

CAE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 9

* For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

A. eye

B. look

C. sight

D. view

A success story - or is it?

Success, like beauty, lies in the (0) eye of the beholder. How one person chooses to define it can be very different from how others perceive it. For some people, it's earning a fortune, (1)_____ for others it's working in a voluntary position helping those less fortunate. It's also relative rather than (2)_____ because the person who (3)_____ a new skill has achieved success in their terms just as much as the self-made millionaire.

Ironically, there may also be an underlying contradiction in the term. (4)_____, an actress who has a glamorous life and seems to have everything she wants may actually be troubled by the loss of her (5)_____ life as paparazzi invade her personal (6)_____.

It also has something to do with the length of time success (7)_____. Many young people are happy with short-term fame but (8)_____ it's true that reaching that one goal might be comparatively straightforward, maintaining that success is often much harder. And surely, it's long-term success that is ultimately the most satisfying and also the most enviable?

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| 1. A. as | B. while | C. so | D. since |
| 2. A. total | B. whole | C. complete | D. absolute |
| 3. A. wins | B. earns | C. gets | D. masters |
| 4. A. After all | B. At first | C. At once | D. Apart from |
| 5. A. secret | B. private | C. individual | D. separate |
| 6. A. zone | B. area | C. space | D. place |
| 7. A. goes | B. holds | C. keeps | D. lasts |
| 8. A. despite | B. even | C. although | D. however |

* For questions 1 – 8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). **ASTONISH**

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.
Example: **ASTONISHINGLY**

Searching for a King

You wouldn't expect to find a dead king under a city car park, yet, (0) **astonishingly** (**ASTONISH**), this was where archaeologists found Richard III, an English king who died in 1485. Always a (1)_____ (**CONTROVERSY**) figure, Richard was (2)_____ (**MORTAL**) as a villain and murderer by Shakespeare. The accuracy of this portrayal is (3)_____ (**DEBATE**), but the fact that Richard was killed at the Battle of Bosworth Field is (4)_____ (**DISPUTE**). The exact whereabouts of his body after the battle was a mystery but with the discovery of a skeleton in Leicester, people speculated about whether these were the (5)_____ (**REMAIN**) of the king. The skeleton exhibited similar injuries to those recorded after the battle and scientists carried out carbon dating, which placed the skeleton in the fifteenth century. (6)_____ (**ANALYSE**) of DNA from living descendants of the king put (7)_____ (**IDENTITY**) of the skeleton beyond doubt – the evidence was (8)_____ (**CONCLUDE**). The last missing king of England had been found.

1. CONTROVERSY

2. MORTAL

3. DEBATE

4. DISPUTE

5. REMAIN

6. ANALYSE

7. IDENTITY

8. CONCLUDE