

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).

In the exam, mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Example:

0 A number B amount C quantity D crowd

0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D
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Tip Strip

Question 1: You are looking for a word which goes with 'ambition'.

Question 3: Only one of these words can be followed by the preposition 'to' in this context.

Question 7: Which of these verbs means 'go in the direction of' when followed by 'for'?

Question 8: Only one of these words creates a common expression with the two prepositions.

Where to go whale watching

When asked to list the things they would most like to experience in life, a surprising (0) of people mention seeing whales in their natural habitat. It's an ambition that can be (1) surprisingly easily. It is (2) that the seas around Iceland are home to over five thousand orca whales. But their behaviour, and therefore your chances of seeing them, varies (3) to the season.

In summer, the whales have a (4) to hang out near the coast and can be seen swimming up fjords and inlets. During the winter months, however, the animals are generally to be found (5) out at sea. (6) season you choose for your trip, whale-watching trips are very easy to organise, and there's a chance you'll get to see other whale species too.

Besides Iceland, another option is to (7) for northern Norway between October and January. Orcas arrive here at this time of year in (8) of large shoals of herring, which form an important part of their diet.

- 1 A answered B rewarded C honoured D fulfilled
- 2 A estimated B counted C guessed D totalled
- 3 A according B depending C relying D agreeing
- 4 A custom B tendency C habit D trend
- 5 A longer B wider C broader D further
- 6 A Whenever B Whoever C Whichever D However
- 7 A head B set C point D pick
- 8 A hunt B follow C pursuit D seek

Part 2

Tip Strip

Question 9: Which verb completes the expression with 'as a surprise'?

Question 12: Which word indicates a point in time in the past?

Question 13: Which preposition usually follows 'inspiration'?

Question 14: A modal verb is needed here.

For questions 9–16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

In the exam, write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0

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The Mini-Monet

Kieron Williamson is a very successful landscape painter. His paintings, (0) mostly depict the peaceful countryside around his home village in eastern England, sell very well. Perhaps this shouldn't (9) as that much of a surprise. It's a beautiful part of the world, and landscape paintings are always popular.

The strange thing about Kieron, however, (10) that he is only seven years old. At a recent exhibition of his work, all the paintings were sold in half an hour, some for £100,000 each. Kieron now has fans all over the world, and has gained the nickname the 'Mini-Monet'.

What's even (11) surprising is that Kieron doesn't come from an artistic family, and only started painting two years (12) He first got inspiration (13) some boats he saw on holiday at the seaside. Kieron asked his parents if they (14) buy him a sketch pad and pencils (15) that he could draw them. Only when they saw (16) well he drew did they realise that he was talented.

Tip Strip

Question 17: You need to add a suffix to this verb to make a noun.

Question 19: Add both a prefix and a suffix to make a negative adjective.

Question 20: To make a noun from this adjective, you change the last letter and add a vowel.

Question 24: Add a suffix to turn this adjective into an adverb.

Part 3

For questions 17–24, read the text below. 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).

In the exam, write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0 R E S E A R C H

Don't catch cold

According to recent (0) , at least some of the advice about health that was passed down to our grandparents by previous generations may actually contain some (17)

SEARCH

TRUE

A good example is the (18) between feeling cold and catching a cold. My grandmother was convinced that being outside when the temperature is low, or simply dressing in (19) clothes for the cold weather, was a sure way of catching a cold.

RELATION

SUIT

Now, as we know, colds are caused by viruses. Therefore, in the (20) of a virus, you cannot catch a cold – no matter how low the temperature or how (21) your clothing.

ABSENT

APPROPRIATE

But (22) now think that we may have viruses in our bodies already, which are just waiting for the chance to turn into a cold. In cold weather, for example, blood vessels in the nose get smaller to stop heat escaping. (23) , this also allows the cold virus to attack the nose or throat more (24) So, perhaps Granny was right!

SCIENCE

FORTUNATE

EASY

Part 4

Tip Strip

Question 26: You need to use the word 'except' in this sentence.

Question 27: You need to use the past perfect tense in this clause.

Question 28: Which verb form comes after 'be used to'?

Question 29: You need to transform 'broke' into another form of the verb.

Question 30: You need to make a multi-word verb here.

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 What type of music do you like best?

FAVOURITE

What type of music?

The gap can be filled by the words 'is your favourite,' so you write:

Example: 0 IS YOUR FAVOURITE

In the exam, write only the missing words IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

25 Tania hasn't played volleyball for three years.

SINCE

It Tania last played volleyball.

26 The only thing Carl forgot to buy was a new battery for his watch.

EVERYTHING

Carl remembered to a new battery for his watch.

27 Declan was angry because Claire arrived late.

TIME

If Claire , Declan would not have been angry.

28 I don't usually wear a hat and so it feels strange.

USED

I am a hat and so it feels strange.

29 Rob said to Jennifer: 'You broke the strap on my new camera.'

ACCUSED

Rob the strap on his new camera.

30 Mark can't wait to use his new computer-games console.

FORWARD

Mark is his new computer-games console.

Part 5

You are going to read an extract from a novel. For questions 31–36, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

In the exam, mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

A whole year had gone by since Tyler and I'd hung out together and I'd grown used to people reporting bad things about him. Mostly I just sighed. I'd accepted the fact that he was no longer the lad I once knew. He'd chosen the wrong kind of people to hang around with and had got into trouble. I knew these things only too well. Still, the news that he was in hospital shook me all the same. It was Beth's brother who told me.

'Wait for me outside Whitechapel station, Ashe,' Beth had said. She was late and I kept looking at my mobile to check the time.

The odd thing was that I'd been thinking about Tyler since the previous afternoon. I'd seen him while walking home from college. He'd got out of a car about ten metres in front of me. It had taken me only a second to recognise who it was and I'd darted into the doorway of a closed shop to avoid coming face to face with him.

When eventually I'd peeked out, he was standing on the pavement speaking on the phone. He had a long coat on over jeans and boots. His hair was cropped and his face was pale. He wasn't wearing his glasses and his free hand was cutting the air as if he was making points while talking. He was looking round but his attention was on the call. Suddenly, he brought it to an abrupt end and slipped the mobile into a pocket. He walked a couple of steps and then, to my dismay, he spotted me. He smiled and headed in my direction. I kept my face towards the glass window and studied one of the posters that had been stuck there. 'Ashe!' he'd called.

'Oh, hi!'

'What are you up to?' he said, glancing at the poster on the shop window. I stumbled out some words about looking for a gig to go to. I'd no idea what my hair looked like or if I'd got a spot on my chin or if he'd noticed me earlier watching him from the shop doorway. 'Fancy a coffee?' he said.

'I've got to be somewhere,' I said, stepping out of the shop doorway and making off.

'See you, Ashe,' he'd called after me.

After about twenty metres, I looked round and saw that he was in exactly the same position, staring at me. He raised his hand in a tiny wave and I turned and went on. I didn't look back again.

I'd thought about him on and off during the previous evening. Now, while waiting for Beth, I thought about him again. I wondered what he was doing. I pictured the funny brown glasses he'd worn to read with and wondered if he still read books by George Orwell. Perhaps I should have gone for that coffee, I might not get another chance to find out what he was really up to these days.

Beth was very late. A couple of cars started hooting and there were some raised voices from a group of pedestrians who were ignoring the red man and crossing the road. I looked through the shoppers to see if I could see Beth's cheery face but there was no sign. I took my mobile out of my pocket again and stared at the screen, but again drew a blank. I wondered what to do. I was stamping my feet with the cold. Something must have happened. Beth wouldn't just leave me standing in the freezing cold for no reason. Tyler came into my mind again. That's when I saw her brother walking towards me.