Test 5

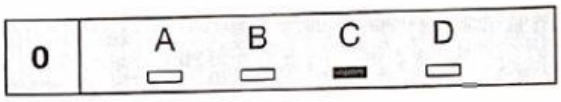
READING AND USE OF ENGLISH (1 hour 30 minutes)

Part 1

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**).
Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet.**

Example:

0 **A** appreciated **B** valued **C** achieved **D** created



The Golden Gate Bridge

The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco **(0)** ..... worldwide fame almost immediately after its completion in 1937, not just because it was a technical masterpiece but also **(1)** ..... of its elegant design. The eye-catching orange-red colour of the bridge also **(2)** ..... its popularity.

Construction of the road bridge started in 1933. At the time, many people doubted whether it was technically possible to span the 1,600-metre-wide strait. But despite this, the project **(3)** ..... . There is also a sidewalk for pedestrians on the bridge but it's quite a **(4)** ..... to walk across it. For a start, it is three kilometres long and 67 metres above sea level. In extreme weather conditions, the bridge can **(5)** ..... almost eight metres, which can make the crossing rather unpleasant.

The Golden Gate Bridge is at its most **(6)** ..... in the morning when it is often shrouded by mist. At night, it's also spectacular because the lighting makes it seem as if the towers are **(7)** ..... into the darkness. The bridge has long since **(8)** ..... its record of being the longest bridge but it is still one of the world's most famous landmarks.

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Part 2

For questions **9–16**, 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 on the separate answer sheet.**

Example: 0 | W | H | E | N | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Doodling Is Good

The next time you are caught doodling, that is making unconscious or unfocused drawings **(0)** ..... you should be listening, declare that you are simply trying to boost your concentration. Recent research suggests that, **(9)** ..... than something to be frowned on, doodling should be actively encouraged because it improves our ability to pay attention. A study which compared **(10)** ..... well people remembered details of a dull speech found that people who doodled throughout retained much more information than those trying to concentrate on listening.

Doodling, however, is not the same as daydreaming. It is quite common **(11)** ..... people to start daydreaming when they are stuck in a boring lecture **(12)** ..... listening to a tedious discussion, and then to pay little attention to what is **(13)** ..... on around them. But the research suggests that doodling should no **(14)** ..... be considered an unnecessary distraction. Not **(15)** ..... is doodling sufficient to stop daydreaming without affecting our task performance, it may actually help keep us **(16)** ..... track with a boring task.

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Part 3

For questions **17–24**, 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 on the separate answer sheet.**

Example: 0 | S | A | L | T | Y |

Super Rice

Rice crops fail in drought conditions or where the soil is too **(0)** ..... . So work is underway to 'climate-proof' rice so it can grow in even the most **(17)** ..... of conditions. Drought affects 23 million hectares of rice annually, and salt is equally **(18)** ..... ; it reduces yields by 40% and consequently **(19)** ..... the pressures on food supplies. Further reductions in yields are likely due to climate **(20)** ..... .

SALT
FAVOUR
PROBLEM
INTENSE
STABLE

Scientists are attempting to produce a super rice by mixing genes from drought-tolerant plants with those from another that exploits nitrogen **(21)** ..... , thus enabling it to grow without fertiliser. Comparing the new rice's **(22)** ..... with that of ordinary rice, the super rice produced 17% more than the ordinary variety in individual trials and 42% more when subjected to a combination of stresses. In addition, researchers are working on improving other crops. For example, one team has developed a potato that is **(23)** ..... to certain diseases. It is hoped that developments such as this will **(24)** ..... the impact of climate change in developing countries.

EFFECT
PERFORM
RESIST
LESS

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Part 4

For questions **25–30**, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **three** and **six** words, including the word given. Here is an example (**0**).

Example:

0 James would only speak to the head of department alone.

ON

James ..... to the head of department alone.

The gap can be filled with the words 'insisted on speaking', so you write:

Example: | **0** | INSISTED ON SPEAKING |

Write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

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25 Ben married his fiancée without his parents' knowledge.

UNAWARE

Ben's ..... his marriage to his fiancée.

26 The help-desk service is not, as many people believe, restricted to customers who buy products from the company directly.

COMMONLY

The help-desk service is not, ... , restricted to customers who buy products from the company directly.

27 Jane didn't feel like going to her sister's party.

MOOD

Jane wasn't ..... to her sister's party.

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28 My friends and I are looking for alternative accommodation because our apartment building is being pulled down.

ELSE

My friends and I are looking for ..... live because our apartment building is being pulled down.

29 Peter's colleagues didn't realise how significant the research he was doing for his PhD was.

FAILED

Peter's colleagues ..... of the research he was doing for his PhD.

30 'Did our sales figures get better last month, Martha?'

ANY

'Was ..... our sales figures last month, Martha?'

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