CAE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 5

* ***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. ***in other words*** B. in addition C. in fact D. in truth

Exceptionally talented or just overconfident?

According to a study on what lies at the heart of success, it seems that the key is not what might be expected, (0) ***in other words*** talent, hard work or a good education, but instead it's total, unadulterated confidence. Confident people tend not to be (1)_____ by their own shortcomings and of ten have (2)_____ than life personalities. This means they make themselves more visible in the workplace, pushing themselves forward at every opportunity and so (3)_____ promotion over those who may well be more competent but appear on the (4)_____ to be less talented. Confident people are often admired and their opinions valued; (5)_____, they are able to influence decisions made within a group. This could have implications for the recruitment procedures of many companies, as a typical job interview often involves a group task which unfairly (6)_____ the over-confident. Such a display of confidence may carry too much (7)_____ with interviewers, and better, quieter candidates may be (8)_____ down, leading to a less efficient workforce.

1.	A. put back	B. put off	C. put under	D. put across
2.	A. bigger	B. wider	C. greater	D. larger
3.	A. being	B. making	C. reaching	D. getting
4.	A. top	B. head	C. surface	D. front
5.	A. consequently	B. so	C. while	D. as
6.	A. supports	B. favours	C. shows	D. demonstrates
7.	A. consideration	B. power	C. force	D. weight
8.	A. moved	B. sent	C. turned	D. passed

LIVEWORKSHEETS

* ***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). PERSON***

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. Example: PERSONALITY

Sleeping: Not as Simple as it Seems

It seems our (0) ***personality*** (*PERSON*) is affected by many things, including the position we sleep in! This is because our sleeping position partly determines how we feel when we wake up. To (1)_____ (*CLEAR*), people who sleep on their backs with their arms stretched out typically awake feeling (2)_____ (*VITAL*) and eager for the day ahead. Conversely, those who sleep face down with arms outstretched awake feeling fatigued, as this position seems to generate a sense of losing control. (3)_____ (*APPEAR*), those who sleep lying straight tend to show signs of (4)_____ (*STUBBORN*), although whether this is simply because they feel stiff in the morning is (5)_____ (*DEBATE*)! Most people appear to sleep on their side with their knees drawn up, often described as "the foetal position". Actually, this is (6)_____ (*SURPRISE*) because although the position is often said to denote stress, people who sleep like this awake feeling (7)_____ (*FRESH*), having somehow worked through their problems. It's unclear what it means if you are a (8)_____ (*REST*) sleeper and change your position frequently!

1. CLEAR	2. VITAL	3. APPEAR	4. STUBBORN
5. DEBATE	6. SURPRISE	7. FRESH	8. REST

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