FCE Reading and Use of English Practice Test 1 Printable

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Part 1

*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 bright **B** fair **C** keen **D** sharp

Messages from the Stone Age

The incredible pre-historic Chauvet cave art in France is painted in **0** _____ colours and dates back to a period around thirty thousand years ago when early humans first started to create rock art. Although various **1** _____ of this art have been found in caves in Western Europe, very few people have seen the art at Chauvet because it is located **2** _____ inside an inaccessible underground cave system. Those who have seen it say that it is very impressive, showing animals **3** _____ horses, rhinos and cows, and that the artwork is good enough to **4** _____ modern compositions.

The first scientists to **5** _____ the Chauvet paintings missed some other important **6** _____ however. The walls of the cave are also marked with a series of lines and symbols, that were initially **7** _____ as insignificant. But recent research has suggested that these marks may represent humankind's first steps towards the development of writing, which is **8** _____ people to rethink their ideas about when written communication first started.

1	**A** illustrations	**B** models	**C** cases	**D** examples
2	**A** deep	**B** thick	**C** long	**D** dense
3	**A** by means of	**B** apart from	**C** as well as	**D** such as
4	**A** rival	**B** compare	**C** compete	**D** oppose
5	**A** arrive	**B** reach	**C** meet	**D** know
6	**A** instances	**B** matters	**C** details	**D** issues
7	**A** believed	**B** regarded	**C** thought	**D** agreed
8	**A** resulting	**B** having	**C** making	**D** causing

Part 2

LIVEWORKSHEETS

*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**). In the exam, write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on tho separate answer sheet.*

Example: ARE

Swimming with seals

The UK is home to half the world's population of grey seals and there **0** _____ many local boat trips offering sightseeing tours out to the islands and sandbanks **9** _____ the animals are most regularly found.

But if you really want to get close **10** _____ the seals and understand something about their way of life, then you need to go on an underwater seal-watching trip. On these trips, you have the chance to go over the side of the boat and, equipped **11** _____ a wetsuit, mask and snorkel, spend time in the water alongside the animals.

Seals are extremely inquisitive creatures and, once you're in the water, they will swim past you trying to work **12** _____ who you are and **13** _____ you're doing there. **14** _____ they can appear shy at first, seals soon **15** _____ used to you being in the water, and will come and play around you. Young pups especially like to **16** _____ contact with divers, and often use their teeth, gently biting masks, fins and cameras out of curiosity. It can be a thrilling experience.

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**).*
*In the exam, write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.*

Example: HEALTHY

Brain games

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According to experts, doing puzzles keeps our brains fit and **0** _____ As well as gaining **17** _____ from finding the correct answer to a difficult problem, we give our brains a good workout in the process. To help us do this, all sorts of handheld 'brain games' are now available in the shops, and the most **18**_____ games have sold in their millions.

What's more, people **19** _____ that the more they play the games, the easier it is to find a **20** _____ to the problems posed. They see this as proof that there has been an **21** _____ in the power of their brains. Unfortunately, however, this may be a false impression.

Some **22** _____ argue that the brain gets better at any task the more often it is repeated. In other words, the improvement in the **23** _____ of the brain is something that happens naturally. So although these brain games are obviously fun to play, it remains **24** _____ whether they are actually helping to boost brainpower or not.

0.HEALTH
17.SATISFY
18.SUCCESS
19.COVER
20.SOLVE
21.IMPROVE
22.SCIENCE
23.PERFORM
24.CERTAIN

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