

SECTION 1 (FCE format)

PART 1

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➔ Example: 0

(A) heading

B counting

C increasing

D progressing

POPULATION FACTS

According to the United Nations' population figures, the world's population will be (0) heading for 8.9 billion by the year 2050, (1) _____ to 6.7 billion in 2009. This figure (2) _____ into account that each woman on the planet will give birth to two children.

Eight billion, nine hundred million people may sound (3) _____ an astronomical figure, yet statistics (4) _____ that, throughout the world, the number of children being born is dropping. In Africa the birth rate has decreased from 6.6 to 5.1, in Asia from 5.1 to 2.6, in Latin America from 5.0 to 2.7 and with (5) _____ to the European countries, the birth rate is below the replacement level. This means fewer people being born for every elderly person. For instance, by 2050, Spain risks being the oldest country in the world. The explanation (6) _____ for this is the fact that women have become better educated and would rather (7) _____ a career than enjoy motherhood. Therefore, they (8) _____ bringing up many children and being out of work for long periods of time.

(9) _____, the world's population will continue to increase (10) _____ the ageing population. This will happen because of an overall rise in life expectancy, especially in the developed countries. The main reason for this is that many diseases which were fatal in the past, can be (11) _____ nowadays.

In view of these facts, experts argue that 8.9 billion people is more than our planet will be able to take. Others who have a more pessimistic outlook on life (12) _____ that we are already on the point of not being able to sustain the current population.

1	A combined	B unlike	C competed	D compared
2	A brings	B has	C takes	D gives
3	A as	B alike	C likewise	D like
4	A reveal	B give away	C describe	D speak out
5	A connection	B view	C relation	D respect
6	A given	B made	C supported	D told
7	A chase	B create	C pursue	D advance
8	A prevent	B omit	C avoid	D prohibit
9	A All the same	B After all	C All in all	D Once and for all
10	A whereas	B although	C even though	D in spite of
11	A healed	B cured	C defeated	D beaten
12	A warn	B accuse	C threaten	D advise

PART 2

For questions 13-24, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

FLOWER POWER

Flowers grow everywhere in the world but (0) _____ *when* _____ people think of tulips, they think of the Netherlands. The Dutch have a saying: "Flowers love people". (13) _____ this is true, then flowers really love the Dutch, as flowers have been cultivated in the Netherlands for hundreds of years. In fact, the flower industry has been (14) _____ profitable that it has been boosting the Dutch economy since the seventeenth century.

Recently, however, the Dutch flower growers have been (15) _____ difficulties in coping with the tough competition from abroad. The Colombians, for instance, have (16) _____ the Dutch by surprise. Their flowers are now (17) _____ demand all over the world (18) _____ to the simple fact that they are cheaper. Within a few short years, the Colombians have brought Holland's domination of the flower industry to an end. (19) _____ this fact, the Netherlands is still in control of over sixty per cent of the world's flower market.

In (20) _____ to help the Dutch growers, the European Commission has decided to promote the flower industry, as (21) _____ as the growers themselves are willing to cut costs and become more competitive. All this in the hope of making people buy more flowers than they used to. Today the average Dutchman buys 150 stems a year, (22) _____ the Germans buy 80 stems and the English only 50 stems. These numbers are constantly declining. (23) _____ this trend is reversed, many Dutch growers will soon be (24) _____ of business.



PART 3

For questions 25-34, 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. There is an example at the beginning (0).

DESERT ANIMALS

Deserts are not (0) *uninhabited* places as many people believe. Although the daytime air temperature may reach a(n) (25) *58° C* and the surface temperature *77° C*, many animals live in these conditions. Their (26) *however*, is (27) *on them being able to get the water they need*. (28) *of desert animals has revealed a lot about the strategies they employ to achieve this*. (29) *have found that beetles, for example, get their daily (30) of water after waiting for the moisture from fog to condense on their bodies and drip down into their mouth*. Larger desert animals have come up with another (31) *to the problem of finding a source of water*. For example, (32) *like hares or rats get their supply by eating (33) amounts of desert vegetation, which contains the water they require*. However extreme the conditions may be, desert animals (34) *manage to obtain water*.

INHABIT
BEAR
SURVIVE
DEPEND
OBSERVE
RESEARCH
REQUIRE

SOLVE
CREATE
CONSIDER
SOME

PART 4

For questions 35-42, 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. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- ➔ Example: 0 When I was younger, I played tennis every Sunday.
used When I was younger, I *used to play* tennis every Sunday.
- 35 We took the ring road because we didn't want to get caught in traffic in the city centre.
as We took the ring road _____ caught in traffic in the city centre.
- 36 "Why don't we participate in the game?" my friend said.
part My friend suggested _____ the game.
- 37 By the look on their faces, you'd assume they had seen a ghost.
though They looked _____ a ghost.
- 38 Although he smokes heavily, he refuses to go for a check-up.
smoker Despite _____, he refuses to go for a check-up.
- 39 You might get lost and need to ring us, so take your mobile phone with you.
in Take your mobile phone with you _____ and need to ring us.
- 40 They had better demolish that old building on Kensington Road.
down It is _____ that old building on Kensington Road.
- 41 "Do you speak Spanish fluently, Vanessa?" he asked.
whether He wanted to know _____ fluently.
- 42 Fortunately, the motorcyclist was wearing protective clothing, so he got away with minor injuries.
injured The motorcyclist _____ had he not been wearing protective clothing.

SECTION 2 (ECCE format)

Grammar

Choose the correct answer.

- Suppose David _____ you to marry him, what would you do?
a. asks b. will ask
c. asked d. would ask
- It's time for the children _____ doing their homework.
a. started b. had started
c. to have started d. to start
- "Have you heard the news? Our neighbour has been arrested _____ forgery."
a. on b. of
c. for d. from
- I would rather he _____ to me yesterday.
a. didn't lie b. hadn't lied
c. hasn't lied d. couldn't lie
- _____ how boring this course was going to be, I wouldn't have enrolled.
a. If had I known b. If I knew
c. Had I known d. Did I know
- _____ being seriously injured in the car accident, the man managed to survive.
a. Although b. Though
c. In spite d. Despite
- We'd better _____ the car before Dad returns home.
a. repair b. to repair
c. have repaired d. to have repaired
- Jonathan _____ reveal his secret to anyone.
a. told to me not b. told me to not
c. told me not to d. told me to don't
- Wayne complained about the room _____ too dark.
a. was b. had been
c. be d. being
- The bank manager forbade the employees _____ in the building.
a. of smoking b. of smoke
c. to smoke d. smoking

Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer.

- Alex is _____ of his brother's success. He always says unkind things about him.
a. envious b. suspicious
c. annoyed d. disgusted
- The _____ of this new drug is not known yet, as it's still in the trial process.
a. result b. consequence
c. effect d. affect
- "Which dress should I buy? The blue or the red one?"
"Well, I think the blue one _____ you better".
a. compares b. matches
c. suits d. combines
- We have had security locks installed on all doors and windows to _____ burglars from entering.
a. prevent b. forbid
c. prohibit d. avoid
- I would like everyone to _____ quiet while I'm reading to you.
a. maintain b. remain
c. tolerate d. notice
- We delayed our departure on _____ of the bad weather.
a. relation b. order
c. account d. condition
- The moment the teacher _____ the exam papers, I was filled with anxiety.
a. gave away b. handed over
c. handed down d. gave out
- According to police reports, crime has _____ in our city.
a. advanced b. developed
c. progressed d. increased
- The defendant tried to _____ the jury of his innocence.
a. convince b. urge
c. appeal d. oblige
- It took Steve three weeks to _____ from his illness and return home from the hospital.
a. heal b. recover
c. cure d. overcome

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➔ Example: 0

A first

B ideal

C special

D best

1	A	B	C	D
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THE BEST STUDENTS

According to most professors, mature students are (0) ideal students because they are hard-working and become actively (1) _____ in all aspects of the learning process.

The majority of mature students have a poor educational background but they (2) _____ to do exceptionally well at tertiary level. (3) _____ many of them have a mortgage, a job and children to (4) _____, they are always present at seminars and lectures and always hand (5) _____ essays on time. They like studying and writing essays and they enjoy the class discussions that take place. Consequently, they (6) _____ excellent results. In fact, as they have (7) _____ many of life's pleasures, they are content with their lives and this has a positive (8) _____ on their attitude, making them (9) _____ to learn.

On the other hand, despite their enthusiasm and commitment, mature students (10) _____ from anxiety. The fact that they have made many sacrifices to get into university puts extra pressure on them to succeed. (11) _____, completing a degree gives mature students a sense of achievement, boosts their confidence and (12) _____ their job prospects.

ANSWER SHEET

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|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 A included | B related | C involved | D combined |
| 2 A able | B succeed | C manage | D capable |
| 3 A Although | B Despite | C However | D In spite of |
| 4 A grow | B develop | C rise | D raise |
| 5 A in | B over | C out | D up |
| 6 A fulfil | B achieve | C reach | D earn |
| 7 A known | B experienced | C found out | D recognised |
| 8 A effect | B affect | C conclusion | D consequence |
| 9 A eager | B anxious | C interested | D impatient |
| 10 A tolerate | B resist | C suffer | D complain |
| 11 A Likewise | B Furthermore | C Nevertheless | D Otherwise |
| 12 A creates | B improves | C progresses | D advances |

1	A	B	C	D
2	A	B	C	D
3	A	B	C	D
4	A	B	C	D
5	A	B	C	D
6	A	B	C	D
7	A	B	C	D
8	A	B	C	D
9	A	B	C	D
10	A	B	C	D
11	A	B	C	D
12	A	B	C	D

PART 2

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➔ Example: 0

0	down	0
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TV RATINGS

As you settle (0) down in front of your television, have you (13) _____ wondered how TV ratings are calculated? Don't worry, we're not (14) _____ watched while we're in front of the TV. It's the Audience Research Board (ARB) that works (15) _____ the ratings for each programme. To (16) _____ this, the board appoints researchers whose task is to choose from a sample of viewers, who receive a small payment for (17) _____ cooperation. To gather the required information, the researchers connect the viewer's TV set and video recorder to electronic meters which record when these appliances are turned on and off and what is being viewed. There is a difference (18) _____ counting TV programmes and those recorded on video. To count the latter, the day, time and channel are imprinted by the electronic meter. (19) _____, only when the video is watched does the programme recorder on the meter become activated. It sounds complicated but the ARB need to separate live recordings (20) _____ taped ones. (21) _____ problem is the number of viewers in one household. If there is (22) _____ than one viewer, then the household is given a special remote control. Finally, (23) _____ all the figures are collected, they are compared to the TV guides and (24) _____ the end the national viewing figures are calculated.

ANSWER SHEET

DO NOT WRITE
HERE

13		13
14		14
15		15
16		16
17		17
18		18
19		19
20		20
21		21
22		22
23		23
24		24

PART 3

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➔ Example: 0

0	philosopher	0
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PYTHAGORAS

Pythagoras was a (0) philosopher born on the Aegean island of Samos.

He was well known as a great (25) _____ and his academic excellence has been (26) _____ for over 2000 years.

As a young man, he travelled and was (27) _____ influenced by some (28) _____ ideas he came across in Egypt and Babylon.

Over time, he made (29) _____ mathematical investigations, which included "Pythagoras' Theorem", a great (30) _____

stating that the square of the hypotenuse of a right angled triangle is equal to the sum of the squares. In (31) _____, Pythagoras was one of

the earliest (32) _____ to suggest that the earth was a sphere revolving around a (32) _____ fire. Without doubt, his

(34) _____ to the scientific world will always be acknowledged.

PHILOSOPHY
MATHEMATICS
RESPECT
GREAT
REMARK
EXTEND
DISCOVER

ADD
SCIENCE
CENTRE
CONTRIBUTE

ANSWER SHEET

DO NOT WRITE
HERE

25		25
26		26
27		27
28		28
29		29
30		30
31		31
32		32
33		33
34		34

PART 4

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When I was younger, I played tennis every Sunday.

used

When I was younger, I used to play tennis every Sunday.

0	<u>used to play</u>	0
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35 Judy is as old as Helen.

same Judy _____ Helen.

36 I would strongly advise you to apologise for your mistake.

better You _____ your mistake.

37 Take a coat because it might get colder in the evening.

case Take a coat _____ colder in the evening.

38 They had to postpone the match until Friday.

off The match _____ until Friday.

39 Although he tries hard, he never manages to win a game.

matter He never manages to win a game _____ he tries.

40 "No, I won't pick you up from the airport," said Nick to James.

refused Nick _____ from the airport.

41 You won't become fitter if you don't exercise more.

unless You won't become fitter _____ more.

42 You should learn how to operate the washing machine.

about It is _____ how to operate the washing machine.

ANSWER SHEET

DO NOT WRITE
HERE

35		35
36		36
37		37
38		38
39		39
40		40
41		41
42		42