

## GOLD EXP C1 - final test units 1-3

### Grammar

#### Task 1

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 When I ..... (arrive) at the venue, the play ..... (start) and my friends ..... (think) of going ahead without me.
- 2 He has been competing for many years and felt his efforts needed ..... (recognise). Eventually he ended up ..... (win) a medal only ..... (find out) later it was the bronze.
- 3 One thing that has enabled me ..... (succeed) as a writer is keeping an ideas book. Everyone should consider ..... (keep) one. The more you write them down, the ..... (creative) you become.

#### Task 2

Choose the correct words to complete the text. Sometimes both options are possible.

**Do you have memories that you wish you could play back?**

When I was at primary school I (4) **would / used to** love playing games and my favourite was a spelling game. My grandmother gave me the game and taught me how (5) **play / to play** it when I was five. I liked it straightaway because I kept (6) **to win / winning**. I practised thinking out loud while I (7) **was spelling / spelled** the words and won a plastic coin every time I did it correctly. I made me so happy, it was (8) **as if / like** I was winning a real coin. My mother used to encourage me to play the game because she saw it (9) **as / like** a chance to teach me reading as well. Happy memories!

#### Task 1

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 She ..... (work) as a film director for a few years when she ..... (win) her first award, something she ..... (dream) of for years.
- 2 I can't stand ..... (train) so hard anymore and I regret ..... (sign) the contract now. I have arranged ..... (discuss) my situation with my agent.
- 3 As you know she ..... (work) on a new book and has a few more stories ..... (line up). She is by far the ..... (talented) of the two sisters.

### Vocabulary

#### Task 1

Complete the sentences with a suitable word or phrase.

- 10 As ..... as she's concerned, the really embarrassing incident didn't happen. She has tried really hard to ..... out the memory of everyone laughing at her, but whenever she hears that song it ..... her of what she did.
- 11 This competition is not for the ..... - hearted. You have to fight fiercely otherwise your opponents will be able to get the ..... of you and when it comes to the finals you have to ..... to the occasion.
- 12 I was really impressed by the story of the homeless man who ..... his life around. He joined a theatre workshop and the skills he developed made a massive ..... I can't praise him ..... for his determination.

#### Task 2

Complete the sentences with a suitable preposition.

- 13 She is talented ..... web designing and has revamped our social media pages.
- 14 I have contacted the council several times about the issue and I am thoroughly fed up ..... their excuses.
- 15 He says he is still weighing ..... the pros and cons of the options we have given him.
- 16 He seemed to think he could show up for training ..... will.
- 17 The workshop is for those who want to get published, but are not ..... the know
- 18 His suggestion about the community project didn't go ..... very well.

#### Task 1

Complete the sentences with a suitable word or phrase.

- 10 My husband has ..... memory. Although he ..... faces and remembers names, he chooses not to store that information, so I often have to ..... his memory somehow.
- 11 Seeing the glass ..... full might make you happier, but won't solve your problems. Sooner or later you have to ..... the music. The most important thing is, if all else ..... , you still have the opportunity to play for your local team.
- 12 The coach said that the players had to ..... sacrifices for the team such as taking out opponents. In his opinion, nothing could be taken for ..... because opportunities for scoring goals are rare and it is important to stay on top of the .....

## Task 2

Choose the correct words to complete the text.  
Sometimes both options are possible.

**Do you have any memories that you wish you could play back?**

When I was five, I spent a lot of time **(4) to play / playing** the Leap Frog Spelling game with my grandmother. That year I **(5) had practised / had been practising** how to read and the game helped me **(6) show / to show** my parents how much I had learned. I was very young but I took it very seriously **(7) as if / like** I was on the stage of a national spelling competition. My mother **(8) would play / was playing** the judge's role with my younger sister sitting on her lap clapping. We saw it **(9) as / like** a family game. Happy memories!

## Task 2

Complete the sentences with a suitable preposition.

- 13 His addiction ..... playing computer games is concerning.
- 14 In all action movies, the hero always comes ..... on top.
- 15 Holding ..... a job can be very difficult while also training professionally.
- 16 He remained undecided ..... the options offered to him.
- 17 She was listening very carefully to what he was saying about winning an argument, hanging ..... his every word.
- 18 It is not luck but hard work and practice that will come ..... play in the finals.

## Use of English

### Task 1

Use the word given in capitals at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

#### The Trust Scheme

Do you know of a successful project that has had a great impact in your community?

Do you know someone who has created an **(19) .....** volunteering project in **INSPIRE**

your community? This award gives an opportunity to nominate a person or a project that

they think deserves to be **(20) .....**. For many, making time for volunteering is a **RECOGNISE**

near **(21) .....**. It can be **(22) .....** easy to lose sight of something that **POSSIBLE, ASTONISH**

you really want to do because other things take priority. That's why it's important to

appreciate people for **(23) .....** to projects that do something great for the **COMMIT**

community. If you know someone who has **(24) .....** spent endless hours **SELF**

supporting a good cause or managed a **(25) .....** project that has changed your **TRIUMPH**

community, please take time to make a nomination. The shortlisted **(26) .....** **NOMINATE**

will be invited to the award ceremony at the National museum.

### Task 2

Complete the second sentence so that that is has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between three and six words.

27 As a result of playing his latest video game, Ben was late for his training.

**BEEN**

Ben was late for his training because ..... latest video game.

28 There weren't any tickets left when John arrived at the cinema.

**GONE**

All the tickets ..... got to the cinema.

29 It looks like the team building workshop has moved to Saturday.

**APPEARS**

The team building workshop ..... to Saturday.

30 First Kate identified the issue, and then she found some solutions.

**WENT**

After identifying the issue, Kate ..... some solutions.

31 I think Ben hates his neighbourhood from the way he speaks about it.

**IF**

Ben speaks about his neighbourhood .....

32 We all agreed that the company would host the charity event.

**IN**

We ..... that the company would host the charity event.