unit 15 Consolidation 3

SECTION 1 (FCE format)

PART 1

For questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

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

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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.

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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	INHABIT
temperature may reach a(n) (25) _____ 58° C and the surface temperature 77° C,	BEAR
many animals live in these conditions. Their (26) _____, however, is	SURVIVE
(27) _____ on them being able to get the water they need.	DEPEND
(28) _____ of desert animals has revealed a lot about the strategies they	OBSERVE
employ to achieve this. (29) _____ have found that beetles, for example, get their daily	RESEARCH
(30) _____ of water after waiting for the moisture from fog to condense on their bodies and	REQUIRE
drip down into their mouth.	
Larger desert animals have come up with another (31) _____ to the problem of finding a	SOLVE
source of water. For example, (32) _____ like hares or rats get their supply by eating	CREATE
(33) _____ amounts of desert vegetation, which contains the water they require.	CONSIDER
However extreme the conditions may be, desert animals (34) _____ manage to obtain water.	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 clothi

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SECTION 2 (ECCE format)

Grammar

Choose the correct answer.

1. Suppose David _____ you to marry him, what would you do?
   a. asks b. will ask
   c. asked d. would ask
2. It`s time for the children _____ doing their homework.
   a. started b. had started
   c. to have started d. to start
3. "Have you heard the news? Our neighbour has been arrested _____ forgery."
   a. on b. of
   c. for d. from
4. I would rather he _____ to me yesterday.
   a. didn`t lie b. hadn`t lied
   c. hasn`t lied d. couldn`t lie
5. _____ 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
6. _____ being seriously injured in the car accident, the man managed to survive.
   a. Although b. Though
   c. In spite d. Despite
7. We`d better _____ the car before Dad returns home.
   a. repair b. to repair
   c. have repaired d. to have repaired
8. 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
9. Wayne complained about the room _____ too dark.
   a. was b. had been
   c. be d. being
10. 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.

1. Alex is _____ of his brother`s success. He always says unkind things about him.
   a. envious b. suspicious
   c. annoyed d. disgusted
2. 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
3. "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
4. We have had security locks installed on all doors and windows to _____ burglars from entering.
   a. prevent b. forbid
   c. prohibit d. avoid
5. I would like everyone to _____ quiet while I`m reading to you.
   a. maintain b. remain
   c. tolerate d. notice
6. We delayed our departure on _____ of the bad weather.
   a. relation b. order
   c. account d. condition
7. The moment the teacher _____ the exam papers, I was filled with anxiety.
   a. gave away b. handed over
   c. handed down d. gave out
8. According to police reports, crime has _____ in our city.
   a. advanced b. developed
   c. progressed d. increased
9. The defendant tried to _____ the jury of his innocence.
   a. convince b. urge
   c. appeal d. oblige
10. 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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