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GLOBAL ENGLISH 8: FCE PRACTICE

HOMEWORK

FCE 3 – TEST 3 – READING 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 | D | A | N | G | E | R | O | U | S |

The transcontinental railway

Before 1869 the journey from the east coast to the west coast of the United States took between four and six months, travelling through difficult and **(0)** ..... country by wagon. With the west coast becoming increasingly wealthy, it was obvious that a better route was needed. In the 1850s **(17)** ..... began about building a transcontinental railway line linking the west with the east. **DANGER** **DISCUSS**

Although there was much **(18)** ..... about the best route, eventually it was decided to build a line. It ran 3,069 kilometres in **(19)** ..... from Sacramento in the west to a point where it would join **(20)** ..... lines giving access to the east coast. **AGREEMENT** **LONG** **EXIST**

Once the line became operational in 1869, the journey could be completed in less than a week. In **(21)** ..... with the six hours that a **(22)** ..... from New York to San Francisco takes nowadays, this may not seem particularly **(23)** ....., but building the transcontinental railway was a great technological **(24)** ..... which helped to bring unity to the country. **COMPARE** **FLY** **IMPRESS** **ACHIEVE**

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You are going to read a newspaper article about the filming of a television documentary about icebergs. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences **A–G** the one which fits each gap (**37–42**). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

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

Icebergs

There's more to icebergs than meets the eye – as I discovered filming on one of these gigantic Arctic fortresses as it slowly melted.

Imagine a solid sheet of frozen water 3 km across and 100 m thick. Imagine it floating quietly in dark ocean waters, somewhere between Canada and Greenland. Imagine the near-silent desolation of the inhospitable Arctic environment around it, getting harsher as winter approaches. [37] Imagine this forbidding, serene, massive place. But it really exists. This iceberg right now is floating in peace as we all go about our busy, bustling lives.

Back in the summer, things were different. This iceberg was a dynamic battleground, floodlit by 24-hour daylight. Once an iceberg is released from its parent glacier, its time is very limited. [38] Then mini-bergs break off the weakened front. Some of these events we witnessed were sudden, loud and violent. We had come to spectate on this oceanic siege, and to learn its rules.

The ice edge towered over us, vertical, angular and utterly spectacular. We steamed around the berg until we found lower cliffs, and suddenly the icescape behind was revealed. Gentle mounds are separated by valleys. [39] An iceberg makes its own fog, so we could only see a little way into the centre, peering hopefully over the top of the cliffs.

Curious polar bears peered back. We had thought we would be lucky to see one or two, but the iceberg turned out to have a healthy population of these huge carnivores. [40] They must wait for the sea ice to come back so that they can hunt. So they were snoozing away, not at all bothered that their chosen holiday home was moving, tilting, melting, breaking up and giving a TV production team and some scientists severe logistical headaches.

That's how I remember the iceberg, and that's the side of it you'll see if you watch the programmes. But since then things have changed. We left a GPS tracker as a passenger, so we know that the iceberg has travelled 60 miles, and is now about 30 miles south of where it was in August. Only 65% of it is left. The iceberg only gets 7 hours and 40 minutes of daylight now, and soon the darkness will swallow it up completely. [41] Winter is beginning, and with it returns a period of stability.

Sea ice is advancing towards the berg from the north. This is the other type of ice at the poles, formed when the sea surface itself freezes. In an average year, the sea ice would already have reached our iceberg. But this year, there was less summer sea ice in the Arctic than any other year on record, so it is taking longer for the great freeze to reach it. The sea ice is still crawling south. [42] Then the iceberg will be frozen in place. Darkness and silence will rule. The bears will be able to walk out on to the sea ice and hunt again.

A These lead down to waterfalls of meltwater cascading into the ocean.

B But it will lose the battle in the end and the last piece of solid ice will melt.

C When it touches the cliffs that I saw, it will connect our iceberg to all the other ice in the Arctic.

D The ice fights a losing battle along its edges, as warm ocean water eats into it.

E The only sound comes from water lapping against the ice, and a lone seal swimming nearby.

F The Arctic summer can, however, be a very hard time for them.

G The supply of energy from the sun is so weak, the battle is over for this year.

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FCE 1 – TEST 1 – LISTENING PART 2

Các con mở link nghe sau đây bằng máy tính: *https://tinyurl.com/y9yn77mk* (13:52 - 21:50)

You will hear an interview with Elizabeth Holmes about her experience working in Africa. For questions **9–18**, complete the sentences.

Volunteering in Africa

Elizabeth worked for a _____ **9** before she went to Africa.

Elizabeth first found out about working as a volunteer from a

_____ **10** she saw at the dentist's.

The course in London that Elizabeth attended was called _____ **11**

Elizabeth's job in Africa was to teach

_____ **12** how to market their goods.

On arrival in Africa, Elizabeth spent

_____ **13** doing a training course with other volunteers.

Elizabeth used a _____ **14** to travel short distances in Africa.

Elizabeth feels that she got on best with

_____ **15** in the area of Africa where she lived.

Back in England, Elizabeth found that she was disturbed by the

_____ **16** in the city.

At the moment, Elizabeth buys and sells _____ **17** from Africa.

Nowadays, Elizabeth spends more time on her favourite pastime, which is

_____ **18**

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FCE 3 – TEST 4 – LISTENING PART 1

Các con mở link nghe sau đây bằng máy tính: *https://tinyurl.com/5e437dts*

You will hear people talking in eight different situations.

For questions **1–8**, choose the best answer (**A**, **B** or **C**).

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1 You hear a man talking about an ancient object he found in the ground.

The man took the object to a museum because

A he thought it might be valuable.

B he decided to record his find.

C he wanted to know what it was.

2 You hear two friends talking about advertising.

What does the woman say about advertisements?

A They are merely a form of entertainment.

B They make people buy things they don't need.

C They give people misleading information about new products.

3 You hear an actor talking about her career.

What does she say about how she became an actor?

A She had a chance meeting with someone.

B She was successful at drama school.

C She asked her friend to help her.

4 You hear a tour guide telling a group of tourists about a view.

Which feature does the guide think will be most familiar to them?

A the park

B the river

C the wood

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5 You hear a man talking to a friend about a presentation he has just given.

How does he feel now?

A relieved that the audience was small

B confident that he spoke clearly

C surprised that so many people asked questions

6 You hear two students talking about a careers talk they have just heard at college.

What do they disagree about?

A how useful the information was

B how entertaining the speaker was

C how well the audience behaved

7 You hear an author of children's books talking about her work.

What point is she making?

A She wants her books to be educational.

B Her books are about her real-life experiences.

C Friendship is the main focus of her stories.

8 You hear a man and a woman talking about older people learning languages.

What does the man say about them?

A They don't take advantage of technology.

B They have more time to study.

C They use better learning techniques.

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FCE 2 – TEST 8 – WRITING PART 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **140–190** words in an appropriate style **on the separate answer sheet.**

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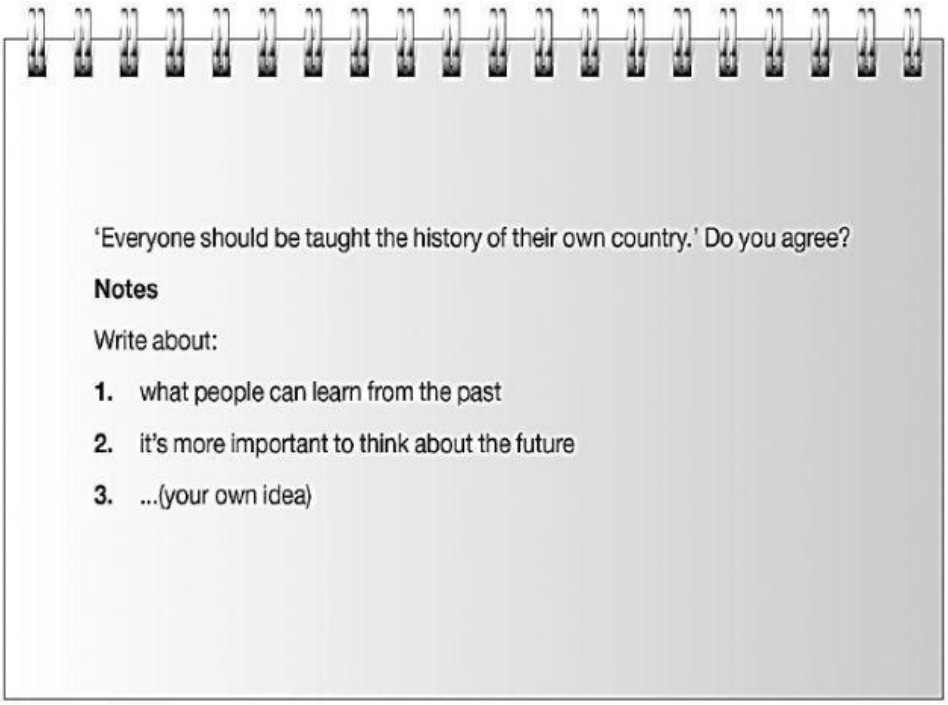
1 In your English class you have been talking about learning history at school. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write an essay using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.



'Everyone should be taught the history of their own country.' Do you agree?

Notes

Write about:

1. what people can learn from the past
2. it's more important to think about the future
3. ...(your own idea)

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I. Choose the correct answer.

1. They won the war, _____ it cost them millions of lives.

A. in spite of B. despite C. although

2. He works slowly and precisely, _____ I tend to rush things and make mistakes.

A. if B. whereas C. despite

3. We've had to postpone _____ to France because the children are ill.

A. going B. go C. to go

4. Would you mind _____ the window, please?

A. opening B. open C. to open

5. When I reached the river, I simply swam _____.

A. among B. by C. across

6. John will have three meetings tomorrow. I wish he _____ busy.

A. would be B. wouldn't be C. wasn't

7. That's the man _____ I got the bag yesterday.

A. of whom B. to whom C. from whom

8. Our kids are normally _____.

A. well-adjusted B. well-behaved C. well-known

II. Fill in the blank with a suitable word or phrase.

get involved	contact	likely	advertisements	on a regular basis
on	to	willing	difference	in the early stages

1. If you're _____ to fly at night, you can get a much cheaper ticket.
2. They have started to place _____ in popular magazines.
3. I've been busy at home and have little _____with the outside world.
4. We need more focus _____ innovation in business.
5. Exercise can make a big _____ to your state of health.
6. My father and my brother said that they never faced the temptations that I face _____.
7. A good leader has the ability _____ motivate people.
8. The disease is still _____. But once it starts developing, you might die.
9. Disney's latest production looks _____ to be their most successful ever.
10. We want to encourage members to _____ in the running of the club.

***Lưu ý:** *Với những từ con không nhớ và viết sai, con viết từ đó vào vở 2 dòng.*

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