

# CAE EXAM PRACTICE

## Part 1

For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. For each question, circle the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Example:

0 A like

B even

C such

D which

### Nazca

People love the mystery surrounding historical sites (0) ..... as Stonehenge (UK) or Cahokia (USA), but possibly the most puzzling site of all is near Nazca in Peru. (1) ..... of over 800 lines, 300 geometric designs and 70 images of plants and animals ('biomorphs'), the Nazca Lines are more than a mystery; they also embody invention and inspiration.

Made in around 500 A.D., the geometric designs would have been relatively easy to create, but not so the designs (2) ..... to represent plants and animals. One expert (3) ..... the view that a hot-air balloon must have been invented, and used to check progress; others voiced doubts about this idea, claiming that the images are clearly visible from nearby hills. (4) ..... a balloon was made to test the theory; it crashed after just a few minutes.

The lines were first studied in 1926, yet they were virtually unheard of at that time. The (5) ..... point came with the arrival of commercial flight in the 1930s, as suddenly people could view them clearly from the air. Nowadays, of course, much of the world can see the lines using newer inventions – satellite photography and the Internet.

The real appeal of Nazca, though, is in the riddle everyone wants to (6) ..... : logically such vast designs originally (7) ..... a purpose, but what? Many theories have been put forward, some far-fetched, some not. One popular theory is that the lines (8) ..... up a calendar, a record of the sun and stars' positions on specific dates, but this does not explain the biomorphs. Another theory says the lines helped in the search for water (in an area with 3cm of rain a year, images include a whale and a pelican). Whatever the truth, it is lost for now; it will take invention and inspiration – and time – to find it.

1 A Forming	B Including	C Conforming	D Consisting
2 A meant	B wanted	C tried	D shown
3 A explained	B gave	C had	D expressed
4 A Although	B Nevertheless	C Despite	D Thus
5 A changing	B starting	C turning	D motivating
6 A clear	B crack	C solve	D resolve
7 A gave	B offered	C provided	D served
8 A formed	B made	C marked	D set

Marks (out of 8): \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 2

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).

### Local hero

Born in Tenerife in 1975, Carlos Miranda is considered (0) ..... to ..... be a true local hero. A prize-winning painter, cartoonist, and film-maker, he is, in fact, so talented and has (9) ..... a clear vision that (10) ..... anybody outside his home island has heard of him. Brought (11) ..... in a modest, but loving household, it became clear to Miranda that people were (12) ..... mattered most in life. Thus, even though he had won many major art awards in the region, he often refused to sell his work. As he usually used his friends (13) ..... models, he hated the idea of such paintings hanging on the walls of strangers.

After winning a two-year scholarship to study animated film at VanArts in Canada, **Miranda** chose not to go to work for one of the top animated film studios; he (14) ..... sooner take his talent home. 'Thinking outside the box doesn't mean thinking outside your origins. I'd been lucky and I wanted to give something back'. In (15) ..... of the lack of opportunities for young people on his island at that time, Miranda put together a project to motivate and educate youngsters, promoting art and providing experience and work in film-making. He set up a small film school, (16) ..... students make short (award-winning) animated films. In addition to these achievements, he currently writes children's history books, contributes to local fairs, gives workshops and makes complex latex puppets for the screen – all at local level.

Marks (out of 8): \_\_\_\_\_

### 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).

#### Control freaks

'Control freak' is a term which has become (0) *increasingly* ..... INCREASE  
popular over the last twenty years or so, although it dates back to the  
1970s, when the philosophy was 'live and let live', and people were  
more concerned about (17) ..... than about being right. HAPPY  
But what exactly is a control freak and why do people become one?

Control freaks are perfectionists who expect others to live up to the  
same standards they expect of themselves. They have a clear view of  
what is good and bad, and find ambiguity (18) ..... They  
can be manipulative, and often criticize others (19) ..... , TOLERATE  
while claiming this is 'constructive' criticism and meant to help. At work,  
the (20) ..... of them tending towards micro-management  
is high: they intervene constantly, rather than delegating, as they lack  
trust in their (21) ..... or inferiors and feel entirely  
responsible for 'perfect' outcomes. In order to control these, which  
are often (22) ..... they try to reduce the risk of  
(23) ..... situations by controlling everything involved. EMPLOY  
REAL  
PREDICT  
POWER

This need to control arises from anxiety and fear – losing control of a  
situation leads to an overwhelming sense of (24) ..... It  
is usually caused by stress, pressure and a fear of vulnerability, though  
of course, it actually causes more stress, pressure and risk, as control

freaks try to do too much. Is there a solution? Of course. But it's what  
control freaks fear most: just let go.

Marks (out of 8): \_\_\_\_\_

For questions 25 – 30, 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 three and six words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

**Example:**

0 Helen would only buy vegetarian food while we were on holiday.

**ON**

Helen ..... *insisted on buying* ..... vegetarian food while we were on holiday.

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25 You **really** need to start to do your fair share of the work round here!

**WEIGHT**

It's time to start ..... round here.

26 Ultimately, the best choice seems to be Jackson's proposal.

**SENSE**

All things considered, it ..... with the Jackson proposal.

27 I'd be **interested** to hear your view regarding their ideas for sustainable sources.

**TAKE**

I'd like to know ..... their sustainable sourcing ideas is.

28 We **wouldn't** have thought of this marvellous solution to our dilemma unless you had suggested it.

**RECOMMENDED**

Had ..... out of our dilemma, we would never have thought of it.

29 I get **really** angry every time I see him in the news.

**BLOOD**

Whenever I see him in the news, it .....

30 Despite my best efforts to stay awake, I slept through **half** of his talk.

**NOD**

I only managed to stay awake for **half** of his talk, although I tried my best .....

Marks (out of 12): \_\_\_\_\_