

CAE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 11

* 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. appreciated

B. valued

C. achieved

D. created

The Golden Gate Bridge

The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco (0) *achieved* worldwide fame almost immediately after its completion in 1937, not just because it was a technical masterpiece but also (1)_____ of its elegant design. The eye-catching orange-red colour of the bridge also (2)_____ its popularity.

Construction of the road bridge started in 1933. At the time, many people doubted whether it was technically possible to span the 1,600-metre-wide strait. But despite this, the project (3)_____. There is also a sidewalk for pedestrians on the bridge but it's quite a (4)_____ to walk across it. For a start, it is three kilometres long and 67 metres above sea level. In extreme weather conditions, the bridge can (5)_____ almost eight metres, which can make the crossing rather unpleasant.

The Golden Gate Bridge is at its most (6)_____ in the morning when it is often shrouded by mist. At night, it's also spectacular because the lighting makes it seem as if the towers are (7)_____ into the darkness. The bridge has long since (8)_____ its record of being the longest bridge but it is still one of the world's most famous landmarks.

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| 1. A. in the event | B. on behalf | C. as a result | D. with the aid |
| 2. A. boosted | B. intensified | C. developed | D. amplified |
| 3. A. went ahead | B. moved off | C. started out | D. sprang up |
| 4. A. hazard | B. challenge | C. trial | D. difficulty |
| 5. A. shake | B. bounce | C. sway | D. wobble |
| 6. A. desirable | B. enchanting | C. glowing | D. pleasurable |
| 7. A. dispersing | B. separating | C. spreading | D. disappearing |
| 8. A. thrown | B. lost | C. missed | D. resigned |

* 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). SALT

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

Super Rice

Rice crops fail in drought conditions or where the soil is too (0) *salty* (SALT). So work is underway to "climate-proof" rice so it can grow in even the most (1)_____ (FAVOUR) of conditions.

Drought affects 23 million hectares of rice annually, and salt is equally (2)_____ (PROBLEM); it reduces yields by 40% and consequently (3)_____ (INTENSE) the pressures on food supplies. Further reductions in yields are likely due to climate (4)_____ (STABLE). Scientists are attempting to produce a super rice by mixing genes from drought- tolerant plants with those from another that exploits nitrogen (5)_____ (EFFECT), thus enabling it to grow without fertiliser.

Comparing the new rice's (6)_____ (PERFORM) with that of ordinary rice, the super rice produced 17% more than the ordinary variety in individual trials and 42% more when subjected to a combination of stresses.

In addition, researchers are working on improving other crops.

For example, one team has developed a potato that is (7)_____ (RESIST) to certain diseases. It is hoped that developments such as this will (8)_____ (LESS) the impact of climate change in developing countries.

1. FAVOUR

2. PROBLEM

3. INTENSE

4. STABLE

5. EFFECT

6. PERFORM

7. RESIST

8. LESS