

# 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
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### 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.

### ANSWER SHEET

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

## 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  down

## 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

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## 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

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## 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 (O). 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.

O *used to play* O

### 35 Judy is as old as 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.

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