FCE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 2

* ***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).***

Example:

A. ***number*** B. amount C. quantity D. crowd

Where to go whale watching

When asked to list the things they would most like to experience in life, a surprising (0) ***number*** of people mention seeing whales in their natural habitat. It's an ambition that can be (1)_____ surprisingly easily. It is (2)_____ that the seas around Iceland are home to over five thousand orca whales. But their behaviour, and therefore your chances of seeing them, varies (3)_____ to the season.

In summer, the whales have a (4)_____ to hang out near the coast and can be seen swimming up fjords and inlets. During the winter months, however, the animals are generally to be found (5)_____ out at sea. (6)_____ season you choose for your trip, whale-watching trips are very easy to organise, and there's a chance you'll get to see other whale species too.

Besides Iceland, another option is to (7)_____ for northern Norway between October and January. Orcas arrive here at this time of year in (8)_____ of large shoals of herring, which form an important part of their diet.

1.	A. answered	B. rewarded	C. honoured	D. fulfilled
2.	A. estimated	B. counted	C. guessed	D. totalled
3.	A. according	B. depending	C. relying	D. agreeing
4.	A. custom	B. tendency	C. habit	D. trend
5.	A. longer	B. wider	C. broader	D. further
6.	A. Whenever	B. Whoever	C. Whichever	D. However
7.	A. head	B. set	C. point	D. pick
8.	A. hunt	B. follow	C. pursuit	D. seek

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* ***For questions 1 – 8, 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). SEARCH***

In the exam, write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. Example: RESEARCH

Don't catch cold

According to recent (0) ***research***, at least some of the advice about health that was passed down to our grandparents by previous generations may actually contain some (1)_____ (*TRUE*).

A good example is the (2)_____ (*RELATION*) between feeling cold and catching a cold. My grandmother was convinced that being outside when the temperature is low, or simply dressing in (3)_____ (*SUIT*) clothes for the cold weather, was a sure way of catching a cold.

Now, as we know, colds are caused by viruses. Therefore, in the (4)_____ (*ABSENT*) of a virus, you cannot catch a cold – no matter how low the temperature or how (5)_____ (*APPROPRIATE*) your clothing.

But (6)_____ (*SCIENCE*) now think that we may have viruses in our bodies already, which are just waiting for the chance to turn into a cold. In cold weather, for example, blood vessels in the nose get smaller to stop heat escaping. (7)_____ (*FORTUNATE*), also allows the cold virus to attack the nose or throat more (8)_____ (*EASY*). So, perhaps Granny was right!

1. TRUE	2. RELATION	3. SUIT	4. ABSENT
5. APPROPRIATE	6. SCIENCE	7. FORTUNATE	8. EASY

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