

CAE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 10

- * 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. fulfil

B. accomplish

C. manage

D. perform

Book Review

Galapagos: The islands that changed the world

I was lucky enough to (0) fulfil an ambition and visit the Galapagos Islands two years ago.

(1)_____ no substitute for a visit, this superbly attractive book provides a fascinating commentary and scientific background to the Galapagos experience. BBC books have

(2)_____ their usual high-quality job in producing the volume that will accompany their TV series of the same name.

Nothing can compare to exploring the strange landscapes, (3)_____ up close and personal with the unique wildlife and witnessing the rich biological and environmental history that is so very apparent on the islands. However, this book does (4)_____ close. The superb descriptive prose of award-winning cameraman Paul Stewart is another plus (5)_____ as is the fact that this is punctuated by his iconic photography. This book (6)_____ in celebrating the weird and wonderful sights but don't (7)_____ read this book as an alternative to actually going, use it as the (8)_____ of inspiration for your own trip, a useful guide once you're there and a stunning reminder on your return.

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| 1. A. Despite | B. However | C. While | D. Whereas |
| 2. A. set | B. done | C. made | D. given |
| 3. A. getting | B. reaching | C. arriving | D. gaining |
| 4. A. run | B. come | C. go | D. pass |
| 5. A. spot | B. point | C. mark | D. tip |
| 6. A. attains | B. succeeds | C. achieves | D. obtains |
| 7. A. barely | B. hardly | C. merely | D. scarcely |
| 8. A. base | B. cause | C. origin | D. source |

* For questions 1 – 8, 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). HISTORY

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.
Example: HISTORIANS

Dancing is good for you

Since the dawn of civilisation, dance has been an important part of life, and dance (0) *historians* (HISTORY) struggle to identify the first evidence of dance as it has always been an intrinsic part of human (1)_____ (BEHAVE). The earliest recorded dances, discovered in the 9,000-year-old Bhimbetka rock paintings in India, were used to tell stories and celebrate (2)_____ (SIGNIFY) events, whilst also serving as a way of passing on information to future generations. But why has dance, something which can make someone look utterly (3)_____ (RIDICULE) if done wrong, always seemed to be natural to our DNA? Experts argue that its psychological and physiological benefits are the cause. (4)_____ (NUMBER) studies have discovered that dancing is not only an (5)_____ (EFFECT) form of non-verbal communication, but is also a mood-boosting cure that can alleviate (6)_____ (DEPRESS), improve interpersonal (7)_____ (RELATION) and cure illnesses. Physically, dancing makes us happy because, as with any repetitive exercise, it releases endorphins. Also it's a socialising event, (8)_____ (ABLE) us to be physically close to people and more emotionally connected to them.

1. BEHAVE

2. SIGNIFY

3. RIDICULE

4. NUMBER

5. EFFECT

6. DEPRESS

7. RELATION

8. ABLE