

C1 Advanced

Unit 1 Test

Name _____

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Section 1: Vocabulary

1 Complete the text with the words in the box. There are four words you do not need to use.

air conditioned built-up cut-price far-fetched high rise interest free
longstanding mass produced part-time purpose-built run-down

In today's cities space is at a premium and, as such, more and more (1) _____ flats are being built. In order not to encroach on parks and other green spaces, (2) _____ areas of cities are often targeted for residential developments. Because these areas are less sought after, companies can offer people (3) _____ deals on flats which means young professionals can afford to buy a flat – something which they would be unable to do in other more prestigious areas. These are (4) _____ flats, which means that they are original constructions and not houses which have been converted into flats. Unfortunately, (5) _____ residents can often complain about these new housing developments. In their view, cities are becoming too (6) _____ and this puts strain on key aspects of the infrastructure such as public transport. Some coastal cities are already running out of space to meet their constantly increasing housing needs and are even considering (7) _____ ideas like the construction of floating residential islands. These islands would be located in the sea but connected to the city via bridges and ferry routes.

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2 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Lots of people have trouble throwing things away, even when their houses become so full that it's almost impossible to live in them. But when there's no (1) _____ left in any of our cupboards or other storage (2) _____, it's time to take action and get rid of the things we don't use. For many of us, being able to pass on our possessions to charity or throw them away is a real (3) _____, which involves considerable mental and emotional effort. The key to it is to generate a sense of (4) _____ rather than feeling emotional about objects. Alternatively, for those who are short on willpower and can (5) _____ it, there's the possibility of paying someone who's a professional organiser to come in and take control for you. These professionals are completely dispassionate about your belongings and therefore in an ideal (6) _____ to help you focus on what you need and what is simply gathering dust in your cupboards.

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|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 A area | B range | C room | D accommodation |
| 2 A capacity | B space | C place | D scope |
| 3 A feat | B performance | C potential | D circumstance |
| 4 A immediacy | B detachment | C departure | D preoccupation |
| 5 A support | B allow | C grant | D afford |
| 6 A location | B vicinity | C position | D stance |

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Section 2: Grammar

- 3 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.

- 1 We joined this sports club two years ago.

BELONGED

We _____ for two years.

- 2 This area is really quiet so Kyle doesn't like it. Also, he doesn't like its remoteness.

NOR

Kyle doesn't like this area because it's really quiet; _____ its remoteness.

- 3 When I came here, they were renovating their house and they're still doing it.

SINCE

They _____ I came here.

- 4 Because London provides a lot of work, it's likely that people will still commute there in the future.

LONG

People will probably continue to commute to London _____ are employment opportunities.

- 5 If the trains are on time on Sunday, I should arrive at yours at 11.00am.

PROVIDED

_____ late, I expect to arrive at yours at 11.00am on Sunday.

- 6 We were promised a new shopping centre in town, but there have been no developments so far.

YET

Despite the promises of a new shopping centre in town, _____ happened.

- 7 She started work here five years ago next Sunday.

BEEN

By next Sunday she _____ for five years.

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- 4 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verb in brackets

A Where (1) _____ (you / think) of going for your next holiday?

B I (2) _____ (feel) I need to really get away, so I (3) _____ (go) to Australia.

A Wow, that's exciting. How long (4) _____ (you / plan) to stay there?

B About six weeks.

A What about your job?

B I (5) _____ (feel) really miserable at work lately, so I'm going to resign before I go away.

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