CAE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 7

* ***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. nicest B. biggest C. ***best*** D. richest

To Sell or not to Sell?

You may think selling your house is easy but everyone wants to get the (0) ***best*** deal. Unfortunately, the housing market is (1)_____ to highs and lows, which could prevent your (2)_____ the price you want. However, displaying your house at its best could persuade (3)_____ buyers it's worth paying more for than a similar one nearby. Here are some simple steps you can take that might (4)_____ a sale.

De-clutter and throw away or store superfluous stuff. It may have sentimental value for you but to a buyer it's junk. Tidy shelves and work surfaces. (5)_____ most buyers will renovate a house as soon as they move in, it is worth (6)_____ up the place by painting, replacing worn carpets and so on. The look you want is neat but lived in – comfortable and cosy but suggesting that there is still (7)_____ for a purchaser to put their own (8)_____ on the house. It's your home and you love it but the trick is to make others love it, too!

1.	A. liable	B. subject	C. acceptable	D. part
2.	A. succeeding	B. winning	C. achieving	D. managing
3.	A. developing	B. unrealised	C. potential	D. capable
4.	A. clinch	B. fix	C. verify	D. stick
5.	A. But	B. Despite	C. However	D. Although
6.	A. doing	B. getting	C. making	D. working
7.	A. space	B. room	C. place	D. capacity
8.	A. idea	B. brand	C. character	D. stamp

LIVEWORKSHEETS

* ***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). APPEAL***

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

My favourite place

This may be a surprising choice as it's not comfortable or obviously (0) ***appealing*** (*APPEAL*) I'm sure many people gravitate towards the (1)_____ (*GRAND*) of Venice or the beauty of Sydney but the place that does it for me is a remote valley in Iceland. Far from anything man-made, it was created by a violent natural catastrophe. It would have been a challenging place to live under any circumstances but thousands of years ago a volcanic (2)_____ (*ERUPT*) under a glacier caused a flood that carved out a huge canyon. (3)_____ (*TOWER*) walls of rock on either side protect the valley from the (4)_____ (*STRONG*) of the ferocious Arctic winds. Here a forest has grown up in a (5)_____ (*SHELTER*) area of calm. I find it has its own (6)_____ (*ATMOSPHERE*) identity, which some may find (7)_____ (*PLEASE*) or even threatening. However, it draws me back time after time. I stay in the campsite and it gives me a new perspective on my everyday life. It makes me appreciate the formidable power and (8)_____ (*ESCAPE*) force of nature!

1. GRAND	2. ERUPT	3. TOWER	4. STRONG
5. SHELTER	6. ATMOSPHERE	7. PLEASE	8. ESCAPE

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