

## FCE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 6

- \* 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. major

B. frequent

C. similar

D. various

### The Eighth Wonder of the World

The Thames Barrier is a (0) **major** part of the flood defence scheme for protecting London (1)\_\_\_\_\_ rising water levels. The defenses (2)\_\_\_\_\_ include raised river embankments and additional flood gates at strategic points, including the Barking Barrier. The unique structure that is the Barrier spans the 520-metre wide Woolwich reach and (3)\_\_\_\_\_ of 10 separate movable gates, each pivoting and supported between concrete structures which house the operating machinery.

When raised, the four main gates (4)\_\_\_\_\_ stand as high as a five storey building and as wide as the opening of Tower Bridge. Each (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 3700 tonnes. During the first twelve years of (6)\_\_\_\_\_, the Barrier has been closed twenty nine times to protect London.

(7)\_\_\_\_\_ the Barrier from the comfortable cafeteria. Picnic on the riverside embankment. Enjoy beautiful views from the riverside walk. Visit the shop which stocks a large selection of souvenirs, books and Barrier information.

There is a children's play area suitable for 4 to 12-year olds, located adjacent to the riverside walk. A visit to the spectacular Thames Barrier is a (8)\_\_\_\_\_ experience.

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|-------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. A. against     | B. for       | C. between    | D. with       |
| 2. A. and         | B. also      | C. still      | D. too        |
| 3. A. consists    | B. includes  | C. involves   | D. contains   |
| 4. A. which       | B. every     | C. each       | D. none       |
| 5. A. measures    | B. costs     | C. calculates | D. weighs     |
| 6. A. operation   | B. surgery   | C. vacation   | D. profession |
| 7. A. Sight       | B. View      | C. Hear       | D. Explore    |
| 8. A. forgettable | B. memorable | C. forgetful  | D. memorised  |



\* 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). **ENTHUSE**

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

Being a DIY (0) **enthusiast** I was happy to take on the challenge of (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (**MODERN**) an old but (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (**DELIGHT**) cottage.

I had been given the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (**INVITE**) by a man who used to be an (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (**EMPLOY**) of mine before he stopped working for me.

The cottage needed to be changed (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (**EXTEND**), and my friend had to remove all his (6)\_\_\_\_\_ (**POSSESS**) before I could start.

The requirements for such a task are many and before any (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (**ARRANGE**) could be made some organisation was needed. The final (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (**TRANSFORM**) was worth the effort though.

1. MODERN

2. DELIGHT

3. INVITE

4. EMPLOY

5. EXTEND

6. POSSESS

7. ARRANGE

8. TRANSFORM