

PART 2: USE OF ENGLISH

Confusing words

E

queue line aisle corridor hall row

- 1 The cornflakes are in the third _____, sir.
- 2 Walk down the _____ and the toilet is the third door on your right.
- 3 The entrance _____ to my flat is so small that it's a waste of space.
- 4 Please get in _____ and wait your turn, madam!
- 5 We were lucky enough to be given seats in the front _____ at the theatre.
- 6 There was such a long _____ in the bank that I couldn't be bothered to go in.

F

available spare free convenient handy usable

- 1 When I bought my car, I got the air-conditioner _____ of charge. It really came in _____ during the summer.
- 2 Every car must have a(n) _____ tyre in the boot.
- 3 The Red Dog's new album is now _____ in music stores.
- 4 A laptop computer is very _____ because it is portable and _____ anywhere.
- 5 I'm _____ tomorrow evening. Would you like to go to the cinema?
- 6 A car is a very _____ means of transport compared to buses and trains.

G

absence lack shortage loss

- 1 After the accident, my father suffered a gradual _____ of memory.
- 2 Vicky's _____ from work was noticed, so the boss rang her at home.
- 3 The _____ of rain created severe _____ of fresh fruit and vegetables.
- 4 There's a world _____ of energy and scientists are looking for alternative sources.
- 5 Although I liked living with my family, I was annoyed by the _____ of privacy.

H

short scarce rare inadequate insufficient

- 1 As a botanist he specialises in _____ species of plants.
- 2 The book costs \$ 21 and I'm _____ by one dollar. Could you lend me some money?
- 3 A(n) _____ supply of oxygen to the brain can prove lethal.
- 4 In many parts of the world water is _____.
- 5 Parking space in the city centre is _____ due to the _____ number of car parks.

Word formation

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

- 1 Despite being a keen camper, I find the _____ in this forest _____.
- 2 In order to _____ your shoulders, you have to do many push-ups at the gym.
- 3 She didn't like the colour of her hair, so she decided to _____ it. She was, however, rather _____ about how dark it would become.
- 4 The suspect was released because of lack of _____ against him.
- 5 Being unable to meet John, I rang to apologise for the _____ I had caused him.
- 6 _____ in at least two languages is essential if you want to become an interpreter.
- 7 The town council placed restrictions on the water supply due to a _____ of water that year.
- 8 There are many complaints about the _____ of facilities for the handicapped.
- 9 The government attempted to reduce _____ by increasing police patrols.
- 10 The _____ of that lake has never been measured.
- 11 To calculate the area of a room, you multiply its _____ by its _____.
- 12 The doctor advised me to exercise in order to _____ my back muscles.
- 13 Amanda is unlikely to lose any weight, as she has a _____ for sweets and junk food.
- 14 Many flights were delayed today, causing growing _____ among the passengers.
- 15 In some countries, the percentage of _____ is still very high.

DARK, BEARABLE
BROAD
DARK
ANXIETY
EVIDENT
CONVENIENT
FLUENT

SHORT

ADEQUATE
VIOLENT
DEEP
LONG, WIDE
STRONG
WEAK

PATIENT

LITERATE

Exam practice

A Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

NEW YEAR

New Year celebrations date as far back as 2000 BC in Mesopotamia. Yet, the actual date has changed a number of times. There was always a problem because New Year was (1) _____ by the movements of the Sun and Moon which allowed room for error. To (2) _____ a long story short, it wasn't until 1582, when the calendar we use today was (3) _____ that January 1st became New Year's Day in most cultures. Some cultures, however, celebrate the New Year at various times, according to their calendar and religious traditions. For example, the Chinese celebrate it between the 21st of January and the 19th of February. In (4) _____ with most of the world who celebrate at the beginning of the year, the Jewish people celebrate it in September or early October. In any case, the New Year is a festive occasion. Some people celebrate at home with no (5) _____ of champagne, while others party on the streets, watching the fireworks that the city council (6) _____ have provided. Others prefer night clubs, joining the long (7) _____ of people waiting to get in and dance the night away. In China, there are parades with dancing dragons and hundreds of people turn (8) _____ to look on. It is also common to make New Year's Resolutions, the (9) _____ being that most people (10) _____ the New Year as a chance to (11) _____ bad habits. (12) To sum _____, New Year is a time of celebration that a large proportion of the people look forward to.



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| 1 | A calculated | B assumed | C supposed | D considered |
| 2 | A break | B change | C cut | D turn |
| 3 | A realised | B recognised | C known | D introduced |
| 4 | A contrary | B opposite | C contrast | D difference |
| 5 | A shortage | B loss | C absence | D scarce |
| 6 | A likely | B should | C possibly | D may |
| 7 | A aisles | B queues | C rows | D corridors |
| 8 | A up | B on | C into | D out |
| 9 | A view | B point | C idea | D matter |
| 10 | A regard | B think | C believe | D realise |
| 11 | A cut | B break | C change | D split |
| 12 | A on | B for | C up | D in |

B Complete the text below with the correct form of the words in capitals.

MY OWN HOUSE

Last year I received some (1) _____ help and found myself in the (2) _____ position of fulfilling my dream - buying my own house. My friends tried to (3) _____ me by describing terrible experiences involving house hunting. I knew that my ordeal would test my (4) _____, but I was determined to go to any (5) _____.

I wanted to live close to the city centre so I placed great (6) _____ on the location. I inspected numerous houses and finally found one I was happy with. I needed to (7) _____ the walls up a bit, but that wasn't a problem. I really loved the (8) _____ of the area, which was (9) _____, considering the short (10) _____ from the city centre. It was exactly what I had dreamed of.

FINANCE

DELIGHT

FRIGHT

PATIENT

LONG

IMPORTANT

FRESH

QUIET, USUAL

DISTANT