

FCE Use of English Practice Test

Part 1

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: A or B and C in D nor

Royal Residences

Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle 0 _ the Palace of Holyroodhouse are these 1 _____ of the Sovereign and, as such, serve as both home and office for the Queen, whose personal flag flies 2 _____ her Majesty is in residence.

These buildings are used extensively for State ceremonies and official entertaining and are opened to the 3 _____ as much as these commitments allow. They are furnished with fine pictures and works of art from the Royal Collection, assembled over four centuries by successive sovereigns. Many of the State Apartments and rooms at the official residences have been in continuous use since their conception and many of the paintings are 4 _____ in the rooms for which they were originally 5 _____.

The official residences are in regular use and the style and manner in which they are shown to visitors reflects their working status. Rooms are kept as close to their normal 6 _____ as possible. Inevitably, opening times are subject to change at short notice depending on circumstances.

The Royal Collection, which is owned by the Queen as Sovereign in trust for her successors and the Nation, is administered by the Royal Collection Trust to which a proportion of the admission fee and other 7 _____ from visitors is directed. The remainder of this money funds the majority of the cost of restoring Windsor Castle which was badly 8 _____ by fire in November 1992.

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| 1. | venues | residences | situations | occupation |
| 2. | whatever | however | whoever | whenever |
| 3. | humans | public | people | strangers |
| 4. | created | explored | produced | displayed |
| 5. | instructed | intended | performed | guarded |
| 6. | feature | location | destination | appearance |
| 7. | salary | budget | income | wage |
| 8. | destroyed | ruined | damaged | collapsed |

Part 2

Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: MOST

Inspiration

I have had what, I think, is the 0extraordinary day of my life. While the events are clear in my mind, I wish to write them down. Let me introduce .

My name is Lawrence Terrel. I am thirty-five years old, and in perfect health. I have never been ill in my life, not even for a day. I am an artist. I am very successful, but I earn enough money to care of my needs. My only near relative, a sister, three years ago. So I have no family.

I ate breakfast this morning at eight. After I had read the morning paper, I smoked my pipe and let my mind wander. I hoped I would think of to draw. The room was very hot, even the door and window were open. I had decided to go to the public swimming pool when an idea for a drawing came to me.

I began to . I was so interested in my work that I forgot to eat lunch. I did not stop until the clock struck five. I looked at what I had done. For a hurried picture, I felt it was the best thing I had ever drawn.

Part 3

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).

Example: ENTERTAINMENT

People in the world of 0 _ have to be very 17 in the way that they dress. It's an 18 fact that image is more than just a case of 19 for a celebrity. How they present themselves is all part of their artistic personality. It would be 20 though to think that somebody can be a successful celebrity just because of the clothes they wear. They don't 21 have to wear 22 clothing but they do need to be talented and communicative and they also need to be 23 of their fans who make them successful. They also need to be 24 so that they can cope with all the public attention.

- 0. ENTERTAIN
- 17. OBSERVE
- 18. REFUTE
- 19. DECORATE
- 20. FOOL
- 21. NECESSARY
- 22. FLASH
- 23. APPRECIATE
- 24. ADAPT

Part 4

For questions **25-30**, 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. Here is an example (**0**).

Example:

0. They think the owner of the house is in France.

THOUGHT

The owner of the house _____ in France.

Example: 0. IS THOUGHT TO BE

25. My parents last spoke to me a month ago.

HEARD

I _____ my parents for a month.

26. All the students had a lot of respect for their teacher.

LOOKED

All the students _____ their teacher.

27. Linda didn't feel like eating.

MOOD

Linda wasn't _____ eat.

28. My brother was treated unfairly by his teachers.

DESERVE

My brother _____ treated that way by his teachers.

29. He couldn't buy the car he wanted because he didn't have enough money.

TOO

The car he wanted was _____ buy.

30. We all agreed with my father's proposal apart from Joy.

EXCEPTION

With _____, we all agreed with my father's proposal.

