C1 Advanced Unit 4 Test

Vocabulary

Point, use, purpose and *advantage*

Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

1 I'm *useless* / *pointless* at managing people. I prefer to work on my own.

2 I like to get into the office early and make good *advantage* / *use* of the time when not many other people are there.

3 I'm allowed to work from home one day a week, which I take full *advantage* / *purpose* of.

4 There comes a *point* / *purpose* in life when you have to decide what career is best for you.

5 Do I have to do this work? It feels a bit *pointless* / *purposeless.*

6 We had a meeting this morning, but I didn't really see the *point* / *use* of it. No one had anything important to discuss.

7 I used to have a job which I didn't really like, and I really started questioning my *advantage* / *purpose* in life.

8 Being an introvert can really put you at a *disadvantage* / *disuse* in jobs where you have to spend all day among other people.

9 It can often be to your *advantage* / *purpose* to make sure that you are known as a person who can take on responsibility.

10 Most of the skills I learned at university have come in *point* / *use* at work.

Body and movement idioms

Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

1 Can you keep an _____ on my bag for me while I go out for two minutes, please?

2 I often have to cover my colleague's _____ when he makes a mistake. I hope he does the same for me one day.

3 I usually keep quiet in meetings but leap _____ when I have something important to say.

4 Flying makes me nervous, so I'd never _____ the stomach to be a pilot.

5 To meet the big deadline at the end of the week, we all need to keep our heads _____ and focus.

6 There's a job opportunity here that Vera would have liked. The deadline for applying was yesterday. She'll _____ herself when she finds out she's missed it.

7 I work for a small business. I'd love to start my own company one day, but I need to learn to walk before I can _____.

8 Can you lend me a _____, please? There are some files on the top shelf that I can't reach.

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Phrasal verbs

Complete the phrasal verbs in each sentence. The beginning of each word has been given to help you.

1 We've got a lot of work at the moment, and it won't **l**_____ **u**_____ until the end of the year.

2 Not everyone is **c**_____ **o**_____ for working from home. Many people like seeing their colleagues every day.

3 Don't **t**_____ yourself **u**_____ too much in a job interview. It's not good to show off.

4 I thought the deadline was on Tuesday, but it **t**_____ **o**_____ to be Monday.

5 I didn't want to work over the weekend, but my manager **t**_____ me **i**_____ it.

6 We took out a bank loan five years ago, and we'll have **p**_____ it **o**_____ by the end of next month.

7 My father **s**_____ **o**_____ selling fruit from a market stall, and now he has a chain of food stores.

8 Not everything in business depends on skill and intelligence. Sometimes success just **c**_____ **d**_____ to good luck.

9 I **c**_____ **o**_____ the document and found a lot of mistakes in it.

10 My boss is very precise. She **c**_____ **t**_____ all the details and statistics and just gives the essential information.

11 Never lie in your CV. If your employers ever **c**_____ you **o**_____, you'll be in big trouble.

12 I was offered a job with a high salary, but the long working hours **p**_____ me **o**_____ accepting it.

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Language focus

Gerunds and infinitives

Complete each gap with the correct form of the word in brackets.

1 There is an important meeting in Room 4C today; we have been asked not _____ (*go*) in.

2 _____ (*arrive*) late for a job interview shows poor professionalism.

3 I managed _____ (*attend*) today's meeting, but I was ten minutes late.

4 The manager's in a bad mood today. Everyone is afraid of _____ (*disturb*) her.

5 Can you talk to Paul _____ (*explain*) how the software works?

6 One way _____ (*deal*) with stressful job interviews is to try and mentally picture what is going to happen before you go in.

7 I'm a little busy with my schoolwork now, but I can _____ (*help*) you later.

8 I can't help _____ (*feel*) sorry for Janette. She worked so hard but didn't win the competition.

9 Can you let me _____ (*have*) George's email address, please?

10 Liam advised me _____ (*not / take*) up the job offer.

11 I recommend _____ (*have*) the chocolate cake. It's delicious.

12 I regret _____ (*inform*) you that the event has been cancelled.

Comparisons

Complete each sentence with the words in the box.

by close far great just like long much near slightly so such

1 Someone else got the contract, but apparently, we were a _____ second.

2 I hear we're getting a pay rise next year. Unfortunately, it's only going to be _____ more than what we already get.

3 I'm nothing _____ my neighbour. I'm serious and quiet, and he's the most talkative person in the neighbourhood.

4 Going to the city centre by bus is a _____ longer journey than cycling there, surprisingly.

5 The worst job I've ever had, by a _____ way, is the one I had working in a meat factory when I was a student.

6 For me, it's _____ as easy to work from home as it is from the office. I get the same amount of work done.

7 I was under a _____ deal more stress in my old job compared to my current one.

8 I probably spend _____ more time on social media than I should.

9 The house I have now is _____ far the best I've ever had.

10 I don't understand why she has nowhere _____ as much work as I do.

11 It's been a difficult year for most businesses. My company has never had _____ few orders.

12 I don't think the children have had _____ a busy week before.

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Reading and Use of English

Part 4 Key word transformation

For questions 1–6, 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 three and six words, including the word given. Write the missing words in CAPITAL LETTERS. Here is an example (0).

Example:

0 It isn't clear to me why I have to read every page of this report.

SEE

I *DON'T SEE THE POINT OF READING* every page of this report.

1 If I were you, I'd try applying for a number of jobs.

ADVANTAGE

It's ……. for more than one job at the same time.

2 Even though we have all worked hard, there has been no noticeable improvement.

BAD

Despite all our efforts, things are just ……. before.

3 David is the person who has shaped my life the most, to the extent that I named my son after him.

IMPACT

My friend David has had ……. my life that I named my son after him.

4 Things tend not to go to plan when you rush them.

GO

Things have a ……. planned when you rush them.

5 I've been doing this job for a far shorter length of time than William.

LONG

I haven't done this job for anywhere ……. William.

6 I've never worked with someone as reliable as Jack.

MOST

Jack is ……. person I've ever worked with.

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Reading and Use of English

Part 6 Cross-text multiple matching

You are going to read four reviews of a book on how to retire early. For questions 1–4, choose from the reviews A–D. The reviews may be chosen more than once.

A

Mike Riddell has written a compelling book about how to retire at the age of 33. For many of us, who seem to spend most of our waking lives (and a fair proportion of our unconscious lives, too) dealing with work pressures and worrying about paying the mortgage, an early retirement seems like a very welcome prospect. Indeed, Riddell makes it seem like the most wonderful plan ever, with his descriptions of whiling away warm summer afternoons in the south of France, tending his vegetables and having pleasant chats with his neighbours – all of whom seem to be ex-city traders who retired at a similarly young age. It does sound lovely. There is, however, a catch. Despite the promise offered by the book, it seemed that Riddell only managed to retire early because he already had a property in London, which he then rented out – no doubt for a sizeable fee – to afford his adventures in France. I dare say that if we were all lucky enough to own easily-rented-out properties in one of Europe's most expensive capitals, we could all afford a golden retirement. For most of us, however, it's back to work just so we can afford to pay the bills, whether we want to or not.

B

I don't tend to read books about retirement, being only 40 years old. But I must admit that I was intrigued at the possibility of being able to retire at the grand old age of 33. Apart from anything else, it seems I should have stopped working years ago! Mike Riddell's book is a great read, full of stories about how working as a banker in London was beginning to drain him of all his energy. This chimed with me greatly – not because I work in finance, but because I also quit a job when I was in my early 30s because of stress-related reasons. I wasn't able to retire, however, but I do now have a quieter job which admittedly is sometimes dull but is much better for my health. I did enjoy Riddell's descriptions of his life in the French countryside. I envy the fact that he can now spend as much time as he likes exploring the nearby villages and vineyards, making new friends, and essentially having a much better lifestyle. As a result of reading this book, I shall certainly be reconsidering my own escape options from the world of work.

C

A friend recommended Mike Riddell's new book *How to retire at 33* to me after I had been complaining about my job. This is an enjoyable book with plenty of details about Riddell's journey from London skyscrapers to a villa in the French countryside. However, despite my friend's good intentions, I'm not sure I will be following in Riddell's footsteps. Although I completely understand his wish to get away from the treadmill that is modern life, his notion of life in the countryside would bore me completely. Even if work can be stressful, I'm not sure I would want to swap it for the sheer tedium of living miles from the nearest town with only other English immigrants to talk to. Much as I would sometimes love to quit my current job, I have the feeling that if I ever retired at the age of 33 and went to live in the middle of nowhere like Riddell has done, I would age much more quickly than if I never left work!

D

It says a lot about Mike Riddell's supposed retirement that the first thing he did was go back to work and write a book about it. Perhaps a life without work isn't possible. We all need to have a purpose in life, after all. It's a pity that Riddell didn't have the career that he wanted when he was 33. But to say that he has now 'retired' is somewhat strange. All he has done is to simply replace one job (being a banker) with another (being a writer). Personally, I love my job and wouldn't want to retire, so the idea of giving it all up has little appeal. Also, I probably couldn't afford to do what Riddell has done. However, I'm glad that Riddell has found something that he genuinely seems to enjoy doing. However, perhaps the title for his book should not have been *How to retire at 33*. Instead, it should have been *How to get the job you really want*. That, I think, would have been a lot more useful.

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Which reviewer

has a different attitude to the others about the job he or she is doing?	1 ☐
shares reviewer A's opinion about Mike Riddell's descriptions of life in France?	2 ☐
expresses a similar view to reviewer D about stopping work?	3 ☐
did something similar to Mike Riddell?	4 ☐

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Listening

Part 2 Sentence completion

You will hear a man called Oliver Frensby talking about his career as a chef. For questions 1–8, complete the sentences with a word or short phrase.

CHEF OLIVER FRENSBY'S CULINARY JOURNEY

Oliver had plans to be **(1)** ..... when he was very young.

He began his career in a **(2)** ..... .

He blames working **(3)** ..... for pressure on his marriage.

Oliver believes the local people are **(4)** ..... of the restaurant.

Oliver's restaurant was a **(5)** ....., before he renovated it.

When he first saw the premises, it had **(6)** ..... all around it.

He says that his restaurant has a lack of **(7)** ..... due to its location.

After receiving criticism, he began buying produce from the local **(8)** ..... .

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Writing

Part 2 Formal email or letter

You see the following announcement:

Tour guides wanted
We are currently looking for local guides who can show the highlights of our city to visitors. We are especially interested in people who have an insider's knowledge of the local area and are enthusiastic about sharing it.
If you are 18 or older, please write to Ms Cathy Scheffler with details of your relevant work experience and why you think you might be suitable for the job. We would also like you to give details of some places in your local area that you consider to be special.

Write your email in 220–260 words in an appropriate style.

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Speaking

Part 4 Further discussion

You will be asked some of the following questions.

- Some people think we spend too much time working and too little time with family and friends. What is your opinion? Why? / Why not?
- What do you think is the most important thing to consider when choosing a job?
- To what extent is there a difference between the jobs that men can do and the jobs that women can do?
- Which jobs do you think will disappear in the next 20 years? Why?
- How does working from home affect the way people work? Why?
- At what age do you think people should retire? Why?

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