Final FCE Test

PART 1

For questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

→ Example: 0 A first B ideal C special D best

1 A B C D

THE BEST STUDENTS

According to most professors, mature students are (0) *ideal* students because they are hard-working and become actively (1) _____ in all aspects of the learning process. The majority of mature students have a poor educational background but they (2) _____ to do exceptionally well at tertiary level. (3) _____ many of them have a mortgage, a job and children to (4) _____, they are always present at seminars and lectures and always hand (5) _____ essays on time. They like studying and writing essays and they enjoy the class discussions that take place. Consequently, they (6) _____ excellent results. In fact, as they have (7) _____ many of life's pleasures, they are content with their lives and this has a positive (8) _____ on their attitude, making them (9) _____ to learn. On the other hand, despite their enthusiasm and commitment, mature students (10) _____ from anxiety. The fact that they have made many sacrifices to get into university puts extra pressure on them to succeed. (11) _____, completing a degree gives mature students a sense of achievement, boosts their confidence and (12) _____ their job prospects.

1	A included	B related	C involved	D combined
2	A able	B succeed	C manage	D capable
3	A Although	B Despite	C However	D In spite of
4	A grow	B develop	C rise	D raise
5	A in	B over	C out	D up
6	A fulfil	B achieve	C reach	D earn
7	A known	B experienced	C found out	D recognised
8	A effect	B affect	C conclusion	D consequence
9	A eager	B anxious	C interested	D impatient
10	A tolerate	B resist	C suffer	D complain
11	A Likewise	B Furthermore	C Nevertheless	D Otherwise
12	A creates	B improves	C progresses	D advances

ANSWER SHEET

1 A B C D
2 A B C D
3 A B C D
4 A B C D
5 A B C D
6 A B C D
7 A B C D
8 A B C D
9 A B C D
10 A B C D
11 A B C D
12 A B C D

LIVEWORKSHEETS

PART 2

For questions 13-24, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your word on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0 | 0 | *down* | 0

TV RATINGS

As you settle (0) *down* in front of your television, have you (13) _____ wondered how TV ratings are calculated? Don't worry, we're not (14) _____ watched while we're in front of the TV. It's the Audience Research Board (ARB) that works (15) _____ the ratings for each programme. To (16) _____ this, the board appoints researchers whose task is to choose from a sample of viewers, who receive a small payment for (17) _____ cooperation. To gather the required information, the researchers connect the viewer's TV set and video recorder to electronic meters which record when these appliances are turned on and off and what is being viewed.

There is a difference (18) _____ counting TV programmes and those recorded on video. To count the latter, the day, time and channel are imprinted by the electronic meter. (19) _____ , only when the video is watched does the programme recorder on the meter become activated. It sounds complicated but the ARB need to separate live recordings (20) _____ taped ones.

(21) _____ problem is the number of viewers in one household. If there is (22) _____ than one viewer, then the household is given a special remote control.

Finally, (23) _____ all the figures are collected, they are compared to the TV guides and (24) _____ the end the national viewing figures are calculated.

ANSWER SHEET		DO NOT WRITE HERE
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14		14
15		15
16		16
17		17
18		18
19		19
20		20
21		21
22		22
23		23
24		24

LIVEWORKSHEETS

PART 3

For questions 25-34, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your word on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0 | 0 | *philosopher* | 0

PYTHAGORAS

Pythagoras was a (0) *philosopher* born on the Aegean island of Samos. He was well known as a great (25) _____ and his academic excellence has been (26) _____ for over 2000 years. As a young man, he travelled and was (27) _____ influenced by some (28) _____ ideas he came across in Egypt and Babylon. Over time, he made (29) _____ mathematical investigations, which included "Pythagoras' Theorem", a great (30) _____ stating that the square of the hypotenuse of a right angled triangle is equal to the sum of the squares. In (31) _____ , Pythagoras was one of the earliest (32) _____ to suggest that the earth was a sphere revolving around a (32) _____ fire. Without doubt, his (34) _____ to the scientific world will always be acknowledged.

PHILOSOPHY
MATHEMATICS
RESPECT
GREAT
REMARK
EXTEND
DISCOVER

ADD
SCIENCE
CENTRE
CONTRIBUTE

ANSWER SHEET

DO NOT WRITE HERE

25		25
26		26
27		27
28		28
29		29
30		30
31		31
32		32
33		33
34		34

LIVEWORKSHEETS

PART 4

For questions 35-42, 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. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write only the missing words on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0

When I was younger, I played tennis every Sunday.

used When I was younger, I _____ *used to play* _____ tennis every Sunday.

0	*used to play*	0

35 Judy is as old as Helen.

same Judy _____ Helen.

36 I would strongly advise you to apologise for your mistake.

better You _____ your mistake.

37 Take a coat because it might get colder in the evening.

case Take a coat _____ colder in the evening.

38 They had to postpone the match until Friday.

off The match _____ until Friday.

39 Although he tries hard, he never manages to win a game.

matter He never manages to win a game _____ he tries.

40 " No, I won't pick you up from the airport," said Nick to James.

refused Nick _____ from the airport.

41 You won't become fitter if you don't exercise more.

unless You won't become fitter _____ more.

42 You should learn how to operate the washing machine.

about It is _____ how to operate the washing machine.

ANSWER SHEET

DO NOT WRITE HERE

35		35
36		36
37		37
38		38
39		39
40		40
41		41
42		42

LIVEWORKSHEETS