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GLOBAL ENGLISH 8: FCE PRACTICE

FCE 3 – TEST 4 – READING 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:

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The joys of horse riding

For me, riding a horse is a delightful combination (0) adventure, excitement and relaxation. You can proceed at a slow, peaceful trot (9) choose to go at full speed, (10) you prefer that. (11) I love most about being on a horse is that you get a different view of the world, seeing things you would not normally see, totally surrounded by nature. Each ride has (12) own appeal. I especially cherish cold, crisp days in winter when the ground sparkles with snow. Even riding in the rain has a certain appeal – splashing through puddles and galloping home quickly so (13) to escape the next downpour. (14) paths you ride along may be familiar, you can never quite predict the surprises beyond the next corner. Riding alone can be fabulous, but going out on horses with a friend is best of (15) Even the horses seem to enjoy the company of each (16)

I gave up my career for something very different

A Mike Donne

I started doing magic tricks for family and friends when I was about seven, and by sixteen I was performing at big public events. I was also good academically, and studied law at university. Ten years after my degree, I was a busy lawyer with no time for magic, although I missed it. Then, out of the blue, a couple of old friends asked if I'd let them use some of my old material in a touring magic show they were setting up. I agreed but it bothered me that they were doing something I'd always loved, while I was in a job I had very little passion for. So, I joined them. I was very rusty initially, and I had to practise for several months before I felt able to perform in public, but I'm now one of the main acts. Funnily enough, it's been far tougher to make it as a magician than as a lawyer, but I've realised that this is what makes me feel alive.

B Kristina Mayer

I used to work for a bank and made enough from that to be in a position to buy my own apartment when I was 22. After a few years, however, dissatisfaction set in. I was just sitting at a computer, manipulating figures, and I longed to get out into the fresh air and move around. Then, one weekend, some friends talked me into going surfing with them. Surprisingly, it appealed to me so much that I ended up spending my days surfing and doing restaurant work in the evenings. I'm now taking part in competitions and I promote surf gear as a professional surfer. At times I can hardly afford to pay the rent, and I sometimes wonder whether leaving the bank was such a good idea, but then I remember I'm doing my favourite thing in the world.

C Carl Johnson

Five years ago I was an accountant, well-paid but feeling unfulfilled in my life. Then, my cousin asked if I'd help out at his burger restaurant one weekend when he was short of staff. I'd always liked burgers ever since I was small, but I was surprised at how much I enjoyed making them. Two weeks later I quit my job, hired a van and some equipment, and started selling burgers at street markets. It would've been better to have taken more time doing some proper background research, but what I knew about accounting came in handy, and my enthusiasm made up for my inexperience. I've now acquired a second van and taken on a couple of assistants, so the business is growing. It's incredible to think how much my life has changed.

D Agnes Porter

I was a very creative child, but I was taught that success lay in other directions. So I worked hard and ended up as human resources manager of an international company. It was well-paid but I dreamed of starting my own business. So during one holiday last year, I decided to experiment and made cakes for a couple of wedding receptions. They turned out to be very popular and, within a month, I'd resigned from my job and was making cakes full-time. Pushing myself hard to do well is in my nature, so I still work a lot, but I feel more in control of things now. People used to say that having my own business was an unrealistic dream, so demonstrating I could achieve it has been very satisfying. It's just a pity I didn't do it several years ago.

You are going to read an article in which four people talk about giving up successful careers to do something very different. For questions 43–52, choose from the people (A–D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Which person

is not always confident that they have done the right thing?

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is pleased to have proved doubters wrong?

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says they found success more easily in their first career than in their second?

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regrets not having changed careers sooner?

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refers to a time when they needed to gain confidence?

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mentions a sense of amazement when looking back at the past?

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admits that they changed career too suddenly?

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describes an urge to return to a childhood interest?

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says that skills developed in their first career proved useful?

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mentions feeling envious at one point?

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FCE 3 – TEST 3 – READING 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. Here is an example (0).

Example:

- 0 A very friendly taxi driver drove us into town.

DRIVEN

We a very friendly taxi driver.

The gap can be filled by the words 'were driven into town by', so you write:

Example:

0	WERE DRIVEN INTO TOWN BY
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Write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

- 25 There was nobody with my brother when the accident happened.

OWN

My brother when the accident happened.

- 26 I read only the first three chapters of the book because it was so boring.

GAVE

I the book after the first three chapters because it was so boring.

- 27 I found it difficult to get on with my work because it was so hot.

MADE

The heat me to get on with my work.

- 28 Sigmund accidentally left the door unlocked over the weekend.

MEAN

Sigmund the door unlocked over the weekend.

- 29 Mr Bateman was wrong to say that John had lost my keys.

SHOULD

Mr Bateman that John had lost my keys.

- 30 The opening of the new restaurant has been postponed for two weeks.

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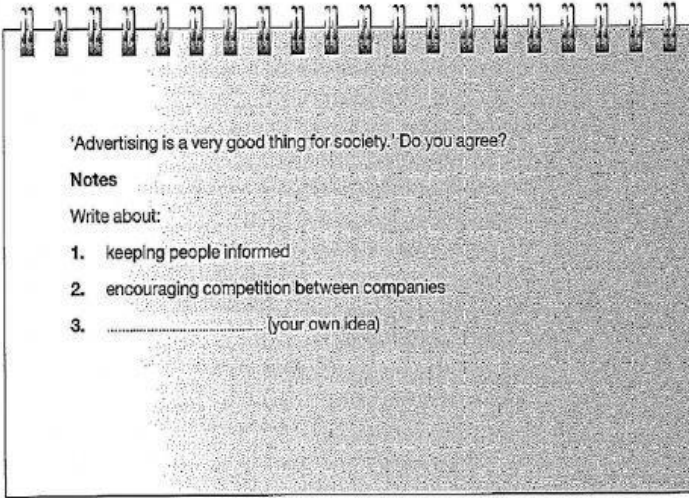
It the new restaurant opens.

FCE 3 – TEST 3 – WRITING PART 1

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

- 1 In your English class you have been talking about advertising. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

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



'Advertising is a very good thing for society.' Do you agree?

Notes

Write about:

1. keeping people informed
2. encouraging competition between companies
3. (your own idea)

FCE 1 (2008) – TEST 2 – LISTENING PART 3

Các con mở link nghe sau đây bằng máy tính:

<https://tinyurl.com/3z52sztb> (21:27s – 29:10s)

You will hear five different people talking about the way they study. For questions **19–23**, choose from the list (**A–F**) which of the opinions each speaker expresses. Use the letters only once. There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.

A Music helps me concentrate when I'm studying.

Speaker 1

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B I study best in the morning when I can think clearly.

Speaker 2

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C I realise I study better when I'm outside in the open air.

Speaker 3

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D I find I can concentrate better when I study with a friend.

Speaker 4

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E It is much easier for me to study late at night.

Speaker 5

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F I prefer to study when I'm lying down.

You will hear a girl called Tricia Simpkins talking at a public meeting about a plan to create a nature reserve in the centre of a large city. For questions 24–30, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 24 How did Tricia once feel about the countryside?
- A She preferred it to the city.
 - B She paid no attention to it.
 - C She wanted others to experience it.
- 25 Why did Tricia take part in a wildlife survey?
- A She was required to do it.
 - B She preferred it to being in school.
 - C She was asked to do it by her neighbours.
- 26 What does Tricia say about the results of the survey?
- A They were unsatisfactory.
 - B They were confusing.
 - C They were unexpected.
- 27 What does Tricia say about the problems created by trees?
- A People exaggerate them.
 - B People ignore them.
 - C People accept them.
- 28 According to Tricia, what is wrong with the trees the council is planting?
- A They are expensive to replace.
 - B They fail to attract wildlife.
 - C They are too small for the area.
- 29 What used to happen in the wasteland at the end of Tricia's street?
- A Dog owners used to go there.
 - B People used to leave rubbish there.
 - C Children used to play there.
- 30 What is Tricia's suggestion for the new nature reserve?
- A to allow the planting of trees
 - B to protect it from visitors
 - C to let it go wild

FCE 1 (2008) – TEST 2 – LISTENING PART 1

Các con mở link nghe sau đây bằng máy tính: <https://tinyurl.com/3z52sztb> (0:12s – 13:15s)

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

- 1** You overhear a woman talking to her husband on a mobile phone.
What is the background to the conversation?

 - A** The family's holiday may have to be cancelled.
 - B** The woman wants to buy their son a computer.
 - C** Their son has schoolwork to complete before the start of term.

- 2** You hear a phone-in programme on the radio.
Why has the man phoned?

 - A** to complain about the traffic scheme
 - B** to express his support for the traffic scheme
 - C** to question the aims of the traffic scheme

- 3** On the radio, you hear a woman talking about her house.
What has she recently done?

 - A** decided to move to another area
 - B** solved a problem that she had
 - C** made improvements to her house

- 4** You overhear two people discussing a friend.
What language does their friend usually speak at home?

 - A** French
 - B** English
 - C** Italian

- 5 You hear a man talking about an activity holiday he went on as a child with his family. How did he feel during the holiday?
- A bored by the climbing
 - B upset with his father
 - C disappointed with the rowing boat
- 6 You hear the beginning of a radio programme. What is the programme going to be about?
- A child development
 - B the environment
 - C a form of entertainment
- 7 You hear a man being interviewed about a new project he has set up. What is the purpose of the project?
- A to help people find accommodation in Scotland
 - B to tell people where to stay in Australia
 - C to advise people how to set up a flat agency
- 8 You switch on the radio in the middle of a programme. What kind of programme is it?
- A an arts review
 - B an interview
 - C a quiz show