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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 8



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

Learning a craft first-hand

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Mira Solano, the legendary potter, once said, 'We live our lives second-hand'. Sadly, her words are true for far too many of us, as we (1) _____ in front of the television, (2) _____ in reality television, learning our skills through the words and pictures of others. But it does not have to be that way - there are more opportunities than ever for taking a break from our increasingly sanitised lives and exploring not only some neglected (3) _____ of the workshop, but also our own patience and imagination. This kind of direct practical experience that Solano considered essential is still available for anyone willing to forsake the beaten (4) _____, and gradually watch their confidence (5) _____ as they explore demanding forms of this (6) _____ craft.

The (7) _____ in adult craft learning recently has been towards more flexible forms of practical instruction. But craftwork doesn't have to involve physical exertion; be it shaping a clay bowl in Granada, or getting absorbed in the delicate patterns of a woven rug, it all (8) _____.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	droop	slump	sag	plunge
2	captivated	gripped	engrossed	riveted
3	corner	edge	angle	pocket
4	route	road	track	course
5	turning out	taking off	making out	dropping off
6	wide	diverse	mixed	different
7	trend	direction	custom	inclination
8	fits	belongs	counts	holds



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Flexible study

INSTRUCTIONS

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

For many people, online study is a habit they couldn't give up even if they wanted to. And (9) _____ should they want to? (10) _____ all, the ability to read and submit assignments from a portable device means they can stay actively engaged with tutors, classmates and courses, whether they're waiting in a queue at the library, having a quick cup of tea in (11) _____ meetings or killing (12) _____ before a lecture.

It's fair to say that access to lessons while (13) _____ the move has done much to whet appetites for other kinds of learning tools. What's (14) _____, there's a whole new way of studying that has opened up in recent years and, (15) _____ a result, there's a general expectation that progress and concentration don't necessarily take (16) _____ within the four walls of a college's physical classrooms.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

The value of short naps

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Brief planned naps can be effective. A controlled rest period can improve overall daytime mental (17) _____ and concentration, making it useful for people with demanding schedules, including parents, shift workers and senior multinational company (18) _____ who travel frequently. However, timing and practice are both required to (19) _____ benefits.

This can prevent (20) _____ on waking. For most adults, effective short naps usually last around twenty minutes; entering light sleep quickly requires regular practice, but gradually becomes (21) _____ easy with a routine. At first, simply resting quietly may be more important than sleeping; avoid a micro-nap whenever you cannot reliably resume demanding work safely and promptly afterwards without lingering grogginess at the (22) _____ time.

Finally, carefully planned napping should never be confused with persistent drowsiness that can (23) _____ substantial daytime fatigue and may partly explain the increasingly understandable (24) _____ felt by someone trying to compensate for a chronically poor sleep routine.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	ALERT	
18	EXECUTE	
19	MAXIMUM	
20	ORIENTATE	
21	COMPARE	
22	DESIGN	
23	COMPANY	
24	DESPERATE	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Key Word Transformations - Test 8

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 It's impossible to predict how long this restoration job will take.

TELLING

There is _____ will take.

26 Not many people buy that particular model these days.

DEMAND

There _____ that particular model these days.

27 Seeing his performance as a negotiator impressed me most.

HOW

I was most _____ negotiator he was.

28 Nobody expected Natalia to resign.

CAME

Natalia's _____ everyone.

29 The island's interior was completely devoid of vegetation.

WHATSOEVER

There _____ the island's interior.

30 When he was at his most successful, the director had enormous influence.

HEIGHT

At _____, the director had enormous influence.



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

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	WHY
10	AFTER
11	BETWEEN
12	TIME
13	ON
14	MORE
15	AS
16	PLACE

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	ALERTNESS
18	EXECUTIVES
19	MAXIMISE
20	DISORIENTATION
21	COMPARATIVELY
22	DESIGNATED
23	ACCOMPANY
24	DESPERATION

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	NO WAY OF TELLING HOW LONG THE JOB
26	IS VERY LITTLE DEMAND FOR
27	IMPRESSED TO SEE JUST HOW SKILLED A
28	RESIGNATION CAME AS A SURPRISE TO
29	WAS NO VEGETATION WHATSOEVER IN
30	THE HEIGHT OF HIS SUCCESS