

FCE Sample_1_2015

Part I

For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer best fits each gap.

What is Genealogy?

Genealogy is a (0) **branch** of history. It concerns family history, (1) **instead - rather - except - sooner** than the national or world history studied at school. It doesn't merely involve drawing a family tree, however - tracing your family history can also (2) **cause - mean - result - lead** in learning about roots and your identity. The internet enables millions of people worldwide (3) **accomplish - access - approach - admit** information about their family history, without great (4) **fee - price - charge - expense**.

People who research their family history often (5) **describe - define - remark - regard** that it's a fascinating hobby which (6) **reveals - opens - begins - arises** a lot about where they come from and whether they have famous ancestors. According to a survey involving 900 people who had researched their family history, the chances of discovering a celebrity in your past are one in ten. The survey also concluded that the (7) **older - greater - higher - further** back you follow your family line, the more likely you are to find a relation who was much wealthier than you are. However, the vast majority of people who (8) **attended - participated - included - associated** in the survey discovered they were better off than their ancestors.

Part II

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. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS.

Motorbike stunt rider

I work (0) as a motorbike stunt rider - that is, I do tricks on my motorbike at shows. The Le Mans race track in France was (9) I first saw some guys doing motorbike stunts. I'd never seen anyone riding a motorbike using just the back wheel before I was (10)impressed I went straight home and taught (11)to do the same. It wasn't very long before I began to earn my living at shows performing my own motorbike stunts.

I have a degree (12)mechanical engineering; this helps me to look at the physics (13)lies behind each stunt. In addition to being responsible for design changes to the motorbike, I have to work (14)every stunt I do. People often think that my work is very dangerous, but, apart (15) some minor mechanical problem happening occasionally during a stunt, nothing ever goes wrong. I never feel in (16)kind of danger because I am very experienced.

Part III

For questions 17-24 read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap. Write your answers in CAPITAL LETTERS.

An incredible Vegetable

Garlic, a member of the Liliaceae family which also includes onions, is (0) **commonly** used in cooking all around the world. China is currently the largest (17) (PRODUCT) of garlic, which is particularly associated with the dishes of northern Africa and Southern Europe. It is native to central Asia and has long had a history as a health giving food, used both to prevent and cure (18).....(ILL) . In Ancient Egypt, workers building the pyramids were given garlic to keep them strong, while Olympic athletes in Greece ate to increase their resistance to infection.

The forefather of antibiotic medicine, Louis Pasteur, claimed garlic was as (19).....(EFFECT) as penicillin in treating infections. Modern-day (20)(SCIENCE) have proved that garlic can indeed kill bacteria and even some viruses, so it can be very useful for people who have coughs and colds. In (21)(ADD), some doctors believe that garlic can reduce blood (22).....(PRESS).

The only (23).....(ADVANTAGE) to this truly amazing food is that the strong and rather (24).....(SPICE) smell of garlic is not the most pleasant!

Part IV

For question 25-30, complete the second sentence so that it has similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the given word. You must use between 2-5 words.

25. *Joan was in favour of visiting the museum.*

IDEA

Joan thought it would be.....to the museum.

26. *Arthur has the talent to become a concert pianist.*

THAT

Arthur is so.....could become a concert pianist.

27. *"Do you know when the match starts, Sally?" asked Mary.*

IF

Mary asked Sallytime the match started.

28. *I knocked for ages at Ruth's door but I got no reply.*

LONG

Iknocking at Ruth's door but I got no reply.

29. *Everyone says that the band is planning to go on a world tour next year.*

SAID

The bandplanning to go on a world tour next year.

30. *I'd prefer not to cancel the meeting.*

CALL

I'd ratherthe meeting.