

## MID YEAR EXAM: FCE

### UNITS 1-5 GOLD FIRST

#### USE OF ENGLISH

##### Section 1: Vocabulary

###### 1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

While my friend was on holiday, I kept an **1** \_\_\_\_\_ on her flat, so to say thank you she wanted to take me to the theatre. It was a new play by a writer I don't like and, a few hours before the play, I got **2** \_\_\_\_\_ feet and phoned my friend to cancel. She told me the **3** \_\_\_\_\_ had given the play extremely good reviews so I decided to go after all. The audience had all dressed **4** \_\_\_\_\_ and looked very smart and serious. I couldn't understand the play at all – I just don't **5** \_\_\_\_\_ these modern plays – and the people around me were concentrating so hard to understand it that finally I couldn't keep a **6** \_\_\_\_\_ face and burst out laughing. I'm just **7** \_\_\_\_\_ of taking this kind of performance seriously. My neighbours stared at me furiously until I stopped laughing. I tried to sit quietly but this turned **8** \_\_\_\_\_ to be impossible. Their disapproving looks just made me want to laugh even more. Finally I gave up. I couldn't **9** \_\_\_\_\_ watching any more of the play so I walked out. I explained to my friend that these kinds of play just aren't **10** \_\_\_\_\_ as far as I'm concerned, but she still won't talk to me.

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|----|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1  | A eye          | B finger       | C ear           | D hand           |
| 2  | A freezing     | B icy          | C itchy         | D cold           |
| 3  | A artists      | B actors       | C director      | D critics        |
| 4  | A down         | B up           | C for           | D out            |
| 5  | A put          | B get          | C take          | D make           |
| 6  | A tight        | B straight     | C smart         | D tough          |
| 7  | A incapable    | B capable      | C capability    | D capably        |
| 8  | A up           | B out          | C away          | D into           |
| 9  | A catch my eye | B face to face | C face          | D see eye to eye |
| 10 | A entertain    | B entertained  | C entertainment | D entertainingly |

###### 2. Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Most people will come **1** \_\_\_\_\_ money problems at some time in their lives. It often happens when they are students and they have to do a part-time job in order to make **2** \_\_\_\_\_ meet. This can make you feel **3** \_\_\_\_\_, but sometimes it is the only way to survive. However, living on a **4** \_\_\_\_\_ budget is good training for the future. Everyone should learn to live within their **5** \_\_\_\_\_. Unfortunately, some people have totally **6** \_\_\_\_\_ goals and think that one day they will have lots of money to pay off their debts. Then they can become very **7** \_\_\_\_\_ when they fail to achieve those goals. So, if you want to **8** \_\_\_\_\_ it in this world, you need to work hard and to have some good luck, too.

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|---|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | A over         | B across      | C up to      | D after       |
| 2 | A bits         | B lines       | C pieces     | D ends        |
| 3 | A conventional | B exhausted   | C exhaustive | D meaningful  |
| 4 | A tight        | B short       | C standard   | D firm        |
| 5 | A salaries     | B money       | C means      | D values      |
| 6 | A real         | B realistic   | C reality    | D unrealistic |
| 7 | A depressed    | B interesting | C excited    | D worrying    |
| 8 | A do           | B make        | C get        | D have        |

## Section 2: Grammar

### 3 Complete the text. Use only one word for each gap.

People **1** \_\_\_\_\_ been living in the Amazon Basin for at least 10,000 years when it was 'first discovered' by **2** \_\_\_\_\_ Spaniard called Don Francisco de Orellana in 1542. He was looking for forests of cinnamon and, of course, gold. The Indians promised the Europeans that there was gold because they knew that as long as the Spaniards needed **3** \_\_\_\_\_ as guides, the Indians were safe. In fact it was nearly a year **4** \_\_\_\_\_ Orellana and his team finally reached the junction of the Napo and Amazon rivers. The new river was originally named Rio de Orellana after its European discoverer. Although the Spaniards didn't find **5** \_\_\_\_\_ gold, they did find **6** \_\_\_\_\_ greatest river in the world. However, today we are destroying the wonderful Amazon rainforests and **7** \_\_\_\_\_ is believed that the last remaining rainforests could be destroyed in less **8** \_\_\_\_\_ 40 years. In addition, it seems certain that nearly half of the world's species of plants, animals and microorganisms **9** \_\_\_\_\_ be destroyed or severely threatened over the next 25 years due to rainforest deforestation. Furthermore, ten million indigenous people are thought to **10** \_\_\_\_\_ been living in the Amazonian rainforest 500 years ago, but today there are fewer than 200,000.

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### 4 Complete the text. Use only one word for each gap.

I've got some information about that restaurant, but not **1** \_\_\_\_\_. Although **2** \_\_\_\_\_ of people have recommended it to me, I can't find out any more about it. I've looked at its website but it's a **3** \_\_\_\_\_ old-fashioned and there are **4** \_\_\_\_\_ menus on it. However, apparently that's because the menu changes daily, depending on what ingredients are available locally although there are a **5** \_\_\_\_\_ examples of dishes offered, but not **6** \_\_\_\_\_. Furthermore, there seem to be hardly **7** \_\_\_\_\_ reviews online, either, which is very strange. The owner is a very private person and it's almost as if he doesn't want people to go to his restaurant. Nevertheless, a lot of my friends tell me that the food is amazing so, let me give you **8** \_\_\_\_\_ advice. Go along and try it, I don't think you'll be disappointed.

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### 5 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.

1 It was ages before I got used to living in a foreign country.

**ME**

It \_\_\_\_\_ used to living in a foreign country.

2 I'm really not sure if I locked the door.

**REMEMBER**

I \_\_\_\_\_ the door.

3 They had to do their homework before dinner.

**MADE**

Their parents \_\_\_\_\_ before dinner.

4 She finished the book a moment ago.

**JUST**

She \_\_\_\_\_ the book.

5 He stopped teaching in 1990.

**SINCE**

He \_\_\_\_\_ 1990.

6 I am a law student.

**FOR**

I \_\_\_\_\_ for a law degree at the moment.

1 We know that people were farming thousands of years ago.

**IS**

It \_\_\_\_\_ people were farming thousands of years ago.

2 We had to send them the directions for the restaurant.

**BE**

They \_\_\_\_\_ the directions for the restaurant.

3 They are preparing your food right now.

**IS**

Your \_\_\_\_\_ right now.

4 You must clean the rice before you cook it.

**BE**

The \_\_\_\_\_ before you cook it.

5 They think the café will be busy all year.

**EXPECTED**

The \_\_\_\_\_ busy all year.

6 It's necessary to order the paella in advance.

**NEEDS**

The \_\_\_\_\_ in advance.

7 We believe that the restaurant was bought by a famous chef last month.

**HAVE**

The restaurant is \_\_\_\_\_ by a famous chef last month.