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