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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 6



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

The ferry journey

INSTRUCTIONS

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

The bridge had again closed in storms, and Elizabeth was again forced to take the ferry. She brought a cup of coffee across the rocking cabin, (1) _____ as the boiling fluid seeped out from under the lid and on to her hand. The heating was turned up (2) _____ and most of the passengers in the cabin seemed on the (3) _____ of unconsciousness as they looked out of the porthole at the islands sliding (4) _____ below them.

Elizabeth had telephoned the manager of the hostel, who told her that Brennan rarely agreed to interviews, but that he would see her if she came. She felt excited by the (5) _____ of actually meeting someone from that profession. She would be like a researcher who, after working from written accounts, finally (6) _____ hands on living source material. She had an unclear (7) _____ of Brennan in her imagination, although she knew he would be old and, (8) _____ from what the manager had said, withdrawn.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	leering	squinting	wincing	smirking
2	top	full	maximum	peak
3	verge	rim	fringe	border
4	beside	along	past	across
5	prospect	outlook	foresight	viewpoint
6	sets	rests	casts	lays
7	sight	picture	vision	figure
8	reflecting	accounting	judging	rating



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

The factory where memories returned

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Riverside Textile Mill in Manchester, that extraordinary gateway to secure work and a settled urban life which employed, trained and organised thousands of arriving workers (9) _____ 1892 and 1924, has been turned into a museum. (10) _____ lain derelict for years after its official closure, the factory's huge purpose-built production hall has been restored. It has become a place of discovery for the descendants of the young workers who filed through its echoing main hall to answer questions and (11) _____ in the forms using whatever written language (12) _____ understood.

To reach Riverside Mill, you follow a canal path from the busy centre of Manchester. (13) _____ you pass beneath the old railway arches and walk through to the yard outside the enormous entrance to that imposing factory building, it is impossible (14) _____ to reflect on (15) _____ it must have looked to those crowds of workers who hurried through the gates with their bags clutched (16) _____ them and their tools packed into boxes and sacks.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

Exhibition publicists

INSTRUCTIONS

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

The courteous smile of a curator opening exhibitions, greeting visitors or speaking on radio shows can be (17) _____. Behind the scenes of the exhibition tour that has become as much a part of the modern museum as lighting and labels, the curator may be a (18) _____ for a Golden Clipboard Award. This is the prize for curators (19) _____ behaving badly, an informal award nominated by the weary, sometimes (20) _____, publicists who travel from gallery to gallery attracting visitors and reviews.

They call themselves “babysitters” as they tend to the fragile reputations and (21) _____ demands of curators. Among the most feared (22) _____ for the publicists are the fashion curator who is remembered for shouting at her assistants in public and in (23) _____ language, and the history curator whose publicists report that they have instructions from his museum to speak only when spoken to. One (24) _____ of a tour with him, who nominated him for a Golden Clipboard, says: “He treats us all as his inferiors.”

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	DECEIVE	
18	CONTEND	
19	ALLEGE	
20	TRAUMA	
21	CONVENTION	
22	ASSIGN	
23	COLOUR	
24	SURVIVE	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - Test 6

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 Diane finds that creative work stops her from thinking about administration.

MIND

Diane finds that being _____ administration.

26 I tried not to become involved in that dispute.

MIXED

I tried to avoid _____ that dispute.

27 After announcing his resignation, he said that he had done nothing improper.

DENY

After announcing his resignation, he went _____ improper.

28 I had to ask an expert to advise me.

SEEK

I was forced _____ an expert.

29 I ended up in a terrible situation, although it was not my fault.

FAULT

Through _____ myself in a terrible situation.

30 Francis chose computing rather than marketing for his next course.

PREFERENCE

Francis opted _____ marketing for his next course.



ANSWER KEY

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INSTRUCTIONS

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

PART 1 | MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	BETWEEN
10	HAVING
11	FILL
12	THEY / WAS
13	AS / WHEN / WHILE
14	NOT
15	HOW
16	TO / AGAINST

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	DECEPTIVE
18	CONTENDER
19	ALLEGEDLY
20	TRAUMATISED
21	UNCONVENTIONAL
22	ASSIGNMENTS
23	COLOURFUL
24	SURVIVOR

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	CREATIVE TAKES HER MIND OFF
26	GETTING MIXED UP IN
27	ON TO DENY THAT HE HAD DONE ANYTHING
28	TO SEEK ADVICE FROM
29	NO FAULT OF MY OWN I FOUND
30	FOR COMPUTING IN PREFERENCE TO