



QUIZZES

level C/C1+

PIONEER

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Vocabulary

A. Choose a, b, c or d.

1. The firm chose to make many older employees _____ rather than accept a cut in profits.
a. discouraged c. diligent
b. redundant d. invaluable
2. This manual has instructions on how to _____ the sewing machine.
a. operate c. manage
b. undertake d. run
3. The speaker might have a reputation for being very _____, but she's clearly not convincing this audience.
a. observant c. opinionated
b. impatient d. persuasive
4. We now _____ business in over one hundred branches across the country.
a. fulfil c. implement
b. conduct d. act
5. Having already appointed two new secretaries, the firm is now advertising one further _____ in the sales department.
a. position c. vocation
b. profession d. employment
6. The longer you _____, the less likely it is that you will meet the deadline.
a. initiate c. undertake
b. procrastinate d. exceed
7. I'm trying to be more _____ with my shopping, by using coupons and hunting bargains.
a. economic c. affordable
b. economical d. financial
8. Due to the _____ of his errors, I demand that he is dismissed from this organisation immediately.
a. gravity c. perfectionism
b. diligence d. accuracy

score / 8

B. Match words in the two columns to form collocations and then complete the sentences below. (0.5 point each)

1. job	<input type="checkbox"/>	a. salary
2. fringe	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. resources
3. human	<input type="checkbox"/>	c. advancement
4. generous	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. player
5. team	<input type="checkbox"/>	e. vacancy
6. career	<input type="checkbox"/>	f. benefits

1. The _____ paid by the agency reflects the post's long hours and heavy workload.
2. One of the _____ of this job is unrestricted use of a company vehicle.
3. Ambitious students should apply to companies that offer genuine opportunities for _____.
4. Our _____ department is responsible for, among other things, the hiring and firing of personnel.
5. Have you still not updated your CV for that _____ I forwarded you?
6. Being a _____ is of great importance for this job because you will have to cooperate with people from many different departments.

score / 6

Grammar

A. Choose a, b or c.

- 1** A: Could you read the recipe to me from my tablet over there? My hands 1 _____ flour on them.
 B: Sure. What stage are you at?
 A: I 2 _____ mixing the butter and the sugar together.
 B: OK, let's see. 3 _____ the eggs yet?
 A: I 4 _____ that right now. Eight eggs, correct?
 B: No! It 5 _____ two!
 A: Really? Oh, then I 6 _____ I've ruined it. Well, there 7 _____ our dessert for tonight.

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|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. a. have | b. have been having | c. are having |
| 2. a. 've been finishing | b. 've just finished | c. just finish |
| 3. a. Have you been adding | b. Are you adding | c. Have you added |
| 4. a. do | b. 'm doing | c. have been doing |
| 5. a. says | b. is saying | c. has said |
| 6. a. 've thought | b. think | c. 'm thinking |
| 7. a. has gone | b. is going | c. goes |

- 2** A: How long 8 _____ on your car?
 B: A few hours, I suppose. I can't figure out what's wrong with it.
 A: It 9 _____ like you 10 _____ what you 11 _____. Maybe you should just take it to the garage.
 B: I 12 _____ my car many times before. I can do it again.
 A: OK.

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| 8. a. do you work | b. are you working | c. have you been working |
| 9. a. seems | b. has seemed | c. has been seeming |
| 10. a. haven't known | b. don't know | c. aren't knowing |
| 11. a. 've done | b. 're doing | c. do |
| 12. a. 've fixed | b. 've been fixing | c. 'm fixing |

score / 12

B. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb given. Use the Present Simple, the Present Progressive, the Present Perfect Simple or the Present Perfect Progressive. In some cases, you may need to use the negative form. (0.5 point each)

1. taste

- a. The food looks delicious, but it _____ nice at all.
 b. Cassie _____ the soup to see if it needs more salt.

2. have

- a. Most of the employees _____ lunch at the moment, so we'll make the announcement later.
 b. Your mum is lying down because she _____ a terrible headache.

3. see

- a. She _____ the same doctor for the past twenty years.
 b. I _____ what you mean now.

4. be

- a. Mark _____ to Dubai three times in the last year on business.
 b. I feel you _____ a little harsh on your younger sister right now. You should go easy on her.

score / 4

TOTAL SCORE / 30

Vocabulary

A. Circle the correct option.

1. I think I'll get much better **marks / terms / degrees** in the tests now that I've caught up on the previous material.
2. We have quite a lot of ground to **pursue / contribute / cover** today, so I shall be brief.
3. As a naturally **punctual / cautious / sarcastic** individual, she rarely takes unnecessary risks in her professional life.
4. One big **lesson / finding / plus** of the vocational training I'm doing is that the teachers don't try to make you run before you can walk.
5. They are recruiting several bilingual secretaries to meet the **deadlines / demands / horizons** of the recent expansion into foreign markets.
6. His innovations in the field of car tyre design **incorporated / inspired / overcame** many people to follow in his tracks.

score / 6

B. Complete the gaps with the correct form of the words in the box.

master submit show know pore fall put catch

1.

A: Hey, I need your help.

B: Don't tell me you have 1 _____ behind in history class again.

A: No. I'm definitely going to 2 _____ the paper on time. I 3 _____ the material like the back of my hand.

B: So, what do you need help with?

A: I just want your opinion on something. Could you have a look at my paper?

B: Sure.

2.

A: They say that you're the only person who has 4 _____ the new filing system.

B: Yes, I have. Why?

A: I haven't used it yet, and I was wondering if you could 5 _____ me the ropes.

B: So, you need help again.

A: Well, yes. I've been 6 _____ over the online tutorial all day, but it doesn't 7 _____ things across very well.

B: I had to learn how to use it the hard way. Why shouldn't you?

A: Come on, I 8 _____ on quickly. It won't take long.

B: Oh, OK.

score / 8

Grammar

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

1.

A: Penny, by the end of the week you 1 _____ (work) on your dissertation for two months, so I wanted you to tell me how it's progressing.

B: I'm almost done with the first chapter. I 2 _____ (try) to finish it when I 3 _____ (get) home this evening.

A: That's good to hear.

B: Could I come to your office this time tomorrow and show you what I've done?

A: This time tomorrow I 4 _____ still _____ (teach) in class, but I 5 _____ gladly _____ (see) you after class.

2.

A: Are you sure you 6 _____ (finish) tidying the house by the time our guests arrive? It looks as if you haven't even started yet.

B: Don't worry, everything's under control. Their flight 7 _____ (arrive) at six and I 8 _____ (meet) them at the airport at half past.

A: By five you 9 _____ even _____ (not do) this room, let alone the rest of the flat.

B: 10 _____ you _____ (give) me a hand, then?

A: OK.

score / 10

B. Choose a, b or c.

1. Examination rules specify that students are _____ leave the hall only after receiving permission from one of the exam administrators.

- a. about to
- b. to
- c. likely to

2. This time next week we will _____ for all of our exams except for English.

- a. be sitting
- b. have sat
- c. have been sitting

3. Look at all the cracks in the walls. The house looks like it's _____ collapsing.

- a. sure to
- b. expect to
- c. on the brink of

4. She's taken the test twice and failed, but this time she's studied so hard that she's _____. I'm certain.

- a. bound to pass
- b. on the verge of passing
- c. will have been passing

5. It _____ tomorrow. The weather forecast predicted sunny weather.

- a. won't have been raining
- b. not about to rain
- c. 's unlikely to rain

6. When is the meeting _____ place?

- a. sure to take
- b. due to take
- c. will take

score / 6

TOTAL SCORE / 30

Grammar

R. Complete the dialogues with a, an, the or -. (0.5 point each)

1

A: These wetlands are home to **1** _____ species of mammal that is very unusual, and if you look closely, you can see one of these creatures in the shade over there.

B: It looks like **2** _____ enormous rat.

A: In a way it is. Out of all **3** _____ creatures living in these wetlands, **4** _____ European beaver is perhaps my favourite.

B: It has **5** _____ cheeky expression on its face. Oh, it's started to eat something.

A: Yes, they usually eat **6** _____ outer layers of tree branches.

B: Is it one of those mammals that goes into **7** _____ hibernation during the winter?

A: Actually no, but they do build **8** _____ houses out of wood, and shelter in them when **9** _____ weather is bad.

2

A: We were wondering whether we could see the new panda cub.

B: Well, the cub in **10** _____ question is too small to be outside yet, and since its mother is still with it, you can't see her either, I'm afraid.

A: Are there any other baby animals that we can see?

B: **11** _____ number of mammals have given birth recently. If you follow me, I'll take you to where **12** _____ young monkeys live. This specific species of monkeys is originally from **13** _____ Amazon rainforest in **14** _____ Peru.

A: That's fascinating. Oh... they're amazingly cute. Is it common practice to keep them all together like that?

B: Yes; **15** _____ monkeys are highly sociable animals.

A: They are **16** _____ delight to watch. I hope **17** _____ children aren't disturbing them.

B: No, of course not. These monkeys are used to seeing **18** _____ people.

A: How often do they get fed?

B: We feed the young ones four times **19** _____ day. They'll be having **20** _____ lunch soon. If you don't mind waiting around for **21** _____ while, you can watch them eat. Trust me; it'll be **22** _____ experience you won't forget.

score /

B. Complete the sentences with the words in the box and circle the correct verb form(s). (0.5 point each)

number time experience woods goods wood

- The trade in _____ produced from endangered animals **has / have** resulted in the near extinction of some species.
- A great deal of _____ in the field **is / are** needed in order to perform this job to an acceptable degree.
- The _____ used to make these shelves **comes / come** from trees planted a hundred years ago.
- The _____ where I used to climb trees as a child **has / have** been preserved by the council for future generations.
- A considerable amount of _____ **was / were** put into thinking of a new brand name.
- The _____ of employees laid off after the new strategy was introduced **wasn't / weren't** as high as expected.

score /

TOTAL SCORE /

Vocabulary

A. Circle the correct option.

1.

A: I think my memory must be 1 **differing / deteriorating / wandering**.

B: What is it this time?

A: That guy over there looks familiar, but I just can't place him. I'm sure I've met him before somewhere.

B: Well, it's no 2 **secret / coincidence / use** that you have a memory like a 3 **poacher / sieve / skeleton**. Can you remember any conversations the two of you had?

A: Not really; it was just 4 **internal / small / crab** talk, I think.

B: Well, if you want to know, go and ask him.

A: I guess you're right.

2.

A: Look at that poster of the new wildlife documentary *Sleeping with Wild Animals*. I hear that people are 5 **fostering / exhibiting / flocking** to see it. It must be really good.

B: Is that the one with a guy who lives with a 6 **school / herd / pack** of wolves in Alaska?

A: Well, actually it was bears. In 7 **short / mass / extent**, it's about a man who spent over ten years of his life living among bears in Alaska. Amazing, isn't it?

B: I'm guessing he must have been quite the lone wolf to spend such a long time away from human civilisation.

A: That goes without 8 **knowing / saying / meaning**. I read that he had grown accustomed to living with them so much that he was like 9 **an elephant in the room / a fish out of water / the lion's share** among people.

B: You've got me intrigued now. When shall we go and watch it?

score / 9

B. Strike through the word that does not form a correct collocation.

- Over the course of several years, conservationists have been **undertaking / participating in / engaging in / making / involved in** vital activities for the preservation of the biodiversity of this fragile ecosystem.
- The call for **decisive / immediate / growing / urgent / drastic** action to help tackle the problems resulted in a disciplined response from the majority of citizens.
- Due to poaching, this graceful nocturnal mammal is **on the brink of / awakening / in danger of / on the verge of / facing** total extinction.
- The expansion of the wildlife reserve will help **protect / restore / deepen / preserve / conserve** a number of natural grazing habitats of the native water buffalo.
- Most students at the veterinary school **develop / cultivate / have / gain / illustrate** a deep appreciation of all reptiles – and a healthy respect for the venomous ones.

score / 5

Grammar

A. Choose a, b, c or d.

1. I hope you two enjoy ____ on your trip to New York.
 a. each one c. either one
 b. every single d. yourselves
2. These lizards may seem lazy now, but when the weather is warmer ____ that they do is run around all day.
 a. another c. the whole
 b. all d. most
3. ____ the supporters of animal rights have ever voted to adopt such drastic measures before.
 a. None of c. Not all of
 b. No one d. Not any
4. Let's take a trip in a hot-air balloon. ____ of exploring the area.
 a. It's no surprise c. It's no coincidence
 b. There's no reason d. There's no better way
5. There are ____ birds here to reach a reliable conclusion on their migration habits.
 a. too few c. a few
 b. very much d. very little
6. The four fossils belonged to a different skeleton, but ____ was from the same type of dinosaur.
 a. every one of c. each of
 b. every one d. each and every
7. Is there ____ work left for us to do or can we leave in a bit?
 a. great deal of c. many
 b. plenty d. much
8. **A:** Would you like to visit the aquarium or maybe check out the new exhibition at the local art gallery after work?
B: ____. I'm so tired that I'm going to go straight home.
 a. None c. Either
 b. Both d. Neither
9. If a reader wants to subscribe to our online magazine, ____ should fill out the online form.
 a. they c. themselves
 b. one d. each one
10. I forgot to tell you that Casey called you ____ day.
 a. one another c. the other
 b. other than d. another

score / 10

B. Complete the gaps with one word only. Use determiners or pronouns. (0.5 point each)

A: You have reached Billericay Veterinary Hospital. How can I help you?

B: It's my horse. She doesn't look well lately. She's hardly eaten 1 _____ food for the past 2 _____ days. I think that something is terribly wrong with 3 _____!

A: Well, there's 4 _____ point in worrying before we do a medical examination and figure out the reason she's acting strangely. There are 5 _____ of reasons why she might not be eating, 6 _____ of which aren't serious. Is she drinking water normally?

B: Fortunately, yes; she drinks 7 _____ the water I give her.

A: That's good. Please tell me, have you had a good look at her teeth? 8 _____ seems like she may have a dental problem.

B: Yes, I checked 9 _____, but I see 10 _____ wrong, to be honest.

A: Well, I think perhaps I should come to the farm to see her later in the evening. Don't worry too 11 _____, though. Just call me if 12 _____ changes.

score / 6

TOTAL SCORE / 30

Grammar

A. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb pairs in the box. More than one answer is possible in some cases.

begin - knock water - mow stop - walk run - see complete - live work - realise

1. Harriet Jones _____ her first novel while she _____ in York.
2. He _____ on the project for hours before he _____ that all his colleagues had left.
3. A police officer _____ us as we _____ down the street.
4. The professor _____ the lecture when a researcher _____ on the door interrupting him.
5. As Louisa _____ the plants in the garden, Katie _____ the lawn.
6. All the reporters _____ towards the hotel entrance as soon as they _____ the president.

score _ / 6

B. Choose a, b or c.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ Kevin _____ a lot of fast food for dinner before he learnt to cook? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Had... ordered b. Was... going to order c. Did... use to order 2. I was sure that Paul _____ for his behaviour to his teacher eventually. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. had been apologising b. was apologising c. would apologise 3. The Prime Minister _____ the conference but was unable to due to ill health. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. would attend b. was going to attend c. attended 4. I _____ a camel twice before my trip to Egypt last year. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. had ridden b. had been riding c. was riding | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Back in those days, the milkman _____ fresh milk to each house daily. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. would deliver b. had delivered c. was delivered 6. I _____ we could go on an excursion if you feel like it. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. was thinking b. would think c. was going to think 7. The problem with Jerry was that he _____ his responsibilities at work. I think that's the reason he was fired. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. never used to b. was never used to c. never got used to 8. The two men had been hiking in the mountains for three days when the avalanche _____. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. hit b. was hit c. had hit |
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score _ / 8

TOTAL SCORE _ / 30

Vocabulary

A. Complete the sentences with the expressions in the box. There are two extra expressions which you will not need to use.

spoil for choice the icing on the cake take the plunge
selling like hot cakes it's no use crying over spilt milk
food for thought make your mouth water take a rain check

1. Tickets to the football game are _____. I heard it's almost sold out.
2. I'd love to come to the food festival with you but I have to study. Can I _____ on it?
3. _____ – your application was rejected and there's nothing you can do about it.
4. With over fifty different types of pastries in the shop, we were _____ and didn't know which one to pick.
5. After having worked at a law consulting agency for fifteen years, Jessica decided to _____ and open her own firm.
6. Just the smell of Aunt Jeannie's apple pie is enough to _____.

score / 6

B. Circle the correct option.

1.

A: I'm trying to **substitute / abstain / aggravate** from drinking coffee. I'm hoping it might help me with my **intolerance / inconvenience / insomnia**. Some nights I just can't get any sleep.

B: Maybe you're suffering from a vitamin or mineral **deficiency / deprivation / neglect**? For instance, your body might need more magnesium. You could **make / give / pay** the doctor a visit.

2.

A: Could I get the lamb chops and a **self-service / side dish / set menu** of grilled mushrooms?

B: Of course. Would you also like some dessert?

A: I guess I could **crave / indulge in / snack** some chocolate mint cake.

3.

A: This is the third time I've had the flu this year.

B: You should go for a check-up. It seems like your **immune system / endurance / self-esteem** is weak.

A: Maybe I should. I've been so **established / isolated / preoccupied** with work that I haven't found the time to get a proper one in a while.

score / 8

Grammar

A. Complete the gaps with the correct form of the Active or Passive Voice of the verbs in brackets. More than one answer is possible in some cases.

- The steak that we ordered _____ (serve) with potatoes and green beans.
- I didn't expect _____ (give) so many fringe benefits at my new job.
- From what I heard, the new uniforms for the restaurant staff _____ (not deliver) until next week.
- Lauren should _____ (inform) about the developments earlier.
- George claims that his idea for a novel _____ (steal) before he had a chance to publish it.
- Don't worry; the human resources department _____ (notify) all the candidates about the time of their interview by tomorrow at noon.
- This article on the Mediterranean diet seems _____ (write) by a nutritionist.
- My daughter Kim gets good marks at schools and enjoys _____ (praise) by her teachers.
- The company has announced that the third floor _____ (currently / repaint) and that we shouldn't go there.
- Pete is the one who _____ (usually / answer) our phone calls at the office.

score / 10

B. Choose a, b or c.

- This recipe _____ created by the ancient Greeks.
 - it is said to have
 - is said to have been
 - is said they had
- This book, _____ by an award-winning chef, has a great deal of nutritional information about veganism.
 - to be written
 - to have been written
 - written
- A man with short blonde hair was seen _____ the building at 6 a.m.
 - leaving
 - leave
 - to leaving
- _____ over 200 people at the charity event tonight.
 - They think to be
 - There are expected to be
 - It is said to be
- The advertisers _____ us that their proposal would work.
 - weren't convinced
 - didn't convince
 - hadn't been convinced
- Mark could _____ in the accident, but fortunately he escaped with a few scratches.
 - be seriously injured
 - have been seriously injuring
 - have been seriously injured

score / 6

TOTAL SCORE / 30