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GLOBAL ENGLISH 8: FCE PRACTICE

HOMEWORK

FCE 3 – TEST 4 – READING 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:

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Henry Ford

One of the most important contributions of the American businessman, Henry Ford to the **(0)** of the automobile was as inventor of the moving assembly line in 1913. Before this, teams of factory workers would all work together to construct a complete car. With an assembly line, each **(17)** in Ford's factory had a specific **(18)** for only one job when putting together the car. This **(19)** of labour resulted in **(20)** cost savings and meant that the total time taken in producing the cars was shortened quite **(21)** With the addition of an **(22)** system for moving the cars as they were being assembled, Ford's factory turned out a finished car every 93 minutes. Even then, cars were too **(23)** for most people. Therefore, Ford raised the minimum wage for his factory workers which led to general wage increases across America. In this way, cars became **(24)** for more people and therefore relatively inexpensive compared to previous times.

DEVELOP

EMPLOY

RESPONSIBLE

DIVIDE

SIGNIFY

CONSIDER

INNOVATE

COST

AFFORD

You are going to read an article about a race between two famous brothers. For questions 31–36, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

An unusual race

To raise money for charity, a newspaper and a TV company challenged brothers Jonny and Alistair Brownlee, champion triathletes, to take part in a unique race that would set man against car, and brother against brother. In the wild and mountainous Yorkshire Dales of northern England, Jonny and younger brother Alistair would race to the same point, Jonny in a car on roads, Alistair across country on a mountain bike.

'I'm looking forward to it,' Jonny said, as the brothers took their places on the start line. 'I've never done anything like this before: it's exciting! These roads have beautiful views – and also it's very cold at the moment, so I'll be able to sit in the car and stay nice and warm.' Alistair was similarly eager – though in contrast to Jonny's jeans and sweatshirt, he was decked out in full winter cycling gear. Not that the cold was denting his confidence. 'To be honest,' he said, 'I've seen his driving before, so I'm not sure he's even going to make it. I might just stop for a cup of tea halfway up.'

The race started at the beautiful Semerwater lake in Wensleydale and was to finish at Yorkshire's highest road, Fleet Moss, some 350 metres up. No problem for the car, perhaps – but with Alistair's first couple of miles involving a 25 per cent incline, the younger Brownlee brother had his work cut out from the start. Barely time for a quick handshake and they were off. As Alistair sprinted away on his bike, heading for a track going straight up the hill and then across country to Fleet Moss, Jonny jumped in the car and was soon on the road. The next time the brothers would see each other would be at the finish line.

Jonny's early confidence took an immediate blow. Barely 15 seconds into the drive and he faced his first obstacle. Lumbering out of a field and into the road was a giant tractor.

'Welcome to Yorkshire,' he complained to the cameraman in the back of his car. 'If Alistair beats me, it's all down to this farmer!' Tense moments later, the tractor safely dealt with, Jonny was back in control.

Alistair, meanwhile, was struggling with the slope. Barely a couple of miles in and, as his brother relaxed, he was forced to dismount and carry his bike up the hill, past walls and over fences. Bemused sheep gazed, as the Olympic champion kept up a steady pace, at the bizarre sight of a man in a field with a bike on his shoulders. And then, finally, the summit was reached. Over the other side was open ground, and with the sun coming out and the land spread before him, a chance to show what he was made of. Head down, feet on the pedals, Alistair was picking up speed.

line 51

In the car, his brother faced another local obstacle. The villages in this part of Yorkshire have stood since well before the invention of the car – and the roads that link them were not exactly made for speed. Jonny attempted to negotiate another absurdly narrow corner. The car slowed to a crawl, then passed through a stream that had formed on the road.

Clear of the last village, the car was on a straight race to the finishing line. Neither brother knew how close the other was. As Jonny roared the engine and sped through the final straight to Fleet Moss, Alistair was flying across his last field and back onto the road himself – approaching the finish from the other side. Head down, legs pumping... and then a squeal of brakes as he reached the line. And then, finally, Alistair looked up. 'Is he here?' he asked the waiting crowd. 'No? Really?' The head went back, the arms up. 'Yes!' Minutes later, the car pulled up and Jonny stepped out. 'Well done,' Jonny said with disappointment. 'I'm gutted.'

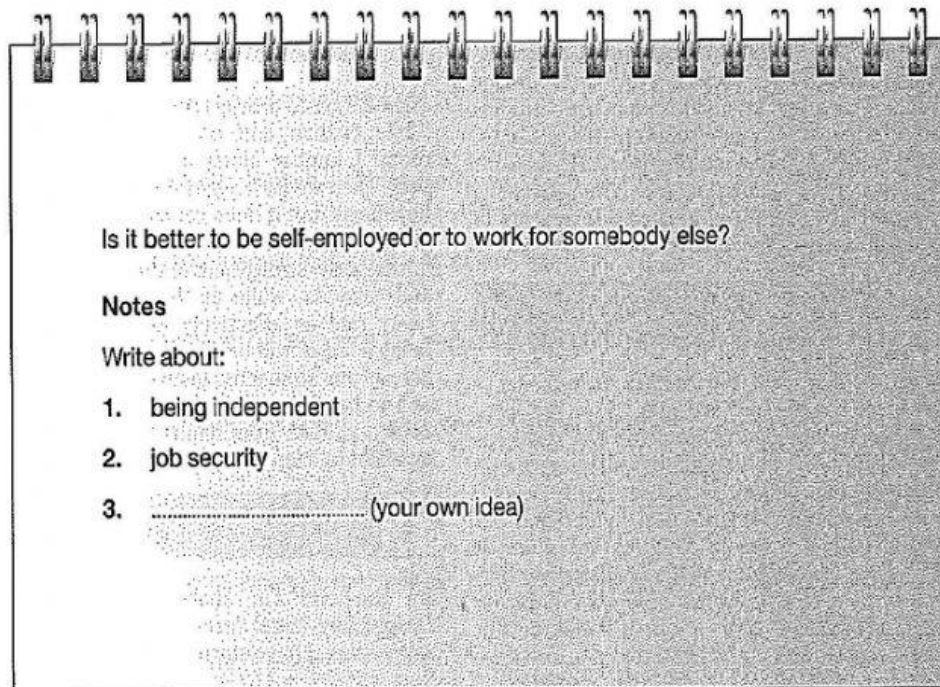
- 31 The writer explains that before the race the brothers were alike in
- A being dressed for difficult conditions.
 - B having plenty of enthusiasm for it.
 - C feeling anxious about the weather.
 - D believing in their own ability to win.
- 32 What is suggested about the start of the race?
- A The brothers appeared very uncertain of the route.
 - B Alistair's training had been insufficient.
 - C Jonny had a noticeable advantage.
 - D The brothers tried to avoid eye contact with each other.
- 33 What is suggested about Alistair in the fifth paragraph?
- A He objected to the situation he found himself in.
 - B He was relieved the hill was easier than expected.
 - C He welcomed an opportunity to prove his ability.
 - D He was distracted by the behaviour of some animals.
- 34 What does 'Bemused' mean in line 51?
- A annoyed
 - B puzzled
 - C distressed
 - D disappointed
- 35 In the sixth paragraph, what do we learn about Jonny's progress?
- A He had to briefly break the speed limit.
 - B He almost drove into some water.
 - C He had to get the car through a tight space.
 - D He nearly lost control of the car.
- 36 How did Alistair react when he reached the end of the race?
- A He worried his brother had got lost.
 - B He celebrated by jumping off his bike.
 - C He congratulated his brother on his performance.
 - D He was uncertain who the winner was.

FCE 3 – TEST 2 – WRITING PART 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **140–190** words in an appropriate style on the separate answer sheet.

- 1 In your English class you have been talking about self-employment. Now, your English teacher has asked you to write an essay.

Write your essay using **all** the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

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FCE 1 2008 – TEST 2 – LISTENING PART 2

Các con mở link nghe sau đây bằng máy tính:

<https://tinyurl.com/2td36e95> (13:21s – 21:22s)

You will hear an announcement about an evening's programmes on Radio Pearl. For questions 9–18, complete the sentences.

7.30 pm 'Art Review': Student Art Exhibition

This evening's programme is taking place at the

9 in London.

The exhibition is of work by students in the

10 year of their art course.

At the exhibition, you can see things as different as curtains and

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Some of the works of art have been made using

12 technology.

8.00 pm Play: 'The Vanishing Lady'

In the play, a young couple on a train think they hear the sound of someone using a

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A **14** tells the couple about an old lady whom he has seen.

After writing this play, the author, Porten, became a writer for

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9.30 pm 'Business Scenes': Interview with Peter Field

Peter used to work for a **16**

Peter says the material he uses for his boats is a particular kind of

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Peter collects **18** as a hobby.

FCE 1 2008 – TEST 1 – LISTENING PART 1

Các con mở link nghe sau đây bằng máy tính:

<https://tinyurl.com/3z52sztb> (0:13s – 13:42s)

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1–8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

- 1 You hear a restaurant manager talking about the cooks who work for him.
What does he say about them?
 - A They dislike cleaning tasks.
 - B They have a choice of jobs.
 - C They help to decide the menu.

- 2 You hear a woman talking about a new book.
What does she particularly like about the book?
 - A It is educational.
 - B It is well organised.
 - C It is enjoyable.

- 3 You hear the writer of a television soap opera being interviewed about the programme.
What will happen next in the story?
 - A Someone will make an important decision.
 - B Someone will go away unexpectedly.
 - C Someone will learn the truth at last.

- 4 You hear part of a radio interview.
Who is speaking?
 - A a taxi driver
 - B a porter
 - C a tourist guide

- 5 You hear a woman talking about how she keeps fit.
Why did she decide to take up line dancing?
- A She thought the pace would suit her.
 - B She had heard about it on television.
 - C She wanted to try exercising to music.
- 6 You overhear a conversation in a restaurant.
What does the woman think about the food she has just eaten?
- A It was expensive.
 - B It was delicious.
 - C It looked wonderful.
- 7 You turn on the radio and hear a man talking.
What is he talking about?
- A drawing pictures
 - B writing fiction
 - C composing music
- 8 You overhear a student phoning her parents.
What is her opinion of the place she is living in while at college?
- A She is not sure she will have enough room to study.
 - B She has difficulty in working because of the noise.
 - C She does not get on well with her room-mates.

