

UOE PRACTICE 1

Reading and Use of English (1 hour 30 minutes)

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).

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A interfering B upsetting C damaging D intruding

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Taking photographs ruins the memory, research finds

Our obsession with recording every detail of our happiest moments could be 0 _____ our ability to remember them, according to new research.

Dr Linda Henkel, from Fairfield University, Connecticut, described this as the 'photo-taking impairment effect'. She said, 'People often whip out their cameras almost mindlessly to 1 _____ a moment, to the point that they are missing what is happening 2 _____ in front of them. When people rely on technology to remember for them – 3 _____ on the

camera to record the event and thus not needing to 4 _____ to it fully themselves – it can have a negative 5 _____ on how well they remember their experiences.'

In Dr Henkel's experiment, a group of university students were 6 _____ on a tour of a museum and asked to either photograph or try to remember objects on display. The next day each student's memory was tested. The results showed that people were less 7 _____ in recognizing the objects they had photographed 8 _____ with those they had only looked at.

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| 1 A seize | B grasp | C capture | D snatch |
| 2 A quite | B right | C merely | D barely |
| 3 A counting | B settling | C assuming | D swearing |
| 4 A engage | B apply | C attend | D dedicate |
| 5 A result | B aspect | C extent | D impact |
| 6 A steered | B run | C led | D conveyed |
| 7 A accurate | B faithful | C exact | D factual |
| 8 A measured | B compared | C matched | D confronted |

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).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

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On the hunt for the best young female entrepreneurs

Founded in 1972, the Veuve Clicquot Business Woman Award is celebrated in 27 countries. Veuve Clicquot has now introduced a new award 0 _____ complement its Business Woman of the Year category. Called The New Generation Award, 9 _____ recognizes the best young female talent across business and corporate life.

The first winner of the award, Kathryn Parsons, 10 _____ innovative start-up company, Decoded, teaches people to code in a day, has joined the judging panel to help find this year's winner. 'The importance of these awards cannot 11 _____ overestimated,' she says. 'Women need role models that prove to 12 _____ that they can do it, too.'

The New Generation Award is open to entrepreneurial businesswomen 13 _____ the ages of 25 and 35. They can run 14 _____ own businesses or hail from corporate life. 'This award isn't about how much money you've made or how long you've been in business, it's about recognizing young women 15 _____ a mission and a vision,' says Parsons. 'We want to meet women who are working to 16 _____ the world a better place.'

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).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0	R	E	S	I	G	N	A	T	I	O	N								
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EXIT INTERVIEWS

If you are thinking of leaving your job, you may think that handing in your letter of 0 _____ is the end of the matter. But an increasing number of companies now conduct 'exit interviews' with staff.

RESIGN

For the employee, an exit interview may feel like an ideal opportunity to rant and rave about every little 17 _____ that has troubled them since they got the job. But, 18 _____ in mind that you will probably still need a 19 _____ from these people, it is best to avoid getting angry or 20 _____, and just answer the questions as calmly and with as much 21 _____ as possible.

ANNOY

BEAR

REFER

EMOTION

HONEST

For employers, the exit interview is a rare opportunity to gather some valuable information about the way staff perceive the company.

Existing employees may not wish to cause 22 _____ to the boss or damage their chances of promotion, so are unlikely to 23 _____

OFFEND

CLOSE

their real feelings about the company. However, someone who has already resigned is more likely to be 24 _____ when giving their opinions.

TRUE

PART 4

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 I didn't know the way there, so I got lost.

GET

Not _____ there, I got lost.

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KNOWING HOW TO GET

Write *only* the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

- 25 I've just noticed that the car has almost run out of petrol.

HARDLY

I've just noticed that _____ left in the car.

- 26 I didn't know that cars were so expensive in this country.

IDEA

I _____ so much in this country.

- 27 Don't get depressed because of such a small problem.

LET

It's such a small problem that you shouldn't _____ down.

- 28 It is reported that he is now recovering in hospital.

RECOVERY

He is reported _____ in hospital now.

- 29 Laura's teacher says that she doesn't have a serious enough attitude to her work.

SERIOUSLY

Laura doesn't _____ to her teacher.

- 30 What's confusing you so much?

LOT

What is it that's _____ confusion?