Practice test

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

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).

Why did dinosaurs become extinct?

Was it because of an enormous asteroid [0] hitting the earth or a huge volcanic eruption? These are the two main theories about why dinosaurs died out. It [1] ..... a mystery, especially since many other species survived: mammals, birds, frogs, even plants.

The asteroid theory comes from scientists discovering a [2] ..... of rock which dates from the time of the extinction. This rock [3] ..... a metal called iridium, which is rare on Earth but is found in material which falls from space. However, it is also found in the Earth's centre. Some scientists believe this may have spread across the [4] ..... of the Earth after volcanic eruptions from deep down inside it. This probably took place 65 million years ago and had a huge [5] ..... on all living things.

Some scientists believe the two things [6] ..... to cause the extinction of the dinosaurs. Others have [7] ..... that climate change was [8] ..... for what happened. Perhaps we will never know.

0	**A** crashing	**B** banging	**C** hitting	**D** bumping
1	**A** stays	**B** keeps	**C** continues	**D** remains
2	**A** slice	**B** layer	**C** row	**D** coat
3	**A** contains	**B** involves	**C** supports	**D** maintains
4	**A** cover	**B** ground	**C** surface	**D** level
5	**A** impact	**B** shock	**C** control	**D** power
6	**A** mixed	**B** combined	**C** shared	**D** added
7	**A** recommended	**B** advised	**C** expressed	**D** suggested
8	**A** guilty	**B** due	**C** responsible	**D** wrong

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).

The modern wonders of the world

Everyone has heard of the seven ancient wonders of the world, but [0] have you heard of the seven modern ones? As only one [9] ..... the ancient wonders is still standing (the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt), a list was put together of 21 existing monuments located around the world [10] ..... members of the public could vote for in order [11] ..... select the top seven modern wonders. 50 million people voted, and in 2007, the list [12] ..... published. Winners included the Great Wall of China and the Colosseum in Rome.

Most of us won't have the chance to visit many of these monuments in our lifetime. But [13] ..... you wanted to see [14] ..... all, how long would it take and what would it cost? Research shows that should you wish to see [15] ..... monument at its best time of year, you might [16] ..... able to do it in twelve months, at a cost of around £5,000, or over $6,500!

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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).

Really extreme sports

If you [0] *pride* yourself on doing things your friends wouldn't, then trying some of the world's most extreme sports might satisfy your [17] _____ for all things new. **PROUD** **CURIOUS**

Bungee jumping is always [18] _____, but it's even more so if it's done over a river containing crocodiles! If that doesn't give you enough [19] _____, how about wing-walking? This isn't [20] _____ what it sounds like, though. Rather than walking along the wings of a parked plane, this [21] _____ involves being tied to the top of a plane's wings and flown around! **MEMORY** **EXCITE** **EXACT** **ACTIVE**

If you *still* aren't satisfied, try walking along a high line fixed between two sides of a mountain, with the valley far below. Anyone [22] _____ enough to attempt this must surely get an enormous feeling of achievement. **HERO**

While some people suggest that doing extreme sports is [23] _____, as long as they are done [24] _____, there needn't be any risk involved. Have fun! **RESPONSE** **CARE**

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 two and five words, including the word given. There is an example at the beginning (0).

0 I took the dog for a walk and then I sat down to watch TV.
ALREADY
By the time I sat down to watch TV, I *had already taken* the dog for a walk.

25 I don't want to take the bus – walking is a better idea.
WOULD
I _____ take the bus.

26 It was a bad idea to eat so much food at lunchtime!
WISH
I _____ so much food at lunchtime!

27 I went down to the beach for a swim every morning when I was a kid.
GO
When I was a kid I _____ down to the beach for a swim every morning.

28 Jacob couldn't enter the competition because he had an injury.
ABLE
Jacob _____ enter the competition because he had an injury.

29 It's always been my dream to go up in a hot air balloon.
DREAMED
I have always _____ up in a hot air balloon.

30 'What time are you planning to be home?' Mum asked us.
WHEN
Mum asked us _____ planning to be home.

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