

FCE Use of English – Practice Test 4

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 in B at C **of** D to

No More Classes

The use (0) ... computers has meant students can study language programmes (1) ... their own speed when and for how long they want - and no need to (2) ... about the teacher having a favourite or doing (3) ... another boring lesson. What's (4) ... , in the virtual classrooms of the future the student will (5) ... on their headset, and be transported into an imaginary school, choose their class, take the books they need off the shelf and (6) ... conversations with other computerised students.

They might (7) ... choose to pay a visit to the supermarket or the train station, the bank or the restaurant. At the (8) ... of a button they would be transported to (9) ... realistic settings where they could practice their English, maybe getting a hand (10) ... a virtual English companion. All this perhaps, at the computer, from the comfort of their home: no (11) ... to catch the bus to college, or a plane to England.

Exciting? Certainly, and an interesting (12) ... to traditional classroom lessons. But would it ever (13) ... the classroom?

Hopefully not. (14) ... the need to relate to real people talking about real issues and generally learning a little more about others will always lead language learners to (15) ... at least a little of their time with real people.

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| 1 A with | B for | C at | D in |
| 2 A concern | B upset | C trouble | D worry |
| 3 A still | B for | C yet | D already |
| 4 A more | B additional | C besides | D moreover |
| 5 A place | B put | C set | D get |
| 6 A take | B do | C catch | D hold |
| 7 A although | B preferably | C instead | D contrary |
| 8 A force | B hit | C depress | D push |
| 9 A so | B such | C like | D alike |
| 10 A with | B to | C from | D for |
| 11 A role | B duty | C obligation | D need |
| 12 A difference | B opposite | C choice | D alternative |
| 13 A replace | B restore | C succeed | D recover |
| 14 A definitely | B mainly | C totally | D surely |
| 15 A spend | B make | C have | D do |

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) for

Camping Holidays

Although it has a reputation (0) ... being rather basic in terms of home comforts, the modern material used in (1) ... manufacture of tents means camping is at least a (2) ... less hard work. Nowadays tents are (3) ... lightweight that you hardly notice you're carrying them. They're easy to (4) ... up yet still a cheaper alternative to hotel accommodation.

Talk to an expert first before spending a lot of money (5) ... a tent. Different tents suit different needs and there's no point (6) ... buying a mountaineering tent (7) ... you're planning to camp in these conditions. Don't (8) ... tempted to splash out on all the latest equipment either. Most (9) ... the fun of camping lies in the chance to get back to nature. There's no need to take anything more (10) ... the basics.

Always try to plan your arrival at the site long before (11) ... gets dark. You will want to see (12) ... you're doing when you try to erect your tent. Don't forget to ask (13) ... permission if you're not camping on a registered site, and remember to take a supply of food and drink with you in (14) ... the local shops are closed when you arrive. You can then enjoy your first meal under the stars and begin (15) ... appreciate the joys of camping.

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. 'Why don't you come over for dinner at the weekend?' he asked her.

suggested

He for dinner at the weekend.

2. His boss won't tolerate lateness.

put

His boss won't lateness.

3. The school I studied at last year was better than this one.

good

This school my last one.

4. Although the weather was terrible we had a good time.

spite

We had a good time the terrible weather.

5. Being rude is inexcusable.

excuse

There is rude

6. I find driving on the left in England very strange.

accustomed

I on the left in England.

7. I regret taking up smoking.

wish

I smoke.

8. The police are interviewing the suspects.

interviewed

The suspects by the police.

9. Sally asked me 'Have you had a nice holiday?'

if

Sally asked me a nice holiday.

10. We've missed the last bus so there's no point in waiting

worth

It as we've missed the last bus.

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 have

Dear Sally

- 0 This is just a short note to let you know about my
00 new college. You know that I have arrived in Cambridge
1 last week, don't you? Well, my host family met with me
2 at the airport and drove me to their home. They're a
3 really such nice family and I'm enjoying myself a lot.
4 The college where I'm studying it is also lovely. The
5 teachers are helpful and I've met a lot of students from
6 different countries. As soon as we will have the opportunity,
7 we are going to have a party. I'm pleased that there are
8 not many people from Italy because of I want to improve my
9 English. Unfortunately the weather has been horrible.
10 When I had arrived at the airport it was raining and
11 it feels much more colder than in my country.
12 Anyway, my host family are happy for me to have the
13 visitors so if you would like to come and stay for a little
14 while I could show you around in the city. If you come
15 soon maybe you can come to the party! Write me back
soon and let me know if you would like to come.

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) BIGGEST

Kitchen Hygiene

The next time you go to the supermarket don't forget to buy the (0) ... bottle of kitchen cleaner you can to (1) ... your work surfaces.

Recent (2) ... research in America has shown that the kitchen is often the most (3) ... of all the rooms in the home.

The (4) ... of food, heat and dampness means the kitchen is (5) ... a breeding ground for bacteria that can cause stomach upsets and vomiting.

The study at the University of Arizona examined 15 homes over 30 weeks. Levels of (6) ... were certainly not below average yet cutting boards and dishcloths were found to contain bacteria in far greater number than elsewhere in the home.

(7) ... say ignorance is the cause of the problem and point out that (8) ... cleaning can lead to serious food poisoning.

The (9) ... ? Make sure you clean all work surfaces (10) ... and keep an eye on that dishcloth!

BIG

INFECT

SCIENCE

HYGIENE

COMBINE

POTENTIAL

CLEAN

RESEARCH

ADEQUATE

SOLVE

DAY