

CAE Use of English

Task 1. Open Cloze

For questions 1–15, think of **one word** that best fits each gap.

Write **only one word** in each gap.

1. The event was cancelled ____ the account of bad weather that made travel impossible.
2. You can borrow my car ____ that you fill it up with petrol before returning it.
3. We'll go to the beach tomorrow ____ or not it rains – we've waited long enough!
4. What did you ____ up to during your trip to Italy last summer?
5. I tried ____ utmost to make a good impression at the interview.
6. His attitude _____ authority has always been quite rebellious.
7. She didn't speak, ____ did she make any effort to listen.
8. ____ the restaurant was busy, the service was surprisingly quick.
9. One of the best parts of retirement is not _____ to wake up early every morning.
I always arrive at the station with plenty of ____ to spare before my train leaves.
10. ____ things considered, the project turned out to be a great success.
11. Every country has ____ own unique traditions and customs.
12. He looked calm, but ____ fact he was extremely nervous before the presentation.
13. She was _____ to walking long distances before she got her car.
14. This model is just as inefficient as the previous one, if not ____ .

Task 2. Word Formation

For questions 1–11, read the text below and use the word given in CAPITALS at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap.

Write **only one word** in each space.

The Art of Doing Good

True generosity is often associated with a (1) _____ act – giving without expecting anything in return. (SELF)

Not everyone shares the same (2) _____ about what it means to live a good life. For some, success is defined by wealth; for others, it's by service to the community. (CONVICT)

I once met an artist who lived in a small, (3) _____ village in the mountains.
Despite the isolation, she claimed that the setting gave her endless inspiration.
(PICTURE)

Her artwork soon became an (4) _____ resource for local schools, who used it to
teach creativity and appreciation for beauty. (VALUE)

She also organised workshops for children, believing deeply in the (5) _____ of
the imagination through art. (RICH)

Not everyone approved, though. A few residents complained about the noise and
described the gatherings as (6) _____. (ORDER)

Still, her dedication remained unchanged. She disliked (7) _____ and believed
that true creativity flourishes in diversity. (UNIFORM)

When false (8) _____ were made against her – that she was profiting unfairly –
she responded with calm dignity. (ALLEGED)

Her studio was always beautifully arranged, full of colour and light, but never showy
or excessive – simply (9) _____. (TASTE)

Even when she was exhausted, she continued to work (10) _____ to support her
students. (VIGOUR)

She admitted that her greatest fear was not financial hardship but a (11) _____
of inspiration. (DEFICIENT)

Task 3. Key Word Transformation

Complete the **second sentence** so that it means the same as the first sentence. Use
between two and six words, including the word given in CAPITALS. Write your
answers clearly on the line provided.

1. The company is currently preparing a new set of safety guidelines.
A new set of safety guidelines _____.
(DRAWN)
2. The old advertising campaign worked much better than this one.
(NOWHERE)
This campaign _____ the old one.

3. The storm completely destroyed their house last night.
(HAD)
_____ in the storm last night.
4. She's planning to submit her resignation letter tomorrow morning.
(IN)
She _____ her resignation letter tomorrow morning.
5. I always start laughing whenever I see that video.
(HELP)
I _____ whenever I see that video.
6. He's developed a routine of checking his emails first thing in the morning.
(IN)
He's _____ checking his emails first thing in the morning.
7. He trained very hard so that he could win the competition.
(ORDER)
He trained very hard _____ the competition.
8. There's no point in trying to fix that old printer – it's completely broken.
(USE)
_____ that old printer – it's completely broken.
9. Julia is responsible for organising the work schedule each week.
(OUT)
Julia is in _____ the work schedule each week.

Task 4. Vocabulary gap fill

Complete each sentence with **ONE suitable word** from the list below. Use the correct verb forms. Use each word **only once**.

**prolific – reckon – deed – retort – feat – make off – abundant – thrive – primary
prompt – prosper – high and low – succeed – stroke – propel – by and large**

1. The small coastal town has _____ over the last decade thanks to tourism and fishing.
2. Sarah has always _____ on challenges – the tougher the project, the more motivated she becomes.
3. Despite his lack of experience, he _____ in getting the promotion he wanted.

4. Building the bridge in just six months was an incredible engineering _____.
5. The forests in this region are _____ with wildlife and rare plant species.
6. Her _____ response to the criticism surprised everyone; she didn't hesitate to defend herself.
7. It was a _____ of good luck that the rescue team arrived just in time.
8. The thief grabbed the bag and quickly _____ before anyone could stop him.
9. As a writer, she has been extremely _____, publishing more than thirty novels in twenty years.
10. The company's _____ concern is customer satisfaction.
11. _____, the new policy has been well received by most employees.
12. The campaign was _____ forward by a strong sense of justice and community support.
13. After months of hard work, the farmers finally _____ when the harvest was better than expected.
14. Reporters searched _____ for witnesses to the incident.
15. Many people _____ that the government will call an early election next year.
16. Helping the injured stranger was a brave and selfless _____.