

FCE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 6

* 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. major

B. frequent

C. similar

D. various

The Eighth Wonder of the World

The Thames Barrier is a (0) *major* part of the flood defence scheme for protecting London (1)_____ rising water levels. The defenses (2)_____ include raised river embankments and additional flood gates at strategic points, including the Barking Barrier. The unique structure that is the Barrier spans the 520-metre wide Woolwich reach and (3)_____ of 10 separate movable gates, each pivoting and supported between concrete structures which house the operating machinery.

When raised, the four main gates (4)_____ stand as high as a five storey building and as wide as the opening of Tower Bridge. Each (5)_____ 3700 tonnes. During the first twelve years of (6)_____, the Barrier has been closed twenty nine times to protect London.

(7)_____ the Barrier from the comfortable cafeteria. Picnic on the riverside embankment. Enjoy beautiful views from the riverside walk. Visit the shop which stocks a large selection of souvenirs, books and Barrier information.

There is a children's play area suitable for 4 to 12-year olds, located adjacent to the riverside walk. A visit to the spectacular Thames Barrier is a (8)_____ experience.

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| 1. A. against | B. for | C. between | D. with |
| 2. A. and | B. also | C. still | D. too |
| 3. A. consists | B. includes | C. involves | D. contains |
| 4. A. which | B. every | C. each | D. none |
| 5. A. measures | B. costs | C. calculates | D. weighs |
| 6. A. operation | B. surgery | C. vacation | D. profession |
| 7. A. Sight | B. View | C. Hear | D. Explore |
| 8. A. forgettable | B. memorable | C. forgetful | D. memorised |

* 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). **ENTHUSE**

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

Being a DIY (0) *enthusiast* I was happy to take on the challenge of (1)_____ (*MODERN*) an old but (2)_____ (*DELIGHT*) cottage.

I had been given the (3)_____ (*INVITE*) by a man who used to be an (4)_____ (*EMPLOY*) of mine before he stopped working for me.

The cottage needed to be changed (5)_____ (*EXTEND*), and my friend had to remove all his (6)_____ (*POSSESS*) before I could start.

The requirements for such a task are many and before any (7)_____ (*ARRANGE*) could be made some organisation was needed. The final (8)_____ (*TRANSFORM*) was worth the effort though.

1. MODERN

2. DELIGHT

3. INVITE

4. EMPLOY

5. EXTEND

6. POSSESS

7. ARRANGE

8. TRANSFORM