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C2 PROFICIENCY

Use of English

Practice Test 9



PART 1

QUESTIONS
1-8

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

The changing role of museum guides

INSTRUCTIONS

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

A combination of digital displays and changing visitor expectations is radically altering the job of a museum or gallery guide. Many guides now regard themselves as information specialists who (1) _____ and manage access to the museum collections needed for study, leisure and research. They agree that the pace of change has (2) _____ and much more material is displayed interactively.

As a result of this, a guide's responsibilities include digital interpretation, collection knowledge and visitor portals, in addition to being excellent communicators and interpreters of specialist knowledge drawn directly from an increasingly broad (3) _____ of cultural resources. Despite tremendous changes within museum environments, these (4) _____ are regarded as stimulating. Guides respond by being flexible and adaptable in establishing a strong customer (5) _____, while continually expanding their practical skills by providing (6) _____ to museum visitors and delivering interactive services. (7) _____, most guides say that many traditional guiding skills are still (8) _____ in the modern museum.

GAP	A	B	C	D
1	measure	facilitate	incorporate	render
2	accelerated	gathered	raced	hastened
3	accumulation	extent	series	range
4	goals	challenges	achievements	strengths
5	point	attention	focus	contact
6	encouragement	approval	support	supplies
7	Moreover	Nevertheless	Similarly	Therefore
8	applicable	expedient	preferable	parallel



PART 2

QUESTIONS
9-16

OPEN CLOZE

Why restore old buildings?

INSTRUCTIONS

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

There's nothing more likely to irritate a restorer or craftsman than to ask them why they do it, or why they are so willing to put (9) _____ with dust and discomfort. Last year, Maya Green was asked why she wanted to restore an abandoned mill; she replied: "Because it's there." It may be that, having been asked the same question several hundred times, Maya just didn't care any more and this was the first phrase to (10) _____ into her head. Then again, for (11) _____ we know, it was simply her way of saying, "Why not?"

This might seem self-evident (12) _____ someone like Maya. You restore buildings because you can. One way to look at people like restorers or craftspeople, or successful ones at any rate, is to see them (13) _____ people who have realised what they are good at. When you visit their projects, more often than (14) _____ they will come across as people who are (15) _____ ease with their environment, (16) _____ alien it might seem to an outsider.

ANSWER GRID

9		13	
10		14	
11		15	
12		16	



PART 3

QUESTIONS
17-24

WORD FORMATION

The giant honey fungus

INSTRUCTIONS

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

Armillaria is a vast subterranean fungal colony found in North America and is often (17) _____ to an underground forest because a single genetically connected colony can cover many hectares beneath ancient woodland. Its most visible structures above ground are mushrooms, which may appear in clusters after prolonged periods of heavy rain.

Several (18) _____ working closely alongside fungal ecologists have carefully investigated its remarkable scale, recently commissioning detailed independent (19) _____ analysis. This eventually led researchers to the important (20) _____ that several apparently separate patches can form one genetically connected colony extending through the soil beneath an exceptionally vast forest. Its (21) _____ scale reflects many centuries of slow growth through extensive branching underground filaments rather than exceptionally rapid evolution. Relative to a familiar small garden mushroom, the colony's overall extent is (22) _____ to a town spreading across many square kilometres.

The fungus is also distinctive because its smell can be (23) _____, although that distinctive odour attracts numerous insects which help widely disperse spores. Armillaria's fruiting bodies can release aromatic compounds detectable over considerable (24) _____.

QUESTION	BASE WORD	YOUR ANSWER
17	LIKE	
18	BOTANY	
19	MOLECULE	
20	REVEAL	
21	ORDINARY	
22	COMPARE	
23	PLEASE	
24	DISTANT	



PART 4

QUESTIONS
25-30

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

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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 thing I'd like most would be to visit the coastal museum again.

MORE

There's _____ the coastal museum again.

26 When I asked the group to stop talking, they completely ignored me.

TOOK

The group _____ when I asked them to stop talking.

27 What the lecturer said was not very clear at times.

LACK

There _____ in what the lecturer said at times.

28 It was only when it got dark that Paolo decided to return home.

FELL

It was not _____ Paolo decided to return home.

29 The company avoids employing unqualified staff unless there is no alternative.

RESORT

Only _____ employ unqualified staff.

30 The careful preparation for the event ensured it was memorable.

WHICH

The care _____ event ensured it was memorable.



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	D
4	B
5	C
6	C
7	B
8	A

PART 2 | OPEN CLOZE

9	UP
10	COME / SPRING
11	ALL
12	TO
13	AS
14	NOT
15	AT
16	HOWEVER

PART 3 | WORD FORMATION

17	LIKENED
18	BOTANISTS
19	MOLECULAR
20	REVELATION
21	EXTRAORDINARY
22	COMPARABLE
23	UNPLEASANT
24	DISTANCES

PART 4 | KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

25	NOTHING I'D LIKE MORE THAN TO VISIT / NOTHING I WOULD LIKE MORE THAN TO VISIT
26	TOOK ABSOLUTELY NO NOTICE OF ME
27	WAS A LACK OF CLARITY
28	UNTIL DARKNESS FELT THAT
29	IN THE LAST RESORT DOES THE COMPANY
30	WHICH WENT INTO PREPARING THE