

## SECTION 1 (FCE format)

## PART 1

For questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

 **Example: O**

## A heading

## B counting

### C increasing

## D progressing

## POPULATION FACTS

According to the United Nations' population figures, the world's population will be (0) *heading* for 8.9 billion by the year 2050, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to 6.7 billion in 2009. This figure (2) \_\_\_\_\_ into account that each woman on the planet will give birth to two children.

Eight billion, nine hundred million people may sound (3) \_\_\_\_\_ an astronomical figure, yet statistics (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that, throughout the world, the number of children being born is dropping. In Africa the birth rate has decreased from 6.6 to 5.1, in Asia from 5.1 to 2.6, in Latin America from 5.0 to 2.7 and with (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to the European countries, the birth rate is below the replacement level. This means fewer people being born for every elderly person. For instance, by 2050, Spain risks being the oldest country in the world. The explanation (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for this is the fact that women have become better educated and would rather (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a career than enjoy motherhood. Therefore, they (8) \_\_\_\_\_ bringing up many children and being out of work for long periods of time.

(9) \_\_\_\_\_, the world's population will continue to increase (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the ageing population. This will happen because of an overall rise in life expectancy, especially in the developed countries. The main reason for this is that many diseases which were fatal in the past, can be (11) \_\_\_\_\_ nowadays.

In view of these facts, experts argue that 8.9 billion people is more than our planet will be able to take. Others who have a more pessimistic outlook on life (12) \_\_\_\_\_ that we are already on the point of not being able to sustain the current population.

1	A combined	B unlike	C competed	D compared
2	A brings	B has	C takes	D gives
3	A as	B alike	C likewise	D like
4	A reveal	B give away	C describe	D speak out
5	A connection	B view	C relation	D respect
6	A given	B made	C supported	D told
7	A chase	B create	C pursue	D advance
8	A prevent	B omit	C avoid	D prohibit
9	A All the same	B After all	C All in all	D Once and for all
10	A whereas	B although	C even though	D in spite of
11	A healed	B cured	C defeated	D beaten
12	A warn	B accuse	C threaten	D advise

## PART 2

For questions 13-24, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

## FLOWER POWER

Flowers grow everywhere in the world but (0) when people think of tulips, they think of the Netherlands. The Dutch have a saying: "Flowers love people". (13) if this is true, then flowers really love the Dutch, as flowers have been cultivated in the Netherlands for hundreds of years. In fact, the flower industry has been (14) so profitable that it has been boosting the Dutch economy since the seventeenth century.

Recently, however, the Dutch flower growers have been (15) having difficulties in coping with the tough competition from abroad. The Colombians, for instance, have (16) surprised the Dutch by surprise. Their flowers are now (17) more popular demand all over the world (18) because to the simple fact that they are cheaper. Within a few short years, the Colombians have brought Holland's domination of the flower industry to an end. (19) Despite this fact, the Netherlands is still in control of over sixty per cent of the world's flower market.

In (20) order to help the Dutch growers, the European Commission has decided to promote the flower industry, as (21) well as the growers themselves are willing to cut costs and become more competitive. All this in the hope of making people buy more flowers than they used to. Today the average Dutchman buys 150 stems a year, (22) while the Germans buy 80 stems and the English only 50 stems. These numbers are constantly declining. (23) Although this trend is reversed, many Dutch growers will soon be (24) out of business.



## PART 3

**For questions 25-34, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (O).**

## DESERT ANIMALS

Deserts are not (O) uninhabited places as many people believe. Although the daytime air temperature may reach a(n) (25) \_\_\_\_\_ 58° C and the surface temperature 77° C, many animals live in these conditions. Their (26) \_\_\_\_\_, however, is (27) \_\_\_\_\_ on them being able to get the water they need. (28) \_\_\_\_\_ of desert animals has revealed a lot about the strategies they employ to achieve this. (29) \_\_\_\_\_ have found that beetles, for example, get their daily (30) \_\_\_\_\_ of water after waiting for the moisture from fog to condense on their bodies and drip down into their mouth. Larger desert animals have come up with another (31) \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem of finding a source of water. For example, (32) \_\_\_\_\_ like hares or rats get their supply by eating (33) \_\_\_\_\_ amounts of desert vegetation, which contains the water they require. However extreme the conditions may be, desert animals (34) \_\_\_\_\_ manage to obtain water.

INHABIT  
BEAR  
SURVIVE  
DEPEND  
OBSERVE  
RESEARCH  
REQUIRE  
  
SOLVE  
CREATE  
CONSIDER  
SOME

## PART 4

For questions 35-42, 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 two and five words, including the word given. There is an example at the beginning (0).

→ Example: 0	When I was younger, I played tennis every Sunday.
used	When I was younger, I <i>used to play</i> tennis every Sunday.

35. We took the ring road because we didn't want to get caught in traffic in the city centre.

as We took the ring road caught in traffic in the city centre.

36 "Why don't we participate in the game?" my friend said

**part** My friend suggested the game.

37 By the look on their faces, you'd assume they had seen a ghost.

38 Although he smokes heavily, he refuses to go for a check-up.

**smoker** Despite the fact that he refuses to

39. You might get lost and need to ring us, so take your mobile phone with you.

Take your mobile phone with you and need to ring us.

#### 40 They had better demolish that old building on Kensington Road

that old building on Kensington Road.

41 "Do you speak Spanish fluently, Vanessa?" he asked.

**whether** He wanted to know **fluently**

42. Fortunately, the motorcyclist was wearing protective clothing, so he got away with minor injuries.

had he not been wearing protective clothing.

## SECTION 2 (ECCE format)

## Grammar

Choose the correct answer.

## Vocabulary

**Choose the correct answer.**

# Final FCE Test

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For questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

→ Example: 0

A first

B ideal

C special

D best

1	A	B	C	D
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### THE BEST STUDENTS

According to most professors, mature students are (0) ideal students because they are hard-working and become actively (1)                            in all aspects of the learning process.

The majority of mature students have a poor educational background but they (2)                            to do exceptionally well at tertiary level. (3)                            many of them have a mortgage, a job and children to (4)                           , they are always present at seminars and lectures and always hand (5)                            essays on time. They like studying and writing essays and they enjoy the class discussions that take place. Consequently, they (6)                            excellent results. In fact, as they have (7)                            many of life's pleasures, they are content with their lives and this has a positive (8)                            on their attitude, making them (9)                            to learn.

On the other hand, despite their enthusiasm and commitment, mature students (10)                            from anxiety. The fact that they have made many sacrifices to get into university puts extra pressure on them to succeed. (11)                           , completing a degree gives mature students a sense of achievement, boosts their confidence and (12)                            their job prospects.

### ANSWER SHEET

1 A included      B related      C involved      D combined

1	A	B	C	D
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2 A able      B succeed      C manage      D capable

2	A	B	C	D
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3 A Although      B Despite      C However      D In spite of

3	A	B	C	D
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4 A grow      B develop      C rise      D raise

4	A	B	C	D
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5 A in      B over      C out      D up

5	A	B	C	D
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6 A fulfil      B achieve      C reach      D earn

6	A	B	C	D
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7 A known      B experienced      C found out      D recognised

7	A	B	C	D
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8 A effect      B affect      C conclusion      D consequence

8	A	B	C	D
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9 A eager      B anxious      C interested      D impatient

9	A	B	C	D
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10 A tolerate      B resist      C suffer      D complain

10	A	B	C	D
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11 A Likewise      B Furthermore      C Nevertheless      D Otherwise

11	A	B	C	D
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12 A creates      B improves      C progresses      D advances

12	A	B	C	D
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## PART 2

For questions 13-24, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your word on the separate answer sheet.

→ Example: 0  down

## TV RATINGS

As you settle (0) *down* in front of your television, have you (13) \_\_\_\_\_ wondered how TV ratings are calculated? Don't worry, we're not (14) \_\_\_\_\_ watched while we're in front of the TV. It's the Audience Research Board (ARB) that works (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the ratings for each programme. To (16) \_\_\_\_\_ this, the board appoints researchers whose task is to choose from a sample of viewers, who receive a small payment for (17) \_\_\_\_\_ cooperation. To gather the required information, the researchers connect the viewer's TV set and video recorder to electronic meters which record when these appliances are turned on and off and what is being viewed.

There is a difference (18) \_\_\_\_\_ counting TV programmes and those recorded on video. To count the latter, the day, time and channel are imprinted by the electronic meter. (19) \_\_\_\_\_, only when the video is watched does the programme recorder on the meter become activated. It sounds complicated but the ARB need to separate live recordings (20) \_\_\_\_\_ taped ones.

(21) \_\_\_\_\_ problem is the number of viewers in one household. If there is

(22) \_\_\_\_\_ than one viewer, then the household is given a special remote control.

Finally, (23) \_\_\_\_\_ all the figures are collected, they are compared to the TV guides and

(24) \_\_\_\_\_ the end the national viewing figures are calculated.

## ANSWER SHEET

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Example: 0

0 *philosopher* 0

## PYTHAGORAS

Pythagoras was a (0) *philosopher* born on the Aegean island of Samos. He was well known as a great (25) \_\_\_\_\_ and his academic excellence has been (26) \_\_\_\_\_ for over 2000 years. As a young man, he travelled and was (27) \_\_\_\_\_ influenced by some (28) \_\_\_\_\_ ideas he came across in Egypt and Babylon. Over time, he made (29) \_\_\_\_\_ mathematical investigations, which included "Pythagoras' Theorem", a great (30) \_\_\_\_\_ stating that the square of the hypotenuse of a right angled triangle is equal to the sum of the squares. In (31) \_\_\_\_\_, Pythagoras was one of the earliest (32) \_\_\_\_\_ to suggest that the earth was a sphere revolving around a (32) \_\_\_\_\_ fire. Without doubt, his (34) \_\_\_\_\_ to the scientific world will always be acknowledged.

PHILOSOPHY  
MATHEMATICS  
RESPECT  
GREAT  
REMARK  
EXTEND  
DISCOVER  
  
ADD  
SCIENCE  
CENTRE  
CONTRIBUTE

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→ **Example: 0** When I was younger, I played tennis every Sunday.  
**used** When I was younger, I used to play tennis every Sunday.

O *used to play* O

### 35 Judy is as old as Helen.

**same**    Judy \_\_\_\_\_ Helen.

**36** I would strongly advise you to apologise for your mistake.

**better** You \_\_\_\_\_ your mistake.

37 Take a coat because it might get colder in the evening.

**case** Take a coat \_\_\_\_\_ **colder in the evening.**

**38** They had to postpone the match until Friday.

**off** The match until Friday.

39 Although he tries hard, he never manages to win a game.

**matter** He never manages to win a game he tries

40 "No, I won't pick you up from the airport," said Nick to James.

from the airport

41. You won't become fitter if you don't exercise more.

**unless** You won't become fitter **more**

42 You should learn how to operate the washing machine.

about It is how to operate the washing machine.

**ANSWER SHEET**

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