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GLOBAL ENGLISH 8 – FCE PRACTICE

I. Choose the correct answer by circling A, B, C or D.

0. Her aunt decided to paint the wall _____.

- A. yellow dark **B. dark yellow** C. blue pale D. blue navy

1. I don't like science books. It's _____ than comic books.

- A. a lot less interesting C. much more interesting
B. just as interesting as D. interesting

2. Those toasts are very hot. You should use _____ to take them out.

- A. fire extinguishers B. chopping boards C. frying pans D. oven gloves

3. I couldn't believe that she _____ a large bowl of noodles last night.

- A. switched on B. heated up C. put away D. turned up

4. My mother loves that _____ scarf very much.

- A. green grass B. grass green C. green dark D. green light

5. They bought a red bag that was _____ as the pink one.

- A. much smaller C. far smaller
B. just as smaller D. nowhere near as small

II. Complete these sentences using *much...than*, *a lot less...than* or *just as...as* with the adjectives or adverbs in brackets.

0. The new car is not more expensive than the old one.

→ The new car is just as expensive as the old one. (expensive)

1. My sister is not taller than me.

→ My sister is _____. (tall)

2. Team A has got five apples. Team B has got fifty apples.

→ Team B has got _____. (many)

3. Peter's cat is two years old. Kate's cat is ten years old.

→ Peter's cat is _____. (old)

4. My hair now is not longer than it was last year.

→ My hair now is _____. (long)

5. Harry finished the job in one hour. Helen finished this in eight hours.

→ Helen finished the job _____. (fast)

III. Fill in the blanks with the phrasal verbs given in the box. Use any appropriate verb forms.

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|--------------------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|
| turn-on | turn up | fry up | leave out | heat up | cut up |
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0. *Would you mind if I **turned on** the air conditioner? It's quite hot now.*

1. Yesterday, my mother _____ things that she hadn't used for a long time.

2. John _____ the meat on his plate at the moment.

3. His father told him _____ the food in the microwave.

4. The music _____ loud last night. It annoyed me a lot.

5. Would you mind _____ some eggs for me?

IV. Tick (✓) the boxes with the correct answers.

0. *This is used to make coffee. This is a _____.*

☒ coffee machine

☐ washing machine

1. This is used to put out small fires. This is a _____.

☐ fire extinguisher

☐ light switch

2. This _____ is very helpful. The kitchen has no uncomfortable smells.

☐ food processor

☐ extractor fan

3. Please give me the _____. I need to cut up onions and potatoes.

☐ chopping board

☐ tin opener

4. She turned on the _____ first when she came in the room.

☐ remote control

☐ light switch

5. Alice is heating the butter in a _____.

☐ frying pan

☐ coffee machine

V. Complete the sentence with correct word or phrase in brackets.

0. He speaks English **far better** than we do. (*far better/ just as well/ well*)

1. My favourite colour is _____. (*sky blue/ blue bright/ blue sky*)

2. Remember to _____ the electricity before you leave there.

(*put on/ switch off/ fry up*)

3. I let my aunt drive because she drives _____ than I do.

(*far carefully/ nowhere near as carefully/ much more carefully*)

4. Susan gave me tinned fruit, but I didn't have any _____, so I couldn't eat it. (*light switches/ tin openers/ coffee machines*)

5. Kate's old shoes were _____ as I thought.

(*cheaper/ nowhere near as cheap/ just as cheaper*)

PAPER 1 READING (1 hour)

Part 1

You are going to read an extract from a novel. For questions 1–8, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

On Saturday mornings I worked in the family shop. I started cycling down to the shop with Dad on Saturdays as soon as I was big enough. I thought of it as giving him a hand and so I didn't mind what I did, although it was mostly just fetching and carrying at a run all morning. I managed not to think of it as work and I looked forward to the bar of chocolate my grandmother passed me unsmilingly as I left. I tried not to look at her; I had reason to feel guilty because I'd generally already eaten some dried fruits or a sliver of cheese when no one was looking. As soon as I was fifteen, though, Dad said, 'That's it, our Janet. You're of working age now and you're not coming to work unless your grandmother pays you properly.' He did his best to make his chin look determined. 'I shall speak to her.'

The next Saturday, Gran called me into her little office behind the shop. I always hated going in there. She had an electric heater on full blast, and the windows were always kept tightly closed whatever the weather. There were piles of dusty catalogues and brochures on the floor. 'You're wanting to get paid, I hear,' Gran said. 'Yes, please,' I replied. It was rather like visiting the headmistress at school, so I was very quiet and respectful. Gran searched through the mess of papers on her crowded desk, sighing and clicking her tongue. Eventually she produced an official-looking leaflet and ran her fingers along the columns of figures. 'How old are you?' 'Fifteen ... Gran,' I added for extra politeness, but she looked at me as if I had been cheeky. 'Full-timers at your age get forty pounds for a thirty-five-hour week,' she announced in such a way as to leave no doubt that she wasn't in favour of this. 'No wonder there's no profit in shopkeeping! So, Janet, what's that per hour?' Questions like that always flustered me. Instead of trying to work them out in my head, I would just stand there, unable to think straight. 'I'll get a pencil and paper,' I offered. 'Don't bother,' snapped Gran angrily. 'I'll do it myself. I'll give you a pound an hour; take it or leave it.' 'I'll take it, please.' 'And I expect real work for it, mind. No standing about, and if I catch you eating any of the stock, there'll be trouble. That's theft, and it's a crime.'

From then on, my main job at the shop was filling the shelves. This was dull, but I hardly expected to be trusted with handling the money. Once or twice, however, when Dad was extra busy, I'd tried to help him by serving behind the counter. I hated it. It was very difficult to remember the prices of everything and I was particularly hopeless at using the till. Certain customers made unkind remarks about this, increasing my confusion and the chances of my making a fool of myself.

It was an old-established village shop, going back 150 years at least and it was really behind the times even then. Dad longed to be able to make the shop more attractive to customers, but Gran wouldn't hear of it. I overheard them once arguing about whether to buy a freezer cabinet. 'Our customers want frozen food,' Dad said. 'They see things advertised and if they can't get them from us, they'll go elsewhere.' 'Your father always sold fresh food,' Gran replied. 'People come here for quality, they don't want all that frozen stuff.'

Actually, she gave way in the end over the freezer. Mr Timson, her great rival, installed one in his shop at the other end of the village and customers started making loud comments about how handy it was, being able to get frozen food in the village, and how good Mr Timson's sausages were. That really upset her because she was proud of her sausages and she ungraciously gave Dad the money to buy the freezer. Within a couple of weeks, she was eating frozen food like the rest of us.

- 1 How did Janet feel when she first started her Saturday morning job?
 - A She enjoyed the work that she was given.
 - B She was pleased to be helping her father.
 - C She worried that she was not doing it well.
 - D She was only really interested in the reward.
- 2 What do we learn about her grandmother's office in the second paragraph?
 - A It needed decorating.
 - B It was untidy.
 - C It had too much furniture in it.
 - D It was dark.
- 3 'This' (line 19) refers to
 - A shopkeepers' profits.
 - B a thirty-five-hour week.
 - C Janet's request.
 - D the recommended wage.
- 4 'Flustered' (line 20) means
 - A bored.
 - B angered.
 - C confused.
 - D depressed.
- 5 Why did Janet's grandmother react angrily to her offer to fetch a pencil and paper?
 - A Janet was unable to answer her question.
 - B Janet had been unwilling to help her.
 - C Janet had made an unhelpful suggestion.
 - D Janet had answered her rudely.
- 6 What did Janet's father and grandmother disagree about?
 - A how to keep their customers loyal to the shop
 - B the type of advertising needed to attract customers
 - C the type of customers they needed to attract
 - D how to get new customers to come to the shop
- 7 What eventually persuaded Janet's grandmother to buy a freezer?
 - A She found that she liked frozen food after all.
 - B A new shop opening in the village had one.
 - C It was suggested that her products weren't fresh.
 - D She responded to pressure from her customers.
- 8 What impression do we get of Janet's feelings towards her grandmother?
 - A She respected her fairness.
 - B She doubted her judgement.
 - C She disliked her manner.
 - D She admired her determination.

FCE 2008 (1) – TEST 1 – PART 1

Test 1

PAPER 4 LISTENING (approximately 40 minutes)

Part 1

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 You hear a restaurant manager talking about the cooks who work for him.
What does he say about them?
 - A They dislike cleaning tasks.
 - B They have a choice of jobs.
 - C They help to decide the menu.

- 2 You hear a woman talking about a new book.
What does she particularly like about the book?
 - A It is educational.
 - B It is well organised.
 - C It is enjoyable.

- 3 You hear the writer of a television soap opera being interviewed about the programme.
What will happen next in the story?
 - A Someone will make an important decision.
 - B Someone will go away unexpectedly.
 - C Someone will learn the truth at last.

- 4 You hear part of a radio interview.
Who is speaking?
 - A a taxi driver
 - B a porter
 - C a tourist guide

- 5 You hear a woman talking about how she keeps fit.
Why did she decide to take up line dancing?
- A She thought the pace would suit her.
 - B She had heard about it on television.
 - C She wanted to try exercising to music.
- 6 You overhear a conversation in a restaurant.
What does the woman think about the food she has just eaten?
- A It was expensive.
 - B It was delicious.
 - C It looked wonderful.
- 7 You turn on the radio and hear a man talking.
What is he talking about?
- A drawing pictures
 - B writing fiction
 - C composing music
- 8 You overhear a student phoning her parents.
What is her opinion of the place she is living in while at college?
- A She is not sure she will have enough room to study.
 - B She has difficulty in working because of the noise.
 - C She does not get on well with her room-mates.