

## Useful language: relative pronouns, auxiliary verbs and reference words

### 1 Complete the sentences using each word once.

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|-----|-------|---------|------|---------|
| any | be    | despite | did  | during  |
| it  | round | so      | what | whereas |

- This mountain is considered to ..... one of the most difficult to climb in the world.
- Some parents would rather their children ..... not have to take so many exams.
- As he walked onto the stage his mind went blank and he couldn't think ..... to say.
- We enjoyed our day at the beach, ..... which we swam several times.
- I have been intending to do this job for ages, but I just haven't got ..... to it yet.
- The planet Venus is very hot, ..... Mars is extremely cold.
- We needed some more milk, but there wasn't ..... left in the fridge.
- My mother went to that school and ..... did I. My daughter will, too.
- Diamonds and other jewellery are still popular, ..... the high prices.
- I don't think ..... makes sense to keep spending so much money.

### 2 Two of the underlined expressions in these sentences written by First candidates are correct. Correct the eight expressions that are wrong.

- I still have to finish my project, what keeps me very busy.
- I really enjoy playing with the computer at your house, because at home I haven't got it.
- The nurse said, 'Your mother would like to have a word with you,' then she went out.
- Unfortunately, I cannot attend the meeting owing to I have another appointment.
- This device can save us money on other costs, although its high purchase price.
- It was an e-mail from my uncle who lives in Spain, who's name is Enrique.
- Rose and Damian's engagement has turned out to be a total failure, on account of the fact they have nothing in common.
- Nowadays there are more and more places when we cannot use our phone.
- The weather is very cold and the roads are bad because it is a lot of snow.
- I've chosen two activities, whose are sailing and climbing.

- 1 Quickly read the article without filling in any gaps. What is the writer's main purpose?
- 2 Follow the exam instructions, using the advice to help you.

**Tip!** Remember always to read the whole text before you try to fill in *any* gaps.

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).

[illegible]

## Cycling makes financial sense

These days, most people are aware (0) ..... the environmental impact of motor vehicles, and they realise that cars are responsible (9) ..... many of the problems facing their cities. Not (10) ..... people, however, ever stop (11) ..... think about how much money they would save by switching from driving to cycling.

Cars cost a lot to buy, and (12) ..... other major investments such as houses, they quickly lose their value. On (13) ..... of that, there are running costs such as repair bills, tax and insurance, all of (14) ..... seem to go up every year.

Bicycles, by contrast, are far (15) ..... expensive to purchase and maintain, do not require petrol and are easy to park. And if a lot more people took up cycling, the government could spend less of the nation's resources on roads, which at present their taxes help pay for (16) ..... they drive on them or not.

## Advice

- 9 Which preposition often follows 'responsible'?
- 10 Complete an expression meaning 'few'.
- 11 Complete a verb form.
- 12 You need to make a contrast.
- 13 Complete an addition link.
- 14 Which relative pronoun is used for things?
- 15 Make a contrast with 'costs' that 'go up'.
- 16 A conjunction is needed.

**Tip!** Some answers may be auxiliary verbs like *has* or *will*.

**Tip!** If you can't think of an answer, make the best guess you can. Your answer may be correct.

