

Test 2

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH (1 hour 30 minutes)

Part 1

For questions 1–6, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A crammed B crushed C massed D piled

0	A	B	C	D
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Reading the slow way

It's 7 pm and I'm sitting in a café I've never been in before. It's (0) with people, but nobody's talking. Nothing (1) about this in a big city, but we're not just sitting there ignoring each other. (2) the opposite: we're all reading together, silently, in a 'Slow Reading Club', an idea from New Zealand. (3) our lives, clearing some mental (4) where our attention is not constantly divided between ten different things is the trend of the moment, but it's not easy to (5)

The Slow Reading Club aims to meet that challenge by encouraging people to apply the same discipline to reading as to going to the gym or completing a task at work. The rules are (6) straightforward: bring a book and (7) yourself in it the way you did as a child. I've brought a thriller which has lain (8) on my bookshelves for years. At the end of our hour, we're told it's time to stop reading and it feels like emerging from a deep sleep. I'm off home to carry on reading.

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| 1 A contrary | B abnormal | C variable | D disparate |
| 2 A Fully | B Thoroughly | C Wholly | D Quite |
| 3 A Simplifying | B Relieving | C Moderating | D Relaxing |
| 4 A place | B span | C space | D area |
| 5 A deliver | B attain | C perform | D acquire |
| 6 A exactly | B rather | C thereby | D somewhat |
| 7 A lose | B place | C concentrate | D free |
| 8 A negated | B deserted | C declined | D neglected |