

Reading and Use of English Part 1

Multiple-choice cloze

5 For questions 1-9, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Mentoring

When embarking on a new (1) _____ path or setting (2) _____ a new business, you're fortunate if you can find a good mentor. One basic definition of a mentor is 'someone who acts (3) _____ a trusted guide or adviser'. The person who receives guidance is called a mentee.

Most mentors are older people in higher positions in an organisation and they (4) _____ a lot of time and energy to helping individuals succeed. Moreover, they usually offer their services for free. Why do they do it? The answer is that, (5) _____ not being paid, mentors often get (6) _____ personal satisfaction from advising a mentee and having the opportunity to pass on their experience.

In many cases, they themselves can recall (7) _____ mentored earlier in their careers and they recognise how much they benefited from the relationship. As a result, they are (8) _____ to be a positive influence on others. Nothing pleases them more than to inspire their mentees to (9) _____ their dreams and overcome challenges they may face.

1 A career B job C work D position

2 A up B out C on D in

3 A to B for C as D by

4 A take B devote C kill D show

5 A even B although C despite D nonetheless

6 A great B far C total D large

7 A being B having C been D to be

8 A fond B want C interested D keen

9 A conclude B fulfil C succeed D accomplish

The appeal of the horror movie

In my view, the point of (1) _____ to the cinema is to experience something different (2) _____ everyday life. With this escapism in mind, it is clear what cinemagoers (3) _____ out of watching a comedy, romance or musical. The (4) _____ of these genres seems to be pure, sheer entertainment. A science fiction movie or (5) _____ drama transports the viewer to another time in the future or the past.

Similarly, watching an adventure film plunges you into a very exciting and unusual kind of situation, (6) _____ is also a way to escape from reality. (7) _____, I just don't understand the lure of horror films. Surely people (8) _____ benefit from being shocked and terrified by scenes of blood and gore.

Perhaps the appeal is something to do with how you feel afterwards - that life is not (9) _____ as awful as it could be!

- 1 A go B to go C going D have gone
- 2 A than B from C at D of
- 3 A have B make C achieve D get
- 4 A purpose B reason C wish D attempt
- 5 A ancient B historic C old D period
- 6 A what B which C that D who
- 7 A However B Though C Despite D Moreover
- 8 A mustn't B couldn't C can't D may not
- 9 A far B almost C nearly D any