

## Use of English: Grammar & Vocabulary

C. For questions 1-4, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

### A Healthy Media Diet

Recently, I've been trying to maintain a more balanced intake of news and social media. A few months ago, after a conversation with some friends, I realised I had been in a bit of an 'echo-chamber online' regarding the news; all the (1) ..... I was reading was just repeating the same things over and over. I wanted to broaden my worldview a bit, and when I looked at the sources I was reading, I realised some of them were a bit extreme and even (2) ..... I started looking at different communities online to get a wider view of the news. It was definitely eye-opening. I found that a lot of the opinions I had of those "on the other side" were far from reality. Talking with people holding different ideas and values helped me (3) ..... their way of thinking and arguments that I had not fully understood before. While I have to admit it was frustrating at times, I'm planning on sticking to it and even getting into more technical sources, like professional or scholarly (4) .....

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. A circumstances | B content    | C funding    | D archives        |
| 2. A hampering     | B exploiting | C polarizing | D concluding      |
| 3. A deceive       | B unravel    | C hamper     | D mislead         |
| 4. A guidelines    | B deadlines  | C journals   | D interpretations |

D. For questions 1-4, read the text below and think of the word that best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

### Finding a Story

Working for a small town local newspaper certainly has its ups and (0) downs. I love being able to get out into the community and speak to people from all different kinds of backgrounds. In addition, getting access (1) ..... local public figures is much easier than at the national level. For the (2) ..... part, we can rely on stories about the weather, local sports teams, things (3) ..... that. However, some weeks we do have what we call "slow news days". The challenge then is to dig into the community and find something to (4) ..... about to fill the paper the next day. A few tricks I have for dealing with slow news days is to head to a supermarket and ask people their thoughts on some national issues, or problems that people complain about around town.



- E. For questions 1-4, 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)

There were no tickets left by the time I called the box office.  
All the tickets were sold out by the time I called the box office.

OUT

1. The manager felt that my proposals wouldn't be beneficial to the company.

BENEFIT

The manager felt that my proposals ... to the company.

2. Passengers are not permitted to smoke on the flight under any circumstances.

ARE

Under ..... passengers permitted to smoke on the flight.

3. The TV news makes people feel more strongly about their ideas.

POLARISED

People ..... the TV news.

4. The source of the funding didn't matter to the citizens, as long as the road was repaired.

FROM

The citizens didn't care ....., as long as the road was repaired.

- F. For questions 1-6, 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). Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS.

EXAMPLE: (0) RESPONSE

Dear Editor,

I am writing in (0) RESPONSE to the recent reports that came from the city hall that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of a new sports centre on 4<sup>th</sup> Street will not disrupt traffic through the city centre. It's clear that with the surrounding one-way streets, shutting down 4<sup>th</sup> Street, even for two days as planned, will make driving through the city centre a nightmare. This (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is yet more proof of the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ nature of the mayor and the city council. While I fully support the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to make Elm's Ville a healthier place to live, with more opportunities to exercise, I wish the town council would simply be transparent about its actions. I would like the mayor to provide (5) \_\_\_\_\_ as to where traffic will be detoured and for how long. If 4<sup>th</sup> Street remains closed for more than the two planned days, the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the city government will be completely tarnished.

Yours faithfully,  
Adam

RESPOND  
CONSTRUCT

ANNOUNCE  
DECEIVE  
INITIATE

CLARIFY

RELY