

Reading and Use of English

Part 1

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 beneath	B lower	<u>C minus</u>	D less
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Mars on Earth

The centre of Antarctica, where winter temperatures frequently fall to 0 _____ 80 degrees centigrade and for four months each year there is 1 _____ darkness 24 hours a day, is one of the most extreme environments on Earth. It is also by 2 _____ the most similar place to the surface of Mars, which is why a 3 _____ of thirteen scientists from the European Space Agency have spent nine months at a base there.

They have been studying the physical and psychological 4 _____ on humans of living in extreme conditions, in order to obtain a better understanding of the difficulties humans will 5 _____ during the long flight to Mars and their stay there. Of course, space is 6 _____ Antarctica in that astronauts have to adapt to weightlessness, but the base is 3,200 metres above sea 7 _____ making it difficult to breathe there - as it can be on space flights. They have also, like space travellers, experienced strong feelings of being 8 _____ off from civilisation.

1	A regular	B constant	C repeated	D maintained
2	A far	B much	C large	D long
3	A crew	B cast	C gang	D team
4	A results	B effects	C issues	D risks
5	A oppose	B dare	C challenge	D face
6	A unlike	B contrary	C unfamiliar	D different
7	A height	B level	C depth	D scale
8	A broken	B cut	C kept	D taken

Part 2

For each question, fill the space with one word.

1. She lived _____ the money inherited from an aunt.
2. The man wasn't very trustworthy. On the _____, he had been caught stealing twice from his boss.
3. They spoke to their mother who _____ it clear she wasn't happy with their recent behavior.
4. If you want the painting, you will have to offer a _____ deal more money than \$4000. We have _____ lack of other offers so don't need to accept yours.
5. You will need to go to the McCarthy Brothers Farm Supply Store or Mac's Store, _____ it is known in this area, on 16th Street. They have a sale on at the moment with _____ to 50% off everything.
6. It has _____ to light that you falsified your examination certificates. What have you got to say _____ yourself?
7. In _____ to your normal duties, you will also _____ expected to train new arrivals.

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

Example: **EXCEPTION**

Lake Titicaca

Lake Titicaca is the largest lake in South America with the **0** _____ of Lake Maracaibo in Venezuela, which unlike Titicaca is connected directly to the sea. It is 190 kilometres long and reaches a maximum **17** _____ of 284 metres. Approximately 60 per cent of the lake lies in Peru and the rest in Bolivia. The lake is famous for a variety of **18** _____ wildlife, including a giant frog that can weigh up to three kilogrammes.

Some animals in the lake are **19** _____ species, which led to the **20** _____ of Titicaca National Reserve in 1978. The protection of the wildlife is guaranteed, and so is the beautiful scenery that makes a visit to the lake so **21** _____.

There are numerous islands on the lake, although not all are **22** _____ to tourists. The **23** _____ of some of the islands are known as the Uros people, who still maintain their traditional way of life, but at the same time welcome visitors. **24** _____, this beautiful lake is often ignored by tourists.

- 0. EXCEPT
- 17. DEEP
- 18. USUAL
- 19. DANGER
- 20. ESTABLISH
- 21. FORGET
- 22. ACCESS
- 23. INHABIT
- 24. SURPRISE

Part 4

Complete the sentence so that it has a similar meaning. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

EXAMPLE:

Nobody took any notice of his bad behaviour.

Nobody paid **ATTENTION** to (**ATTENTION**) his bad behaviour.

I don't earn anything like the amount I did before.

I earn (**NOWHERE**) as I did before.

The date for the Barcelona Conference is the 23rd of March.

The Barcelona Conference (**PLACE**) the 23rd of March.

The house was not very attractive in appearance when we first saw it.

The house was (**MUCH**) at when we first saw it.

No-one wants to buy this type of music any more.

There (**LONGER**) for this type of music.

Looking back, I think I was right to study mathematics at university.

Looking back, I (**REGRET**) mathematics at university.

Our spending will have to be reduced next year.

We will have (**BACK**) our spending next year.

Writing

Writing Part 1: Essay Prompt

Title: The Impact of Technology on Daily Life

Write an essay discussing how technology has changed the way people live and communicate. In your essay:

- Describe some important changes caused by technology
- Explain the advantages and disadvantages of these changes
- Give your opinion on whether technology has made life better or worse

Write 140–190 words.