

# Test 4

1 Complete each sentence with an appropriate preposition.

- 0 When applying for a job, it is important to check your application for spelling mistakes.
- 1 I find it hard to focus ..... my work until I have had my first cup of coffee.
- 2 Everyone should make the most ..... the sunny weather, as rain is expected to arrive this evening.
- 3 I was extremely conscious ..... the fact that I was the only person in the room not wearing a tie.
- 4 Please pay attention ..... the safety notices in the seat pocket in front of you.
- 5 We're sorry you're leaving and hope you'll stay in touch ..... us and let us know what you're up to.
- 6 Amelia was desperate ..... a drink of water when she returned from her jog.

2 Complete each sentence with a word from the box and an appropriate adjective from the end of the sentence. Sometimes both adjectives are correct. One word from the box is not used.

competition **degree** impact increase  
knowledge number pressure range  
reputation skills

- 0 You'll need a high degree of flexibility if you want to be a teacher. *high/big*
- 1 Transport problems have had a ..... on delivery times. *huge/powerful*
- 2 As deadlines approach, journalists have to work under ..... . *high/constant*
- 3 His ..... in IT helped Anton land the job. *high/specialist*
- 4 Over 10 years on the job, Maria has acquired ..... of marketing. *extensive/strong*
- 5 There have been a ..... of complaints about this product. *high/great*
- 6 We have experienced a ..... in the number of tourists in our city. *huge/considerable*
- 7 This company succeeds because of its ..... for good service. *enormous/unrivalled*
- 8 The mobile phone market has seen ..... for the position of market leader. *fierce/intense*

3 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:

- 0 A owe B thank C oblige D credit

## Alertness – it's all in your genes

Those lucky enough to sleep just four or five hours and still feel fresh the next morning (0) ..... their almost superhuman (1) ..... for staying alert to something in their genetic make-up. Bill Clinton managed on five hours a night, rather than the (2) ..... eight. Margaret Thatcher supposedly (3) ..... on four. Scientists trying to understand variations in the (4) ..... of sleep people need studied 45 healthy men and women possessing DNA features which have been (5) ..... with sleeping problems. The research compared them with 90 similar adults who were (6) ..... from those DNA features. For a week, the participants were deprived of sleep and only allowed four hours a night. It was discovered that people with the genetic mutation, perhaps unsurprisingly, (7) ..... to be less alert, more sleepy and yet found it more difficult to stay asleep once in bed. (8) ..... they enjoyed less of the deep sleep essential for true rest.

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|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 A capacity   | B ability      | C power       | D competence  |
| 2 A everyday   | B customary    | C recognized  | D established |
| 3 A carried on | B got by       | C made out    | D kept up     |
| 4 A sum        | B extent       | C amount      | D total       |
| 5 A related    | B joined       | C combined    | D associated  |
| 6 A clean      | B free         | C spared      | D exempt      |
| 7 A proved     | B demonstrated | C revealed    | D showed      |
| 8 A As well    | B Besides      | C In addition | D Likewise    |

4 Complete the expressions in bold with one or two words.

After I lost my job, I decided to <sup>0</sup> make a **go of** starting my own company. I <sup>1</sup> **set** ..... a small office supply business. Right from the start, I planned to <sup>2</sup> **go a** ..... **further** than most of my competitors in the way I worked with my staff. I thought that if I <sup>3</sup> **shared** ..... say half of the profits amongst my employees, they would feel more involved in the company and so would work harder to make the business a success. I also wanted them to <sup>4</sup> **have** ..... in the decisions we made, so we now decide together whether or not to buy equipment. Yesterday we voted 'no' to purchasing a new delivery van, for example. I believe that sort of thing really <sup>5</sup> **sets us** ..... . The way we <sup>6</sup> **go** ..... **things** may take a little longer, but we've <sup>7</sup> **been** ..... for 12 years now, we're growing fast and staff are even asking if they can <sup>8</sup> ..... **money** ..... **the business** themselves. That's commitment.

5 For questions 1–4, 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 three and six words, including the word given.

- 1 Farmers Ltd were confident they would get the contract.

**BOUND**

Farmers Ltd felt they

..... awarded the contract.

- 2 I don't think you'll have any difficulty finding us if you use your satnav.

**SHOULD**

You ..... us if you use your satnav.

- 3 There's a strong possibility that we'll have to cancel the lesson as the teacher is ill.

**WELL**

The lesson ..... due to the teacher's illness.

- 4 It is unlikely that I will meet the deadline for submitting the essay.

**LIKELIHOOD**

There is little ..... the deadline for submitting the essay.

- 5 It is difficult to predict the summer weather in Britain.

**CAN**

British weather ..... in the summer.

- 6 Can I speak to you for a moment after lunch?

**CHANCE**

Is ..... a chat after lunch?

- 6 Complete each sentence with an expression from the box. One of the expressions is not used.

commute workplace a feeling of isolation  
achieve a good work-life balance feel valued  
a good communicator recruit a job vacancy  
a trainee the heavy workload give praise motivate

- 1 These days, we're all spending increasingly longer at our ..... due to

..... imposed by their companies. This is not always a healthy thing to do. People with the philosophy of work to live, not live to work are more likely to ..... and lead happier, more fulfilled lives.

- 2 It is considered important for managers to ..... to workers who have done well as it is likely to ..... them more effectively than money does, as it will make them ..... by the company.

- 3 Up to three million people ..... into London every day, mainly by train.

- 4 There is ..... in the Sales department for ..... salesperson. The key requirement for a successful ..... is that they are ....., able to get their message across to a customer effectively.