MID YEAR EXAM: FCE

UNITS 1-5 GOLD FIRST

USE OF ENGLISH

Section 1: Vocabulary

1 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

While my friend was on holiday, I kept an **1** _____ on her flat, so to say thank you she wanted to take me to the theatre. It was a new play by a writer I don't like and, a few hours before the play, I got **2** _____ feet and phoned my friend to cancel. She told me the **3** _____ had given the play extremely good reviews so I decided to go after all. The audience had all dressed **4** _____ and looked very smart and serious. I couldn't understand the play at all – I just don't **5** _____ these modern plays – and the people around me were concentrating so hard to understand it that finally I couldn't keep a **6** _____ face and burst out laughing. I'm just **7** _____ of taking this kind of performance seriously. My neighbours stared at me furiously until I stopped laughing. I tried to sit quietly but this turned **8** _____ to be impossible. Their disapproving looks just made me want to laugh even more. Finally I gave up. I couldn't **9** _____ watching any more of the play so I walked out. I explained to my friend that these kinds of play just aren't **10** _____ as far as I'm concerned, but she still won't talk to me.

1	**A** eye	**B** finger	**C** ear	**D** hand
2	**A** freezing	**B** icy	**C** itchy	**D** cold
3	**A** artists	**B** actors	**C** director	**D** critics
4	**A** down	**B** up	**C** for	**D** out
5	**A** put	**B** get	**C** take	**D** make
6	**A** tight	**B** straight	**C** smart	**D** tough
7	**A** incapable	**B** capable	**C** capability	**D** capably
8	**A** up	**B** out	**C** away	**D** into
9	**A** catch my eye	**B** face to face	**C** face	**D** see eye to eye
10	**A** entertain	**B** entertained	**C** entertainment	**D** entertainingly

2. Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Most people will come **1** _____ money problems at some time in their lives. It often happens when they are students and they have to do a part-time job in order to make **2** _____ meet. This can make you feel **3**_____, but sometimes it is the only way to survive. However, living on a **4**_____ budget is good training for the future. Everyone should learn to live within their **5** _____. Unfortunately, some people have totally **6** _____ goals and think that one day they will have lots of money to pay off their debts. Then they can become very **7** _____ when they fail to achieve those goals. So, if you want to **8** _____ it in this world, you need to work hard and to have some good luck, too.

1	**A** over	**B** across	**C** up to	**D** after
2	**A** bits	**B** lines	**C** pieces	**D** ends
3	**A** conventional	**B** exhausted	**C** exhaustive	**D** meaningful
4	**A** tight	**B** short	**C** standard	**D** firm
5	**A** salaries	**B** money	**C** means	**D** values
6	**A** real	**B** realistic	**C** reality	**D** unrealistic
7	**A** depressed	**B** interesting	**C** excited	**D** worrying
8	**A** do	**B** make	**C** get	**D** have

Section 2: Grammar

3 Complete the text. Use only one word for each gap.

People **1** _____ been living in the Amazon Basin for at least 10,000 years when it was 'first discovered' by **2** _____ Spaniard called Don Francisco de Orellana in 1542. He was looking for forests of cinnamon and, of course, gold. The Indians promised the Europeans that there was gold because they knew that as long as the Spaniards needed **3** _____ as guides, the Indians were safe. In fact it was nearly a year **4** _____ Orellana and his team finally reached the junction of the Napo and Amazon rivers. The new river was originally named Rio de Orellana after its European discoverer. Although the Spaniards didn't find **5** _____ gold, they did find **6** _____ greatest river in the world.

However, today we are destroying the wonderful Amazon rainforests and **7**_____ is believed that the last remaining rainforests could be destroyed in less **8** _____ 40 years. In addition, it seems certain that nearly half of the world's species of plants, animals and microorganisms **9** _____ be destroyed or severely threatened over the next 25 years due to rainforest deforestation. Furthermore, ten million indigenous people are thought to **10** _____ been living in the Amazonian rainforest 500 years ago, but today there are fewer than 200,000.

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4 Complete the text. Use only one word for each gap.

I've got some information about that restaurant, but not **1** _____. Although **2** _____ of people have recommended it to me, I can't find out any more about it. I've looked at its website but it's a **3** _____ old-fashioned and there are **4** _____ menus on it. However, apparently that's because the menu changes daily, depending on what ingredients are available locally although there are a **5** _____ examples of dishes offered, but not **6** _____. Furthermore, there seem to be hardly **7** _____ reviews online, either, which is very strange. The owner is a very private person and it's almost as if he doesn't want people to go to his restaurant. Nevertheless, a lot of my friends tell me that the food is amazing so, let me give you **8** _____ advice. Go along and try it, I don't think you'll be disappointed.

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5 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.

1 It was ages before I got used to living in a foreign country.
ME
It _____ used to living in a foreign country.

2 I'm really not sure if I locked the door.
REMEMBER
I _____ the door.

3 They had to do their homework before dinner.
MADE
Their parents _____ before dinner.

4 She finished the book a moment ago.
JUST
She _____ the book.

5 He stopped teaching in 1990.
SINCE
He _____ 1990.

6 I am a law student.
FOR
I _____ for a law degree at the moment.

1 We know that people were farming thousands of years ago.
IS

It _____ people were farming thousands of years ago.

2 We had to send them the directions for the restaurant.

BE

They _____ the directions for the restaurant.

3 They are preparing your food right now.

IS

Your _____ right now.

4 You must clean the rice before you cook it.

BE

The _____ before you cook it.

5 They think the café will be busy all year.

EXPECTED

The _____ busy all year.

6 It's necessary to order the paella in advance.

NEEDS

The _____ in advance.

7 We believe that the restaurant was bought by a famous chef last month.

HAVE

The restaurant is _____ by a famous chef last month.