

EXAM PRACTICE

Reading and Use of English

Part 1

Multiple-choice cloze

For questions 1–8, 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).

Dream job?

A holiday company is advertising a 'dream job' as a waterslide tester (0) someone with the opportunity to earn £20 000 a year. The advertisement joins a list of job offers which just happen to be (1) by a detailed press release. Remember when a job as the 'caretaker' of one of the world's most beautiful island paradises (2) the news? Charity worker Ben Southall reportedly (3) 35 000 applicants and, even before he was (4) as the winner, the head of Tourism Queensland said the stunt had (5) the organization £55m. One airline passenger who complained about the quality of the in-flight food was given a job as a taster by Virgin Airlines, although it is perhaps a (6) of opinion whether that meets the criteria for 'dream job'.

The holiday company says that shortlisted applicants will be taken to a water park to (7) who gets the job and that the successful candidate will (8) slides based on the 'adrenalin factor', as well as share their experiences via social media.

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| 0 A offering | B giving | C providing | D inviting |
| 1 A attended | B supplemented | C combined | D accompanied |
| 2 A made | B filled | C attracted | D involved |
| 3 A challenged | B overcame | C beat | D opposed |
| 4 A awarded | B announced | C stated | D claimed |
| 5 A earned | B gained | C acquired | D profited |
| 6 A case | B matter | C sense | D point |
| 7 A influence | B elect | C figure | D determine |
| 8 A value | B rate | C regard | D qualify |

keep on going
never give up

Open cloze

For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS**.

Female butlers

A new breed of butlers has appeared the scene; increasingly, it seems (0) *THE* rich and famous are turning (1) women to perform the little domestic duties of everyday life. But (2) female butlers are in ever greater demand, they are also in short supply. Ivor Spencer, who runs the most traditional (3) the well-known butler schools, has trained only eight women in 21 years. Even at the more progressive butler academies fewer than one in four trainees is female.

Butlerine Sarah Whittle says that women are in demand because they're less stuffy than men. 'We're better (4) picking up on people's moods,' she says. 'And we can organize several things at (5) : it's in our nature to multitask.' Whittle (6) expected to be smart and professional (7) duty, but she does get glamorous perks – presents of chocolate, champagne and, on one occasion, an expensive pair of shoes. But the job has its downsides. Hundred-hour weeks are (8) uncommon, the hours are unsociable and the tasks often less than glamorous.



Word formation

For questions 1–8 read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS**.

Sales manager

As part of its major new programme of (0) *EXPANSION*, RAL Cosmetics is seeking to appoint a dynamic sales professional to run a team of sales (1) in the UK.
You will be highly-motivated, with the drive and (2) to be the best in your field. You will also have strong (3) qualities and be an effective communicator. The position will involve frequent travel to Europe for (4) at international sales conferences, as well as training courses at our head office in Lyon. Priority will be given to those (5) who can demonstrate a good working knowledge of French. Previous experience in the cosmetics industry is (6) though not essential. We guarantee a comprehensive and (7) remuneration package, including a company car, private health insurance and a contributory pension scheme. If you feel you have the necessary qualities and background, send your CV to Alain Sylvestre, 22 rue Marivaux, 69142 Lyon, France. Closing date for (8) of applications: September 25th.

EXPAND

REPRESENT

DETERMINE

LEAD

ATTEND

APPLY

PREFER

COMPETE

RECEIVE

