

FCE Use of English – Practice Test 3

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 native B real C **natural** D raw

Write the Perfect Crime Novel

Most people are born with the (0) ... ability to (1) ... stories, but only a rare few have the determination to become (2) ... authors, and even fewer have the joy of seeing their novels top the (3) ... of bestselling books. Some of the world's famous crime writers have achieved the (4) ... success of all. Who can (5) ... the appeal of famous detectives like Sherlock Holmes, Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot? Even if you haven't read the (6) ... books you will have seen them in films or on the TV.

If you have an ambition to become the (7) ... Agatha Christie what should you do? The best starting (8) ... is to read lots of examples of crime fiction written by good authors. You will need a notebook to carry around with you or, (9) ... better, some loose (10) ... of paper that you can (11) ... notes on and then file into a folder. After all, the most (12) ... situation - for example, watching a woman get (13) ... a train - may be the (14) ... for your first bestseller.

Like any good recipe you have to know the main (15) ... of a successful novel. These are: an original story, strong characters and a memorable setting.

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|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 A say | B tell | C speak | D announce |
| 2 A occupied | B employed | C working | D professional |
| 3 A queue | B list | C row | D line |
| 4 A largest | B greatest | C highest | D prime |
| 5 A deny | B refuse | C insist | D hide |
| 6 A first | B initial | C early | D original |
| 7 A next | B following | C subsequent | D later |
| 8 A spot | B tip | C point | D mark |
| 9 A even | B still | C very | D so |
| 10 A strips | B sheets | C layers | D pieces |
| 11 A complete | B do | C fill | D make |
| 12 A standard | B everyday | C average | D regular |
| 13 A out | B down | C off | D from |
| 14 A notion | B idea | C invention | D inspiration |
| 15 A parts | B ingredients | C pieces | D sections |

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) in

Too Good to be True

Some say you can do it in seven days, others promise success (0) ... 24 hours, or you may prefer to take (1) ... time and do it in 5 weeks. What are we talking about? Believe it (2) ... not, these periods (3) ... time refer to language learning courses that promise excellent results in less time (4) ... it takes to say 'Bonjour'!

However, the advertisements of these companies are not necessarily (5) ... best guide and if you don't know what to look (6) ... in a good course you could be left with little (7) ... than a large bill.

A complaint was recently made (8) ... SpeedLearn Systems and the company has been forced to remove its claim that its technique is ten times better than any (9) ... method. The Managing Director of SpeedLearn Systems said (10) "... we still believe our claim is true, we are willing to change our advert. But the fact remains, if you (11) ... 3 hours (12) ... day for 5 weeks on our language course you will soon be speaking the language. What we (13) ... have done was to make (14) ... clearer in the advert. Then we wouldn't (15) ... had these annoying complaints"..

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. Because it snowed heavily during the night the motorway is closed.

due

The motorway is closed that there was heavy snow the night before.

2. Did you manage to get in contact with the boss today?

getting

Did you in contact with the boss today?

3. I don't care what you do.

concerned

As you can do what you like.

4. The meal we had in the restaurant was so nice.

such

It meal in the restaurant.

5. He was ordered to leave the field for arguing with the referee.

sent

The referee for arguing.

6. Do you and your brother have the same looks?

like

Does you?

7. That's the garage where I left my car last week.

repaired

That's where I went last week.

8. You can't bring food into this room.

supposed

You food into this room.

9. I wanted to know what Steve was doing in the garden?

wondered

I in the garden.

10. I've tried again and again but I just can't do it.

often

Notry, I still can't do it.

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 to

00 ok

Travelling Light

0 The last time I travelled to abroad started off quite
00 badly. I had arrived in Amsterdam and was at the
1 station for buying a train ticket to Munich. I was going
2 to visit a friend there and after that to travel down to
3 Greece for a long holiday. I just bought my ticket
4 and turned round to pick up my bag from the floor
5 and realised that someone had stolen it. I ran all over
6 the station trying to find it but it was quite gone. Luckily I
7 had had my passport and all my money in my jacket,
8 but the only clothes I possessed were the ones I had them
9 on. I had been looking forward to the holiday for so long
10 and didn't want to cancel it though. I quickly decided to
11 continue on with the journey and caught the next train to
12 Munich. It felt very much strange travelling without any
13 luggage, in fact it was lovely not to have to carry
14 around a heavy bag. When I eventually arrived at my
15 friend lent to me lots of clothes, so I did at least
have the chance to change!

Part Five: Word Formation

For Questions 1 - 10 Read the text below. Use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

Example: (0) CRITICISM

Dress Code

UK companies have received (0) ... from
a business forum for what their report refers to as
a rather narrow-minded attitude towards the dress
code for office workers. This follows a case in
which a male (1) ... working in the post room of a
large (2) ... in the United Kingdom received a
(3) ... for wearing jeans to work.

Whilst the report accepts that there is a need for
people dealing with (4) ... to look well dressed,
it questions whether employees who work behind
the scenes necessarily need to dress formally.

The authors of the report made a (5) ... between
the UK and other European nations where
employers seem (6) ... about the need for their
workers to wear smart clothes in the office.

Their (7) ... is based on research that claims
workers are far more (8) ... when they have the
(9) ... to dress in a way that they feel most
(10) ... in.

CRITIC

EMPLOY
ORGANIZE
SUSPEND

CUSTOM

COMPARE

CONCERN

ARGUE
PRODUCT
FREE
COMFORT