

FCE Use of English – Practice Test 1

Part One: Multiple Choice Cloze

For Questions 1-15, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

Example: (0) A. hour B. **minute** C. time D. day

Our Ship Sets Sail

There was so much to do at the last (0) ... that there was not time to be nervous. All of us wanted to be on our way (1) ... to sea, but there was still one more problem to overcome: the anchor became (2) ... under a rock. We (3) ... it a mighty pull, but it would not come loose. In the end a fishing boat had to pull us (4) The crowd waved and as we sailed out of the mouth of the river and passed the cliffs (5) ... on each side, I turned back and (6) ... a sight that will remain in my memory for ever: two hundred or more people were (7) ... their way to the cliff-tops for a final (8) The sight had a dreamlike (9) ... because the sun was (10) ... in the west and the evening light picked out the shapes of the people climbing the hill. The figures were tiny and black, all hurrying (11) ... one direction and with the same (12) ... towards the farthest tip of the cliff. (13) ... we were well away from the entrance to the river and there was no longer any (14) ... of the tide carrying us back onto the rocks, I (15) ... the crew to raise our sails. We were finally on our way.

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| 1 A out | B across | C down | D under |
| 2 A stuck | B fixed | C attached | D held |
| 3 A took | B put | C gave | D let |
| 4 A clean | B free | C safe | D secure |
| 5 A mounting | B raising | C rising | D lifting |
| 6 A realised | B looked | C saw | D remarked |
| 7 A making | B setting | C going | D moving |
| 8 A scene | B view | C vision | D outlook |
| 9 A quality | B state | C condition | D capability |
| 10 A lowering | B drawing | C setting | D closing |
| 11 A for | B to | C in | D at |
| 12 A scheme | B sense | C meaning | D intention |
| 13 A As soon as | B In case | C As long as | D If only |
| 14 A alarm | B anxiety | C risk | D concern |
| 15 A suggested | B said | C demanded | D ordered |

Part Two: Open Cloze

For Questions 1-15, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

Example: 0 - than

Nicolas-Francois Appert (1749-1841)

Tinned food and drink is big business: every day more (0) ... 175,000 million tins are sold throughout the world. The process by (1) ... food products can be preserved in tins was invented in 1810 by a Frenchman (2) ... Nicholas-Francois Appert.

His father ran a small hotel, (3) Appert learned about preserving fruit and vegetables (4) ... a boy. He then became a cook and sweet-maker and grew fascinated by the idea of (5) ... able to preserve food for (6) ... than is naturally possible. He experimented with various foods and finally (7) ... in preserving vegetables, fruit juices and jams. What he did (8) ... to put the food in glass containers which were then boiled for a long time.

In 1810 the French government offered a prize to (9) ... who invented a means (10) ... preserving high-quality food. The food was needed (11) ... feed Napoleon's rapidly expanding army and navy. Appert won the prize and with the money he received he set (12) ... a commercial food-preserving factory. At (13) ... Appert used only glass jars and bottles but in 1822 he changed to metal containers. His achievements (14) ... widely praised and his method was soon in use throughout France and the (15) ... of the world.

Part Three: 'Key' Word Transformation

For questions 1-10, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

Example:

I haven't seen you for years.

ages

It's (been ages since I) saw you.

1. This is a 'no smoking' office.

allowed

You in this office.

2. Maria didn't listen carefully to the news broadcast.

attention

Maria didn't the news broadcast.

3. Sally decided not to do her homework and went to a nightclub.

instead

Sally went to a nightclub homework.

4. I expect you were completely exhausted by the end of the evening!

must

By the end of the evening exhausted!

5. "Is cleaning the room now really necessary?."

have

"Does this room now?"

6. Lisa's grandfather is teaching her Chinese.

taught

Lisa her grandfather.

7. It's too cold for swimming today.

if

We could go swimming cold today.

8. If you're not travelling more than 10 kilometres from the city centre, you can use this ticket.

within

If you're travelling the city centre, you can use this ticket.

9. Did you mean to hit him or did it happen accidentally?

purpose

Did you hit him an accident?

10. 'I'm sorry I forgot your birthday,' Harry told Mary.

for

Harry apologised her birthday.

Part Four: Error Correction

Read the text below. Some of the lines contain an extra, incorrect word. If there is an extra, incorrect word in the line, write the word on the right of the line. If the line is correct, write 'OK'.

There is an example at the beginning.

Example:

0 OK

00 do

Looking For A Job

0 I finished university six months ago and I've got a degree in
00 business administration. I enjoyed do the course very much
1 although I realise I should have been studied a lot harder! A few of
2 my friends have already got all full-time jobs but most, like me, are still
3 waiting for something suitable to turn up. Meanwhile, I make sure that
4 I keep myself being busy. I look through the job advertisements in the
5 newspapers every day and I also ask all the people I know to tell
6 me if they will hear of any vacancies where they work. What I'm
7 looking for is something challenging, and I would certainly be happy
8 to move to another city or even work myself abroad for a while. The
9 salary is not so important at this stage, provided I earn enough for to
10 live on, because I don't want to continue having to be depend on my
11 parents, although they are very much generous to me. At the moment,
12 I'm working in a nearby restaurant two evenings of a week, washing
13 up and generally helping out, which brings in a little bit money. The
14 other people who working there are very friendly, and many of them
15 are in the same kind situation as me, so we have lots to talk about.

Part Five: Word Formation

Read the text and then write the correct form of the word in CAPITALS to complete the gaps. There is an example at the beginning.

Example: 0 traditional

Puppet Shows

Puppets are dolls representing (0) **traditional** or modern characters in stories. They are a popular form of (1) ... for both children and adults. Some puppets seen in Europe today were (2) ... created in Italy in the 1500s. A puppet show was an (3) ... way to enjoy yourself so people could go to see the same (4) ... again and again.

TRADITION

ENTERTAIN

ORIGIN

EXPENSIVE

PERFORM

So what is the continuing (5) ... of the puppet show? Used (6) ... by artists, puppets have a living magic. However beautiful, funny or (7) ... to look at, they are really simple tools used by artists to express their ideas, (8) ... and character. Of course they must have great technical (9) ... but the fun and charm come from the way the artists establish (10) ... with the audience.

ATTRACT

CLEVER

FASCINATE

PERSON

ABLE

COMMUNICATE