

Unit 2

CEPA Tip!

Read the Questions!

When you take any exam with reading questions, skim the text first and then read the questions before you read the text carefully. This way, you know what information to look for.

Before You Read

Have you ever watched a boxing match?
Do you know any famous boxers?



Unit Vocabulary

Underline or highlight these words as you find them in the text.

believe
benefited
certainly
concerned
contributions
famous
issues
officially
permanent
refused
professionally

Muhammad Ali: The Greatest

- 1 Not everyone agrees that Muhammad Ali was the greatest boxer of all time, but he certainly is the most famous. During his career, he won three heavy-weight championships and one Olympic gold medal. However, **he** didn't just fight in the boxing ring; he was also concerned about issues such as racism, war and poverty.
- 2 He was born in 1942 in the state of Kentucky in the United States. His parents named him Cassius Clay. His father, Cassius Clay Sr., worked as a sign painter. His mother was named Odessa. **She** was a maid.
- 3 In 1964 Cassius Clay changed his name to Muhammad Ali. Many newspapers did not use his new name for several years. Perhaps they did not believe that this name change was permanent, but **it** was. By the time Muhammad Ali officially changed his religion to Islam, in 1975, he was well known by his new name.
- 4 In 1967, the United States army was fighting a war in Vietnam. **They** wanted Muhammad Ali to go to Vietnam, but he believed that the war was wrong so he refused to fight. Because of this, he was not allowed to box professionally until 1970.
- 5 After this, Muhammad Ali was allowed to continue boxing. He continued winning until 1981, when he stopped working. Since then, he has spent his time traveling and helping people all over the world. Thousands of people have benefited from Muhammad Ali's help. His contributions have been very generous. **They** include more than 22 million meals to poor people and work to support education in many countries.
- 6 Muhammad Ali has been married several times and has many children: seven daughters and two sons. His daughter, Laila Ali, became a boxer in 1999. **She** is his most famous child.

Looking for Details

2.1

Match the year to the event in the life of Muhammad Ali.

| | |
|---|---------|
| 1 Laila Ali became a boxer. | a. 1942 |
| 2 Muhammad Ali retired from boxing. | b. 1964 |
| 3 Cassius Clay was born. | c. 1975 |
| 4 Cassius Clay changed his name. | d. 1981 |
| 5 Muhammad Ali officially converted to Islam. | e. 1999 |

Paragraph Topic

2.2

What is the topic of paragraph 3?

- a. Why people change their names
- b. How Muhammad Ali converted to Islam
- c. How Cassius Clay became Muhammad Ali
- d. Why people did not use Muhammad Ali's new name

Reading Skill: Pronoun Reference

2.3

Who or what is the author talking about? Complete the table. The first one is done for you.

| | | Who or what is the author talking about? |
|-------------|-------------|--|
| Paragraph 1 | <u>he</u> | 1 Muhammad Ali |
| Paragraph 2 | <u>She</u> | 2 |
| Paragraph 3 | <u>it</u> | 3 |
| Paragraph 4 | <u>They</u> | 4 |
| Paragraph 5 | <u>They</u> | 5 |
| Paragraph 6 | <u>She</u> | 6 |

Vocabulary: Meaning From Context

2.4

Look up the words below in your dictionary. When you know what they mean, go back to the text and work out which words they could replace.

| | Words in text |
|-----------|---------------|
| converted | 1 |
| retired | 2 |

Unit Vocabulary: Meaning From Context 2.5

From your understanding of the text, guess the meaning of each of the Unit Vocabulary words below. Then read the text again. Do you understand more this time?

- | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 1 certain | a. worried |
| 2 famous | b. think something is true |
| 3 concerned | c. sure |
| 4 issue | d. very well known |
| 5 believe | e. problem |

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 6 permanent | a. help |
| 7 official | b. say 'no' to something |
| 8 refuse | c. something you give |
| 9 benefit | d. proper or from the government |
| 10 contribution | e. something that lasts |

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Where does the CEPA vocabulary come from?

The words on the CEPA come from two important lists.

The **General Service List** is the 2000 most common words in the English language.

The **Academic Word List** is a similar list. This list includes words that are important for study in universities and colleges.

You can look at these lists here:

<http://jbauman.com/gsl.html>

<http://language.massey.ac.nz/staff/awl/>

Your Unit vocabulary is from these lists. Learning these words will not only help you with the CEPA exam, but also when you read books at college or university. So don't just learn them for the test. Learn them for life!

Vocabulary Skill: Finding Collocations

2.6

Find these words in the text. Write the word that comes next.

| | |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 1 concerned | <input type="text"/> |
| 2 believe | <input type="text"/> |
| 3 refused | <input type="text"/> |
| 4 benefited | <input type="text"/> |

Collocations are words that often go together. Learn these four collocations so that you can use them in sentences. Try to make your own sentences with these collocations.

Every time you see a new word when you are reading, pay attention to the words around it.

Find new words in the wild!

Look around at the mall, in books or magazines, and while you watch television. Whenever you see an English word that you don't know, write it down. When you get home look it up in your dictionary and add it to your flashcards. This is a great way to increase your vocabulary and practice reading on the go!

**Study
Tip!**

Unit Vocabulary: Vocabulary in Context

2.7

Complete the sentences below with Unit Vocabulary words from the box. You don't need to change the part of speech.

| | | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| believe | benefited | certainly | concerned |
| professionally | famous | issues | officially |
| permanent | refused | contribution | |

- 1 Brad Pitt is a very _____ actor. Everyone has heard of him.
- 2 I really _____ **that** I will get an A on my exam. I've worked so hard!
- 3 She certainly _____ **from** the extra time her teacher spent with her.
- 4 If you write with a _____ pen, you can't erase it.
- 5 The boy _____ **to** do his homework so his mum became angry.
- 6 Tomorrow is _____ a holiday so we don't have to come to school!
- 7 Fouzia's _____ to the birthday party was cake, pizza and balloons.
- 8 You should read the newspaper to get information about _____ in the UAE and the rest of the world.
- 9 I am not _____ **about** the test. I know I will get an 'A'.
- 10 I would like to see camel racing so I will _____ go if Mustafa invites me.
- 11 Michael Schumacher races cars _____.

General Vocabulary in Context

2.8

These questions are **very similar** to real vocabulary questions on the CEPA exam but will **not** be on the actual exam. You should learn the words, not the questions.

- 1 If you don't say 'thank you' people will think that you are _____.
 - a. everlasting
 - b. grammatical
 - c. heavenly
 - d. rude
- 2 Although exercise is generally good for your health, _____ exercise can cause injuries.
 - a. crucial
 - b. moderate
 - c. sincere
 - d. excessive
- 3 Everyone says that my cat is _____ but I think she's beautiful.
 - a. bare
 - b. immense
 - c. ugly
 - d. urgent
- 4 This bag is very heavy. I'll have to _____ it across the floor.
 - a. drag
 - b. fold
 - c. kiss
 - d. whisper
- 5 I can only sleep when there is _____.
 - a. silence
 - b. nose
 - c. pleasure
 - d. band
- 6 If you feel _____ you should stay in bed and rest.
 - a. gradual
 - b. metal
 - c. sick
 - d. purple
- 7 The _____ of the committee for education is an important person.
 - a. chairman
 - b. key
 - c. mystery
 - d. universe
- 8 Some kinds of fruit have a _____ taste.
 - a. bitter
 - b. impossible
 - c. narrow
 - d. safe
- 9 There _____ to be a problem with my computer. I can't log on.
 - a. appears
 - b. carries
 - c. controls
 - d. remains
- 10 Don't jump into that end of the pool! It's too _____.
 - a. blue
 - b. deep
 - c. heavy
 - d. immediate

Real CEPA Questions

Unit Vocabulary: Word Families Chart

2.9

Fill in the chart below. You may use your flashcards or an English dictionary. When you are finished, check your answers in the back of the book, and write the correct answers in the chart.

| | | | |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| belief | believable | believably | beneficial |
| beneficially | benefit | certain | certainty |
| profession | contribute | fame | famously |
| official | permanence | permanently | refusal |
| concern | office | professional | concerned |

| Noun | | Verb | | Adjective | | Adverb | |
|--------------|--|---------|--|-----------|--|----------------|--|
| 1 | | | | 2 | | certainly | |
| 3 | | | | famous | | 4 | |
| 5 | | concern | | 6 | | | |
| 7 | | believe | | 8 | | 9 | |
| 10 | | | | permanent | | 11 | |
| 12 | | | | 13 | | officially | |
| 14 | | refuse | | | | | |
| 15 | | benefit | | 16 | | 17 | |
| contribution | | 18 | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | 20 | | professionally | |

Unit Vocabulary: Word Families

2.10

For each sentence, choose the correct part of speech. Look at your **Flashcards** or **Word Families Chart** if you need help.

- My father works in an _____.
a. official b. office c. officially
- There are many ____ to eating vegetables.
a. benefits b. benefited c. beneficial
- Many people are ____ about the environment.
a. concern b. concerned
- I always ____ to my favourite charity during Ramadan.
a. contribute b. contribution
- Layla is very naughty. She ____ to clean her room.
a. refusal b. refused c. refuse
- That story is ____! Did it really happen?
a. belief b. believe c. unbelievable
- Are you ____ that this is true?
a. certainty b. ascertain c. certain
- Which would you rather have: ____ or money?
a. fame b. famous c. famously
- Which would you rather be: ____ or rich?
a. fame b. famous c. famously

Watch the Suffix!

2.11

A suffix is the last part of a word. Sometimes, it gives you information about what part of speech the word is. *Organize the suffixes in the boxes below. One of them will go in two different places!*

| | | |
|------|-------|-------|
| -ous | -able | -al |
| -ly | -ence | -tion |

1 Verb

2 Noun

3 Adjective

4 Adverb

Now classify these two words, then look up their meaning.

5. confidence

6. motivation

Learn one, get three free!

Learning word families is a great way to increase your vocabulary. When you find a new word, look it up in the dictionary and find out what the related words are. This way, you learn one meaning, but several different words!

Study Tip!

Grammar Focus: A or An?

2.12

We sometimes use 'a' or 'an' in front of a noun. Use 'an' before a word that begins with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u). Don't put 'a' or 'an' before plural (more than one) nouns. For each word below, after the number write 'a', 'an', or X if the noun is plural.

| | | | | | |
|----|----------|----|----------|----|--------------|
| 1 | maid | 2 | benefits | 3 | official |
| 4 | concern | 5 | name | 6 | contribution |
| 7 | boxer | 8 | concerns | 9 | uncertainty |
| 10 | daughter | 11 | career | 12 | newspapers |
| 13 | people | 14 | refusal | 15 | champion |

Watch the Subject!

The subject of a sentence is the person or thing that the sentence is about. It's usually a noun or a gerund, and usually comes at the start of the sentence.

A gerund is a noun made from a verb by adding -ing. Can you find the gerunds in sentences 1-10? There are two.

Look at number 10. What part of speech is the first word of that sentence? Sometimes adverbs come before the subject in English. Examples you probably know are: Firstly, ... Secondly, ... Finally, ...

Grammar Focus: Subject-Verb Agreement

2.13

Look at the subject in each sentence and choose the correct form of the verb.

- I** ____ you!
a. believe b. believes
- They** ____ going to finish earlier.
a. was b. were
- Preparing** for an exam ____ very important.
a. am b. is c. are
- Several students** ____ this book every day.
a. use b. uses
- Swimming** ____ good exercise.
a. am b. is c. are
- My name** ____ 'beautiful one'.
a. mean b. means
- They** ____ to move.
a. refuse b. refuses
- She** ____ concerned.
a. look b. looks
- Many people** ____ from regular exercise.
a. benefit b. benefits
- Officially, **we** ____ not allowed to talk about this.
a. am b. is c. are

Mixed Grammar

2.14

These questions are **very similar** to real grammar questions on the CEPA exam. They will **not** be on the actual exam.

- Salwa often ____ about her job.
a. complains
b. complaining
c. complain
d. are complaining
- I stayed at home ____ I was sick.
a. wherever
b. so that
c. in order to
d. as
- What's the ____ place you've ever visited?
a. too exciting
b. most exciting
c. more exciting
d. excited
- My mother said I can't go by myself. We should ____ go.
a. none
b. no
c. many
d. both

**Real CEPA
Questions!**

Grammar Focus: Subject-Verb Agreement

2.17

Every sentence has a verb. Choose the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.

- 1 a. Boxing an interesting sport.
b. Boxing is an interesting sport.
c. Boxing are an interesting sport.
- 2 a. Several people enjoy boxing.
b. Several people enjoys boxing.
c. Several people they enjoy boxing.
- 3 a. That a permanent pen.
b. That's a permanent pen.
c. That are a permanent pen.
- 4 a. He famous.
b. He's famous.
c. He are famous.

Grammar Practice: Word Order

2.18

Write the words in each sentence in the correct order. Don't forget to write a capital (big) letter at the beginning of each sentence. Don't forget to add a question mark or full stop.

- 1 know Muhammad Ali do you

Do you know Muhammad Ali?

- 2 very Muhammad Ali boxer famous is a

- 3 like boxing do you

- 4 was concerned he poverty about

- 5 worked painter father his a as

- 6 in Muhammad Ali converted Islam 1975 to

- 7 he a nowadays lot travels

- 8 helps people many he

- 9 war refused a to fight in he

- 10 seven Muhammad Ali daughters has

- 11 became Layla Ali boxer a 1999 in

- 12 famous most she is child his

Writing Task: Essay

Read the writing prompt below. Write your essay on the next page. You may support your opinion with some of the information below, but do not copy.

ESSAY PROMPT

Some people believe that violent sports like boxing should not be shown on television.

Do you agree? Explain why or why not.

You could support your opinion by writing about:

- the popularity of boxing
- freedom to choose
- the effects on children
- the amount of violence on TV

Essay Planning

Before you write your CEPA essay, take some time to plan. This book has space for planning your essay, but the exam booklet will not. However, you can use the last page in the booklet. The exam markers will not see your planning when they mark your essay.

You should use the same technique that is in this book — write out the words *Introduction*, *Support*, and *Conclusion*, and then add your ideas.

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Plan your essay here.

Introduction :

In the first paragraph, write your opinion. Do you agree with the people who say boxing should not be shown on television, or not?

Your opinion:

Support:

In this paragraph, explain one reason for your opinion. Why do you feel the way you do?

Your ideas:

Support:

In this paragraph, explain one reason for your opinion. Why do you feel the way you do?

Your ideas:

Support:

In this paragraph, explain one reason for your opinion. Why do you feel the way you do?

Your ideas:

Conclusion:

In the conclusion, write your opinion again. You can use the same ideas as you did in the introduction, but use different words.

Your ideas:

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Essay Length Count your words! Essays that are too short are likely to get a low mark. CEPA essays should be between 150 and 200 words. If you count your words whenever you write a practice essay, you will have a good idea of how long to make your essay when you take the exam.

Writing Task: Essay

Number of Words: