckons	bears	signifies
8	given	cut	lent	made



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

The podcast celebrity

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Once, children had ambitions to be doctors, explorers, sportspeople, artists or scientists. Now, taking their lead from podcasts, they just want to be famous. Fame is no longer a reward for gallant service or great, perhaps even selfless endeavour. It is an end in (9) _____, and the sooner it can be achieved, the sooner the silent bedroom microphone can be replaced by the studio camera and sound desk, the (10) _____.

Podcasting is the profession of the moment, a visible vocation which seems to exist largely (11) _____ that the rest of us might listen and be amazed as its members discuss their private lives in public, like self-regarding members of some endless audio drama. Today, almost (12) _____ can be famous. Never has fame (13) _____ more democratic, more ordinary, more achievable. (14) _____ wonder it is a modern ambition. Modern podcasting, peopled by (15) _____ largely vain and vacuous, fills a need in our lives. It fills live shows, sells tickets and subscriptions and rewards the hosts for, well, (16) _____ famous.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Desert hiking holidays

INSTRUCTIONS

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

To hike or camp in Namibia is to experience the pinnacle of desert travel. The country of Namibia is known for its spectacular scenery and (17) _____ views, which inspire today's visitors as much as they spurred on the (18) _____ who first journeyed bravely through this region of southern Africa over a century ago. And whether you're seeking the outdoor adventure of a (19) _____, quiet stargazing or a great family getaway, Namibia has everything you need.

May through September, trail conditions are (20) _____ and reliable, featuring Namibia's (21) _____ golden desert sand. Extensive route marking and maintenance always keep trails in top shape.

The remote destinations in the Namib Desert can turn your wildest travel dreams into thrilling (22) _____. There, you'll find the best hiking and camping on (23) _____ slopes, as well as the finest desert guides in the entire region. Together, they present an (24) _____ desert paradise.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	BREATH	
18	SETTLE	
19	LIFE	
20	CONSIST	
21	LEGEND	
22	REAL	
23	PICTURE	
24	PARALLEL	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - Test 5

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 I always enjoy this painting, no matter how often I see it.

TIRE

However _____ this painting.

26 I don't know why Fred made such an extraordinary decision.

PROMPTED

I don't know _____ a decision.

27 Inefficient handling of complaints creates a bad impression of the company.

REFLECTS

Handling complaints with a lack _____ the company.

28 The organisers planned the conference as carefully as they possibly could.

UTMOST

Everything was planned _____ by the organisers.

29 I promised him that the problem would not occur again.

WORD

I _____ no repetition of the problem.

30 Tim tried to imitate one of his heroes when he was a young musician.

MODELLED

As _____ one of his heroes.



ANSWER KEY

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INSTRUCTIONS

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

PART 1 | MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	ITSELF
10	BETTER
11	SO
12	ANYONE / ANYBODY
13	BEEN
14	NO / LITTLE
15	THE
16	BEING

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	BREATHTAKING
18	SETTLERS
19	LIFETIME
20	CONSISTENT
21	LEGENDARY
22	REALITY
23	PICTURESQUE
24	UNPARALLELED

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	OFTEN I SEE IT I NEVER TIRE OF
26	WHAT PROMPTED FRED TO MAKE SO EXTRAORDINARY
27	OF EFFICIENCY REFLECTS BADLY ON
28	WITH THE UTMOST CARE
29	GAVE HIM MY WORD THERE WOULD BE
30	A YOUNG MUSICIAN TIM MODELLED HIMSELF ON