

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 far

B individual

C remote

D separate

PAST MEMORIES

I was raised on a farm in a(n) (0) remote village in the 1950s. The winter months were endless and everything was covered in snow. I was always (1) _____ for the warmer weather to come. When spring (2) _____, everything came alive - flowers would bloom and the animals would come out of hibernation. I'd follow the bear tracks and search for them. Once, however, I (3) _____ an angry mother bear who saw me (4) _____ a threat. (5) _____ the sight of the bear I did what my father had told me. I stood still until she stopped growling and walked away. The trick was effective, but looking back now, I realise that the situation was (6) _____ more serious than I thought at the time.

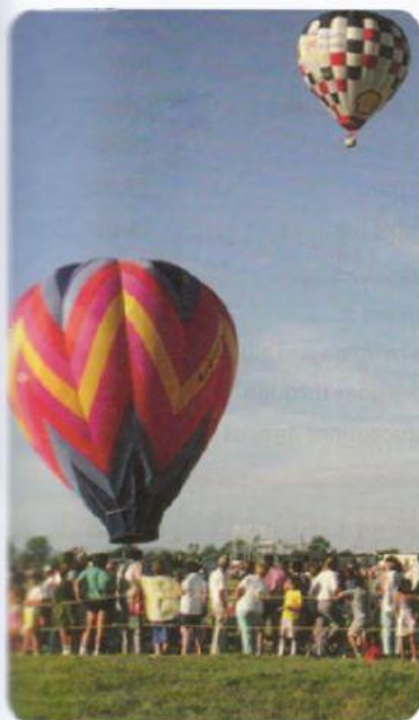
By the age of twelve, I had lots of camping (7) _____, as I used to go camping with my dog on my school holidays. We would spend days (8) _____ the forest, catching fish for dinner, (9) _____ at the frogs and the (10) _____ of birds and the insects hopping up and down on the surface of the water.

Of course, this was possible only during the warm months. When autumn came, everything went quiet, which was quite (11) _____ in those parts. It wasn't long (12) _____ the animals disappeared, the birds flew south and the snow took over. The place became deserted once again.

1	A keen	B eager	C willing	D enthusiastic
2	A approached	B reached	C appeared	D arrived
3	A dealt with	B came across	C reached	D found out
4	A like	B as	C same as	D such as
5	A In	B By	C At	D On
6	A very	B quite	C so	D far
7	A qualifications	B skills	C qualities	D experience
8	A exploring	B detecting	C researching	D investigating
9	A looking	B noticing	C watching	D observing
10	A swarms	B bunches	C flocks	D sets
11	A ordinary	B usual	C familiar	D regular
12	A until	B after	C since	D before

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).



BALLOONING

Nowadays the (0) most common balloon flights are usually for pleasure or sport, but did you know that ballooning began (13) _____ a science in the 18th century?

It all started in 1783, (14) _____ the Montgolfier brothers were looking (15) _____ the properties of smoke. What (16) _____ their attention was the fact that smoke could make things rise. They experimented for a year or so (17) _____ they were ready to show their invention to everyone. On their first attempt, they filled a silk bag (18) _____ hot air from a fire. The balloon rose more than 1.5 km into the (19) _____. Five months later, in November 1783, history was made once more when the first flight carrying passengers left the ground. The volunteers took off from Paris and remained in the air for over twenty minutes.

Soon afterwards, scientists all over Europe became interested (20) _____ the potential of ballooning, and it wasn't long before the activity became very popular. (21) _____ of enthusiastic fans also experimented with ballooning and contributed to its development. In the 19th century, gas balloons were used for many (22) _____ purposes, the most important one being polar exploration.

In the twentieth century, hot-air ballooning was re-introduced, due to a much improved propane burner. This has (23) _____ responsible for a whole new generation becoming interested in ballooning either for scientific (24) _____ sporting reasons.

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).

SKATEBOARDING

In the early 1960s, a new craze swept through the (0) coastal cities of the United States. Being (25) _____ fit, the surfers wanted some fun while the surf was low. That's when an (26) _____ new pastime called skateboarding was born. The skateboard was (27) _____ developed by attaching a plank of wood to roller-skates. However, skateboarding has undergone (28) _____ changes since then. (29) _____ skateboarders now use plastic and fibreglass, which make the boards more durable and flexible. Nowadays, skateboarders spend (30) _____ hours performing tricks and stunts many of which are (31) _____, so experts (32) _____ skateboarders to wear protective gear such as helmets and elbow and knee pads, especially if they are not (33) _____. A skateboarder goes through many falls before becoming proficient, so it is (34) _____ to take precautions against accidents.

COAST
PHYSICS
ENERGY
ORIGIN
DRAMA
PROFESSION
END
DANGER
ADVICE
SKILL
SENSE

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 How long have you been living in your new house?

moved How long is it _____ your new house?

36 The police questioned all the eye-witnesses but they didn't find anyone capable of describing what exactly had happened.

none The police questioned all the eye-witnesses, _____ of describing what exactly had happened.

37 His computer game addiction is getting worse.

and He is getting _____ computer games.

38 She went out after finishing the housework.

until She didn't go out _____ the housework.

39 I heard that neither of the defendants was found guilty in yesterday's trial.

innocent I heard that _____ in yesterday's trial.

40 John feels he doesn't share many interests with his new penfriend.

little John feels he _____ his new penfriend.

41 The shop where he works is in the city centre.

which The shop _____ is in the city centre.

42 He is the most talented player in the team.

as None of the players in the team _____ he is.

SECTION 2 (ECCE format)

Grammar

Choose the correct answer.

- By the end of next week, I _____ my project.
a. will finish b. will have finished
c. will be finished d. am finishing
- This author, _____ is very popular, has published a new book.
a. that b. who
c. whom d. which
- Everybody _____ Mr. Jones. He is a respectable member of our community.
a. looks up to b. looks up
c. looks down on d. looks over
- I've seen two of his movies but _____ of them was very interesting.
a. either b. neither
c. none d. both
- My parents _____ here since 1980.
a. are living b. have been living
c. live d. were living
- Two masked men held _____ a bank downtown yesterday.
a. on b. off
c. out d. up
- The more you exercise, _____ you get.
a. the fitter b. the more fitter
c. the most fittest d. the fittest
- I found very _____ mistakes in your composition.
a. little b. few
c. more d. much
- Everybody congratulated Mary _____ her good exam results.
a. for b. in
c. on d. of
- He said that he will rent a bigger house when he _____ a new job.
a. will get b. is getting
c. gets d. will be getting

Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer.

- The businessman owes his _____ to his excellent public relations.
a. success b. ambition
c. challenge d. goal
- What we had in _____ was an interest in stamp collecting.
a. sight b. progress
c. common d. private
- If any problems _____, don't hesitate to contact me.
a. rise b. arise
c. raise d. lift
- All the _____ in the stadium applauded the winner of the marathon when he crossed the finish line.
a. viewers b. audience
c. onlookers d. spectators
- Parents always say how quickly their children _____ and become adults.
a. bring up b. rise
c. raise d. grow up
- During the gold rush, many settlers travelled to California _____ of gold.
a. in search b. in charge
c. at the sight d. at random
- After the operation, the patient was _____ to another hospital.
a. transported b. transmitted
c. transferred d. travelled
- It is Fay's _____ to do well in her exams so that she can study Psychology.
a. challenge b. intention
c. qualification d. skill
- While on vacation in Finland, John went on a(n) _____ of Lapland, the northern part of the country.
a. expedition b. tour
c. excursion d. voyage
- Christine has a _____ of running ten kilometres per day.
a. trend b. custom
c. habit d. fashion

Collocations/Expressions

A Complete the blanks with the verbs make or do.

_____ an appointment	_____ an escape	_____ a phone call	_____ fun of
_____ one's best	_____ a guess	_____ progress	_____ a job
_____ better/worse	_____ friends (with)	_____ wonders	_____ a choice
_____ certain/sure	_____ an exercise	_____ an offer	_____ a request
_____ a complaint	_____ a reservation	_____ wrong/right	_____ sense
_____ an experiment	_____ a suggestion	_____ ends meet	_____ a trip/voyage
_____ a decision	_____ matters worse	_____ the most of	_____ /journey
_____ an excuse (for)	_____ harm/damage	_____ noise	_____ a mistake
_____ one's duty	_____ one's homework	_____ well/badly	_____ a favour
_____ an effort	_____ money/a profit	_____ an arrangement	_____ up one's mind
_____ a fool of	_____ a mess (of)	_____ a difference	

B Read the sentences below. Complete the boxes with the verbs make or do and the blanks with prepositions.

- 1 My lawyer advised me to _____ the best _____ this difficult situation.
- 2 Before signing the contract, the client wished to _____ some enquiries _____ the matter.
- 3 The university students are going to _____ research _____ the effects of noise pollution on people.
- 4 Bill wanted to _____ a good impression _____ the company's president.
- 5 The police officer was instructed to _____ a detailed report _____ the strange incident.
- 6 Your plan will only _____ trouble _____ the people you are supposedly trying to help.
- 7 If we _____ good use _____ our resources, we can achieve our goal.
- 8 This ugly furniture does not _____ justice _____ this magnificent house.
- 9 We _____ a considerable contribution _____ the heart foundation every year.
- 10 Why don't you _____ yourself _____ home while I get ready?
- 11 Emissions from factories _____ considerable harm _____ the environment.
- 12 Everyone stepped aside to _____ way _____ the marching soldiers.

C Complete the blanks with the verbs break, change, turn or draw.

_____ shoes	_____ the law	_____ a habit	_____ a promise
_____ sb's heart	_____ trains / buses	_____ direction	_____ a corner
_____ a page	_____ sb's attention	_____ clothes	_____ the subject

D Read the sentences and complete them with the correct form of the verbs break, change, cut or draw.

- 1 I'll try to _____ Ted's mind about leaving his job.
- 2 No one was willing to _____ their silence and help the police with their investigation.
- 3 I decided to make the first move and _____ the ice.
- 4 Cowboys were known to _____ a gun on the slightest of pretexts.
- 5 The famous athlete Jesse Owens _____ four Olympic records in 1936.
- 6 My holiday was _____ short when I broke my leg while skiing.
- 7 Well, to _____ a long story short, our car broke down in the middle of nowhere.

Adverbial Expressions

Complete the sentences with the adverbial expressions in the box below. Use each expression only once.

by and large last but not least every now and then one by one on my own as a matter of fact

- 1 I make an effort to visit my grandparents _____.
- 2 _____, the lottery numbers I had chosen came up on the screen.
- 3 I used a Do-It-Yourself manual and built the tree house _____.
- 4 _____, the final contender is from Venezuela.....
- 5 Most people are, _____, creatures of habit.
- 6 _____, I didn't like the present you gave me.

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 MAKE, DO, GROW

- 1 The thieves **made off with** all the precious artefacts in the museum.
- 2 The boy **made up** a ridiculous story about alien abduction to avoid sitting for the exam.
- 3 Let's **make for** the nearest village before it gets dark.
- 4 When the baby was born, we **made** the study **into** a nursery.
- 5 I couldn't quite **make out** what she was saying, as her English was very poor.
- 6 Even though Derek had **made up with** Joanne, the tension between them was still evident.
- 7 Women **make up** a large proportion of the workforce nowadays.
- 8 Ever since my salary cut, I've had to **do without** many little luxuries.
- 9 The management decided to **do away with** the old machinery and modernised the factory.
- 10 When I **grow up**, I want to become a singer.
- 11 We've **grown out of** the childish pranks we used to play on our teachers.

- ☐ go towards
- ☐ invent
- ☐ become an adult
- ☐ transform, convert
- ☐ manage to understand
- ☐ steal and run away
- ☐ become friends again
- ☐ get rid of
- ☐ become older and stop a habit
- ☐ endure the lack of
- ☐ constitute, form, be a member of

B PASS, FILL, LEAVE

- 1 Our neighbour, who was 75 years old, **passed away** a few months ago.
- 2 The legends of this tribe have been **passed down** from father to son over the centuries.
- 3 The old woman **passed out** when she saw the thief.
- 4 I had to **fill in** a five-page application form for a credit card.
- 5 Could you please **fill up** the tank with unleaded petrol?
- 6 Our best player was **left out of** the team due to a knee injury.

- ☐ faint
- ☐ complete
- ☐ die
- ☐ make completely full
- ☐ pass from one generation to the next
- ☐ exclude from

Words with Prepositions

A Complete the blanks with prepositions.

Adjectives	Nouns	Verbs	
dependent _____	an advantage _____	aim _____	cover sb/sth _____ sth
engaged _____ sb	a demand _____	apologise _____ sb	depend _____
equal _____	a difference _____ two	_____ sth	invest _____
independent _____	things	(dis)approve _____	pay _____
married _____	a difference _____ sth	belong _____	rely _____
grateful _____ sb	a difference _____ opinion	borrow _____	spend money/time _____
_____ sth	a disadvantage _____	confess sth _____ sb	sth
	an intention _____ doing	consist _____	waste money/time _____
	sth	contribute _____	sth

B Read the following sentences and complete them with prepositions.

- I found a part-time job so as not to be financially **dependent** _____ my parents.
- The President diplomatically labelled the crisis as a **difference** _____ opinion between the two nations.
- We have **spent** a fortune _____ our new house, but I think it was worth it.
- The **difference** _____ price for the same product can vary considerably from store to store.
- I will always be **grateful** _____ Susan _____ her support during my time of need.
- The **difference** _____ the rich and poor is staggering in most developing countries.
- My sister **wastes** a lot of money _____ clothes she doesn't end up wearing.
- The report on corruption was completely **independent** _____ the government.

Grammar Revision (Infinitive, -ing form)

See Grammar Review page 153

Complete the sentences below with the bare infinitive, the full infinitive or the -ing form of the verbs in brackets. You can use either the Present or the Perfect form.

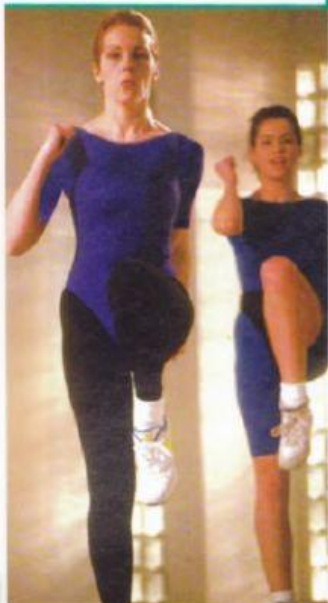


- We watched the ship _____ (disappear) slowly over the horizon.
- Forgive my _____ (get) so upset about such a trivial matter.
- She begged her brother _____ (lend) her his car, but he refused.
- The children were not accustomed to _____ (live) in a village.
- The thief admitted _____ (steal) the jewels.
- My wife prevented me from _____ (drive), as I was really tired.
- My driving instructor encouraged me _____ (take) the driving test.
- I'm in favour of _____ (keep) the environment clean.
- How about _____ (leave) on Thursday evening?
- That man is believed _____ (cause) the accident.
- They are unlikely _____ (come) home early tonight.
- The traffic was so heavy that it took me three hours _____ (get) to my country house.

Examination Practice

A Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

HEALTHY MIND, HEALTHY BODY



"A healthy mind lives in a healthy body" is a saying that is believed to (1) _____ often been used by the ancient Greeks. Thousands of years later, the same idea still applies. According to health experts, it's advisable to (2) _____ eight to ten glasses of water every day. However, water itself is not enough; a balanced diet is essential, too.

A healthy body naturally is the result of (3) _____ exercise. Many people, however, do not like gyms and object (4) _____ going there for different reasons. Some, for instance, say that aerobic sessions are too difficult (5) _____ follow while others claim that gyms are just too expensive. Many people also claim that they have difficulty in (6) _____ time to exercise due to their hectic lifestyle, but the truth is that everyone can make a little time every now and (7) _____. Regardless of the way people choose to exercise, (8) _____ is important to remember that there's no point (9) _____ doing it only for a short period of time.

Last (10) _____ not least, having a positive attitude and doing (11) _____ with negative thoughts contributes (12) _____ one's well-being. In short, following this simple advice surely helps in having a healthy mind and body.

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.

- 1 John is too immature to make decisions for himself.
mature John is _____ decisions for himself.
- 2 He can't get used to travelling abroad every fortnight.
accustomed He _____ abroad every fortnight.
- 3 He managed to convince me that it was a safe operation.
succeeded He _____ that it was a safe operation.
- 4 Hearing that a war had broken out was a shock to everyone.
shocked Everyone _____ that a war had broken out.
- 5 John told Helen he was sorry he had argued with her.
apologised John _____ with her.
- 6 Nobody liked having a new factory in the area.
objected Everyone _____ a new factory in the area.
- 7 She couldn't afford to buy a laptop computer.
expensive A laptop computer _____ to buy.
- 8 More dustbins have been put around so that people won't throw rubbish in the streets.
prevent More dustbins have been put around _____ rubbish in the street.
- 9 It would be difficult for me to adjust to a new working environment.
difficulty I would _____ to a new working environment.
- 10 I don't see why we should wait for the blood test results all day.
point There's _____ the blood test results all day.
- 11 He first told his mother about his success in the exam.
know His mother _____ about his success in the exam.
- 12 The police forced the criminal to get into the car.
made The police _____ the car.

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 borrow lend let hire rent

- 1 My friends and I _____ a car to travel around the island.
- 2 Can you _____ me some money? I'll pay you back on Friday.
- 3 Some of the rooms in the country house were _____ to tourists for the weekends.
- 4 I _____ money from the bank to buy a house.
- 5 My parents _____ a tutor to help me with Maths.
- 6 The first thing I did when I went to Crete was _____ a house by the sea.

B spend waste save afford

- 1 I have been _____ a lot of money lately on things I don't really need. I usually _____ all my income and don't _____ any money for a rainy day.
- 2 John _____ too much time on the computer and doesn't pay enough attention to his homework. Of course, he can't _____ to be _____ time, especially now that he's got exams.

C bill fare fee fine ticket receipt account discount tax

- 1 The _____ department expects all customers to get a _____ with every purchase they make, otherwise they will have to pay a(n) _____.
- 2 I had to complain to the telephone company about my extremely high phone _____, which I was not prepared to pay. In the end they gave me a(n) _____ and I paid less.
- 3 When he had his wallet stolen, he didn't have any money to pay for his bus _____.
- 4 I bought an airline _____ for Madrid with British Airways.
- 5 _____ is automatically withdrawn from my pay every month.
- 6 Most universities require that tuition _____ should be paid at the beginning of each academic year.
- 7 Sheila got a parking _____ for parking on the pavement.
- 8 My parents have a(n) _____ with the local shop and pay the amount they owe every month.

D salary wage payment income bonus allowance award reward donation

- 1 My _____ gets paid into my bank account every fortnight.
- 2 Steve's parents give him a weekly _____, which he can use any way he likes.
- 3 Some people give _____ to charity organisations.
- 4 Young workers under the age of 21 get the minimum _____ set by the law.
- 5 My _____ from my job isn't sufficient to cover my weekly expenses. Only when I get a(n) _____ as a(n) _____ for excellent results can I afford something special for myself.
- 6 Your car _____ are due on the 10th of each month.
- 7 I received a Young Achiever's _____ for getting the best exam score in the school.