

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: 0

A on the way

B under way

C in the way

D by the way

EXAMS

It's the end of the school year and the exam period is (0) on the way. Undoubtedly, exams

(1) _____ pressure on both students and parents alike.

Most parents would like to see their children (2) _____ academically, as they believe a good education gives them an added advantage in life. They want to see their children settled in a rewarding job and be (3) _____ well off. But is that what their children have planned for themselves? Apparently not.

Most students either can't think that far ahead or have no (4) _____ of doing so. They would rather aim low so as not to be disappointed if they get low marks.

However, child psychologists, who have been (5) _____ on the matter, stress that students should aim high, but at the same time have a(n) (6) _____ of other options. As a result, students will not have to worry about grades and in the long (7) _____ will have better chances of succeeding.

On the whole, there are many practical things that parents can do and which may prove invaluable to their children.

(8) _____ being people their children can (9) _____ to, parents can plan a reasonable schedule that both they and their children (10) _____ on. According to psychologists' (11) _____, this schedule should include no more than eight hours of studying, three proper meals a day and some exercise. Finally, prior to each exam, parents need to (12) _____ their children that everything will be fine whatever the result.

1	A force	B set	C put	D bring
2	A to succeed	B succeeding	C have succeeded	D been succeeding
3	A richly	B economically	C financially	D valuably
4	A intention	B demand	C opinion	D reaction
5	A consulted	B recommended	C suggested	D advised
6	A amount	B sum	C variety	D selection
7	A time	B run	C term	D process
8	A Nevertheless	B Apart from	C Instead of	D As far as
9	A turn	B communicate	C depend	D apply
10	A approve	B accept	C agree	D confirm
11	A clues	B instructions	C announcements	D directions
12	A ensure	B insure	C make sure	D reassure

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).

WHY SLEEP IS NECESSARY

Thomas Edison, the inventor (0) of the light bulb, thought that sleep was unnecessary and that a society that operated (13) _____ sleep would be an ideal (14) _____. However, he was wrong. Nowadays, we are living in a society which is sleeping less than ever and this has resulted (15) _____ many negative effects.

According (16) _____ police reports, more than twenty five percent of motorway accidents are directly or indirectly attributed to lack of sleep. It is true that people (17) _____ to sleep nine hours a night, whereas today they sleep seven (18) _____ even less. This is because our (19) _____ of life has changed and we are trying to squeeze activities like (20) _____ television, shopping or going to the gym in our 24-hour day.

Lack of sleep also has a negative effect on our health. Research that has (21) _____ carried out on animals continuously deprived of sleep has shown that they are likely to die. Of course, experiments of this kind are highly unlikely to (22) _____ carried out on humans (23) _____. The longest period of wakefulness which broke the record was eleven days. This experiment showed that after a few days without sleep, the mind and body were unable to function normally.

To put it in a nutshell, the vast majority of us (24) _____ an adequate amount of sleep, in every twenty-four-hour period.



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 (0).

SHARKS *or* DOLPHINS ?

Ambitious athletes will go to great (0) *lengths* In order to succeed in their sport if there is a (25) _____ of them participating in the Olympic Games and even winning a medal.

This is the case with the American swimming team who are in (26) _____ for next year's Olympics. Their coach has (27) _____ himself with the way sharks move through water in order to (28) _____ the swimmers' stroke and eventually maximise their (29) _____ and speed. Swimming like sharks could give them the advantage they require, though altering their style may seem a(n) (30) _____ experience at first.

The (31) _____ of British swimmers, however, find the dolphins' movements easier to adopt. By copying them, swimmers can cover a greater (32) _____, thus increasing their (33) _____ of winning gold in the next Olympics. Of course, only time will tell which "fish" will swim (34) _____.

LONG
POSSIBLE

TRAIN
FAMILIAR
STRONG
EFFICIENT

PLEASANT
MAJOR
DISTANT
LIKELY
FAST

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 _____ *used to play* _____ tennis every Sunday.

35 Speeding in the city is against the law.

forbidden It _____ in the city.

36 There was no need for you to bring an umbrella.

not You _____ an umbrella.

37 A burglar entered Mr Steinberg's office last night.

into Mr Steinberg _____ last night.

38 No one helped us organise the festivities this year.

by We _____ this year.

39 He failed to deliver the parcel on time.

succeed He _____ the parcel on time.

40 People expect her to establish her own business soon.

set She _____ her own business soon.

41 I get the impression that Jenny is worried about something.

seems Jenny _____ about something.

42 I believe she switched off the heater before going out.

turned She _____ the heater before going out.

SECTION 2 (ECCE format)

Grammar

Choose the correct answer.

- The teacher got the students _____ the schoolyard.
a. clean b. to clean
c. cleaned d. cleaning
- You _____ to go to the supermarket. I have everything we need for the cake.
a. needn't b. haven't
c. don't need d. had better not
- The soldiers were made _____ the whole camp.
a. to be painted b. to paint
c. paint d. be painted
- A cousin of _____ has decided to leave her job as a journalist and follow a career in modelling.
a. our b. ours
c. ourselves d. us
- Could you please go to the grocery store on your way home? We've _____ of tomatoes.
a. made out b. turned out
c. run out d. put out
- You should have your hair _____ for your sister's wedding.
a. styling b. style
c. styles d. styled
- Mr. Blake's party _____ to win the elections.
a. is being expected b. is expected
c. is been expected d. is expect
- "Jim, don't forget _____ Jason up from the airport this afternoon."
a. picking b. to pick
c. pick d. to picking
- You must _____ a great time on your vacation. You seem happy and relaxed.
a. have b. had
c. be had d. have had
- This project _____ by the end of this month.
a. will have finished b. will have be finished
c. will be finishing d. will finished

Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer.

- I wasn't satisfied with the _____ I was getting, so I decided to quit my job.
a. allowance b. income
c. salary d. reward
- It was difficult to _____ the extent of the damage at first sight.
a. predict b. suppose
c. assume d. estimate
- We only had a few days _____, so we decided to go somewhere close.
a. available b. spare
c. ready d. handy
- The student _____ cheating on the test although her teacher caught her in the act.
a. denied b. refused
c. rejected d. resisted
- The third contestant managed to win _____ of the difficult questions.
a. except b. on behalf
c. regardless d. thanks
- Julie lost her _____ and started screaming at her colleagues.
a. contact b. temper
c. chance d. control
- As soon as I get paid, I will pay all my _____.
a. deposits b. sums
c. debts d. budgets
- We complained to the restaurant manager about the _____ service.
a. scarce b. insufficient
c. short d. inadequate
- Now that the children had grown up and were _____, she had a lot of free time.
a. independent b. engaged
c. incapable d. relevant
- I want to _____ that I turned off all the lights in the house, so I'll go back and check.
a. insure b. reassure
c. make sure d. inquire

Collocations/expressions

A Complete the blanks with the verbs follow, have or take.

_____ a photograph/picture	_____ action on sth	_____ the blame for sth
_____ a seat	_____ a party/celebration	_____ a look (at)
_____ fun	_____ a meal	_____ a rest/break
_____ sb's advice	_____ an argument/a quarrel	_____ sb/sth for granted
_____ care of	_____ a holiday	_____ turns
_____ a meeting	_____ orders	_____ sth into consideration
_____ a test	_____ measures	_____ sb by surprise
_____ trouble with	_____ a bath/shower	_____ time
_____ a headache/toothache	_____ a dream	_____ place
_____ instructions	_____ directions	_____ one's chance

B Read the sentences below. Complete the boxes with the verbs have or take and the blanks with prepositions.

- Twenty two countries will _____ part _____ this year's water polo tournament.
- Every year we _____ advantage _____ the Bank Holiday and spend a long weekend at a seaside resort.
- They _____ no respect _____ their new teacher.
- Before setting off on a fishing trip, you must _____ the weather conditions _____ account.
- Do you _____ any idea _____ how to operate this contraption?
- I _____ no intention _____ going back to school next year.
- The children couldn't _____ their eyes _____ the performing dolphins.
- David had no option but to _____ responsibility _____ the company's disastrous performance.
- I _____ difficulty _____ deciding which school to go to next year.
- _____ no notice _____ what she says. She's always making up stories.
- You need to _____ more confidence _____ yourself.
- Now that I'm older, I _____ no interest _____ stamp collecting.
- I am a pilot and I _____ a lot of pride _____ my work.

C Read the sentences and complete them with the correct form of the verbs give, pay, bring or mind.

- It's been weeks since I last _____ Helen a visit.
- _____ Henry a ring immediately. He said it was urgent.
- What were you doing hiding behind the door? You _____ me a real shock.
- The chairperson _____ the meeting to an end because the members of the board could not agree on a plan of action.
- Gerry was kind enough to _____ me a lift to the railway station.
- Passengers are asked to _____ the step when disembarking.
- Who can _____ me an explanation for the rising sea waters?
- The teacher got angry because nobody was _____ attention to him.

Phrasal Verbs

Read the sentences on the left and match the phrasal verbs with their definitions on the right by writing the correct number in the box next to each definition.

A TAKE

- The customers were asked to **take** their shoes **off** before entering the Japanese restaurant.
- Susan decided not to **take on** any new responsibilities.
- The video recorder I bought wasn't working properly, so I **took it back**.
- Everybody says I **take after** my mother.
- The passengers had to wait over thirty minutes before the aeroplane finally **took off**.
- After retiring, Steven **took up** bowling to keep himself occupied.
- My brother will **take over** the company now that my father has passed away.
- Why did you **take off** without saying goodbye last night?
- The furniture **takes up** too much space and the kids have nowhere to play.
- He must have been tired because he didn't seem to **take in** anything I was saying.

- ☐ leave the ground
- ☐ fully understand
- ☐ look like, resemble
- ☐ gain control of
- ☐ fill, occupy
- ☐ return
- ☐ begin, become interested in
- ☐ remove
- ☐ leave suddenly without telling anyone
- ☐ accept

B CLOSE, KNOCK

- The police had **closed off** the highway in search of the escaped prisoner.
- The funfair was **closed down** because of its terrible safety record.
- The force of the ball hitting his head **knocked him out** cold.
- They had no choice but to **knock down** the old warehouse.
- Cycling on the footpath is prohibited due to the danger of **knocking down/over** pedestrians.

- ☐ demolish
- ☐ cease, stop operating
- ☐ isolate, prevent from being used/accessed
- ☐ make unconscious
- ☐ hit and cause to fall down

C CLEAR, CLEAN, DROP

- The misunderstanding will be **cleared up** as soon as he gets here.
- Students are asked to **clean out** their lockers at the end of the school year.
- We were detained after school in order to **clean up** the laboratory.
- Could you please **drop me off** at the railway station?
- He had a big fight with his parents because he decided to **drop out** of college.
- You wouldn't believe who **dropped in** yesterday at my place!

- ☐ visit without warning
- ☐ empty and clean
- ☐ leave somewhere
- ☐ resolve, explain
- ☐ clean thoroughly
- ☐ leave without finishing the course

Words with Prepositions

A Complete the blanks with prepositions.

Adjectives	Nouns	Verbs	
disgusted _____	a reason _____	put the blame _____ sb	forget _____ sth
envious _____	a threat _____ sb	_____ sth	lie _____ sb _____ sth
guilty _____	Verbs	get/take the blame _____ sth	sentence sb _____
patient _____		dream _____	
popular _____	accuse sb _____ sth	escape _____	
shocked _____	arrest sb _____ sth	fight _____ sb _____ sth	
suspicious _____	blame sb _____ sth		

unit 11

B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

- 1 Why do I always **get the blame** _____ everything that goes wrong?
- 2 The whole country was **shocked** _____ the President's sudden death.
- 3 Both parties **put the blame** _____ each other _____ the collapse of peace negotiations.
- 4 Jane's friends were **envious** _____ her rise to fame and fortune.
- 5 Don't **blame me** _____ the misunderstanding. I tried my best.
- 6 The well-known businessman was **sentenced** _____ three years in jail for fraud.
- 7 People are usually **suspicious** _____ politicians making promises during election time.

Grammar Revision (Clauses of concession, reason, purpose and result)

See Grammar Review page 160

A Read the text below and complete each blank with one word.

The production of items made of gold dates back to ancient Egyptian and Minoan times, when gold was panned (1) _____ the aim of making golden bowls and cups. Gold was usually found in river beds, (2) _____, in (3) _____ to pan for gold, a circular dish (pan) was filled with a mixture of sand and gravel that contained gold. So (4) _____ to obtain the gold, this mixture was held under a stream of water and swirled (5) _____ that the lighter parts would slowly wash away and the gold particles would collect at the bottom of the pan. (6) _____ gold was a scarce metal, it was used as a form of exchange, and (7) _____ it became the basis for international transactions. Over time, new mining techniques developed and elaborate methods were adopted because (8) _____ the demand for gold. (9) _____ to its huge reserves, South Africa has always been the world's leading supplier of gold. (10) _____ the discovery of gold in California and Australia in the 1840s. Gold is stored in reserve by many governments. In Fort Knox, USA, alone, there are thirty-eight billion dollars worth of gold bars secured behind a twenty-ton door. In (11) _____ of these resources, however, financial circles predict a decline in the demand for gold. Gold was once a powerful currency, (12) _____ nowadays it seems to have lost much of its glitter.



B Rewrite the following sentences so that the second sentence has a similar meaning to the first. Begin with the word(s) given.

- 1 They never help the poor even though they are very wealthy.
Despite _____.
- 2 However well he performed, he didn't win the first prize.
No matter _____.
- 3 Even though I was sick, I tried not to fall behind with my homework.
Sick _____.
- 4 In spite of his disability, he managed to get on with his life.
Although _____.
- 5 She is so friendly that everyone wants to hang out with her.
She is such _____.
- 6 All flights were delayed yesterday because there was an accident on the runway.
Due _____.

Examination Practice

A Choose the correct answer.

- The church has set up a charity with the aim _____ funds for the refugees.
a. of raise b. raising
c. of raising d. to raising
- I took photos of the baby so as _____ them to my friends abroad.
a. to sending b. I could send
c. I can send d. to send
- You should have more confidence _____ yourself if you want to succeed.
a. for b. in
c. at d. of
- They are _____ nice people that everyone likes them.
a. such b. such a
c. so d. a so
- "Look at Sheila! She's so beautiful, isn't she?" "Yeah, she has taken _____ her mother."
a. after b. over
c. on d. up
- She was heavily dressed _____ catching a cold.
a. due to b. despite
c. because of d. for fear of
- He walked in quietly _____ wake up the baby.
a. so as not to b. so as to not
c. so as don't d. so as to don't
- _____ the weather was fine, we decided to go for a swim.
a. As b. Because of
c. While d. Due to
- "You know I have nothing to do with all this mess! Don't put the blame _____ me."
a. in b. on
c. at d. for
- Take a jumper with you in case it _____ colder at night.
a. will get b. would get
c. gets d. getting

B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given unchanged. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- Although the police suspected him, they didn't arrest him.
suspicious Despite _____, the police didn't arrest him.
- However busy she is, she always makes time for exercise.
matter She always makes time for exercise, _____ she is.
- There was so much traffic on the road that I was an hour late.
lot There was _____ on the road that I was an hour late.
- The operation was cancelled because it was considered risky.
due The operation was cancelled _____ involved.
- The puzzle was not easy enough for them to do.
so The puzzle _____ couldn't do it.
- He wants to buy a new computer, so he is saving up.
aim He is saving up _____ a new computer.
- He braked suddenly to avoid hitting the old man.
as He braked suddenly _____ the old man.
- He is proud of his work, but he is not arrogant.
pride Even _____ his work, he is not arrogant.
- That accident was so frightful that I'll never forget it.
such It was _____ I'll never forget it.
- He uses two alarm clocks in order not to wake up late.
that He uses two alarm clocks _____ wake up late.

Section 2

Words easily confused

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-I below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases, more than one word may be correct.

A stop avoid forbid prohibit ban prevent escape

- Smoking has been _____ in all public places.
- The examiner asked the students to _____ writing and put down their pens.
- The government has taken strict measures to _____ accidents on motorways.
- I take these pills to _____ getting seasick while travelling by boat.
- For reasons of hygiene, animals are _____ to enter hospitals.
- She tried to _____ her husband from informing the authorities.
- She was lucky to _____ a conviction for shoplifting.

B blame accuse arrest charge convict sentence

- The police _____ Mr Jones and _____ him with assault.
- Despite the student's protests, the teacher _____ her of cheating.
- The man was _____ of murder and _____ to twenty years in prison.
- Don't _____ us for the broken window, we weren't playing football this morning.

C complaint annoyance accusation disappointment

- Much to our _____, we had to wait for over an hour to purchase the tickets.
- Despite the media hype, the concert was a real _____.
- I wish to make a(n) _____ about the quality of the food.
- Don't make false _____ when you don't have proof.

D chase pursue hunt follow

- A stray dog _____ me home today and I'm thinking of keeping it.
- My brother and I used to _____ each other around the house when we were young.
- Police have been _____ the terrorists for weeks now but still haven't found them.
- He wanted to _____ a career in engineering.

E cause excuse reason purpose aim

- John has to find a good _____ for being late, otherwise he'll get into trouble.
- The _____ of the meeting is to discuss next year's plans. If you can't attend it, you must have a good _____, as the _____ is to get everybody's opinion.
- The carelessness of the driver was the _____ of the fatal accident.