

## SECTION 1 (FCE format)

## PART 1

For questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

➔ Example: 0

(A) heading

B counting

C increasing

D progressing

## POPULATION FACTS

According to the United Nations' population figures, the world's population will be (0) heading for 8.9 billion by the year 2050, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to 6.7 billion in 2009. This figure (2) \_\_\_\_\_ into account that each woman on the planet will give birth to two children.

Eight billion, nine hundred million people may sound (3) \_\_\_\_\_ an astronomical figure, yet statistics (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that, throughout the world, the number of children being born is dropping. In Africa the birth rate has decreased from 6.6 to 5.1, in Asia from 5.1 to 2.6, in Latin America from 5.0 to 2.7 and with (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to the European countries, the birth rate is below the replacement level. This means fewer people being born for every elderly person. For instance, by 2050, Spain risks being the oldest country in the world. The explanation (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for this is the fact that women have become better educated and would rather (7) \_\_\_\_\_ a career than enjoy motherhood. Therefore, they (8) \_\_\_\_\_ bringing up many children and being out of work for long periods of time.

(9) \_\_\_\_\_, the world's population will continue to increase (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the ageing population. This will happen because of an overall rise in life expectancy, especially in the developed countries. The main reason for this is that many diseases which were fatal in the past, can be (11) \_\_\_\_\_ nowadays.

In view of these facts, experts argue that 8.9 billion people is more than our planet will be able to take. Others who have a more pessimistic outlook on life (12) \_\_\_\_\_ that we are already on the point of not being able to sustain the current population.

1	A combined	B unlike	C competed	D compared
2	A brings	B has	C takes	D gives
3	A as	B alike	C likewise	D like
4	A reveal	B give away	C describe	D speak out
5	A connection	B view	C relation	D respect
6	A given	B made	C supported	D told
7	A chase	B create	C pursue	D advance
8	A prevent	B omit	C avoid	D prohibit
9	A All the same	B After all	C All in all	D Once and for all
10	A whereas	B although	C even though	D in spite of
11	A healed	B cured	C defeated	D beaten
12	A warn	B accuse	C threaten	D advise

## PART 2

For questions 13-24, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

## FLOWER POWER

Flowers grow everywhere in the world but (0) when people think of tulips, they think of the Netherlands. The Dutch have a saying: "Flowers love people". (13) \_\_\_\_\_ this is true, then flowers really love the Dutch, as flowers have been cultivated in the Netherlands for hundreds of years. In fact, the flower industry has been (14) \_\_\_\_\_ profitable that it has been boosting the Dutch economy since the seventeenth century.

Recently, however, the Dutch flower growers have been (15) \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties in coping with the tough competition from abroad. The Colombians, for instance, have (16) \_\_\_\_\_ the Dutch by surprise. Their flowers are now (17) \_\_\_\_\_ demand all over the world (18) \_\_\_\_\_ to the simple fact that they are cheaper. Within a few short years, the Colombians have brought Holland's domination of the flower industry to an end. (19) \_\_\_\_\_ this fact, the Netherlands is still in control of over sixty per cent of the world's flower market.

In (20) \_\_\_\_\_ to help the Dutch growers, the European Commission has decided to promote the flower industry, as (21) \_\_\_\_\_ as the growers themselves are willing to cut costs and become more competitive. All this in the hope of making people buy more flowers than they used to. Today the average Dutchman buys 150 stems a year, (22) \_\_\_\_\_ the Germans buy 80 stems and the English only 50 stems. These numbers are constantly declining. (23) \_\_\_\_\_ this trend is reversed, many Dutch growers will soon be (24) \_\_\_\_\_ of business.





## PART 3

For questions 25-34, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

## DESERT ANIMALS

Deserts are not (0) *uninhabited* places as many people believe. Although the daytime air temperature may reach a(n) (25) \_\_\_\_\_ 58° C and the surface temperature 77° C, many animals live in these conditions. Their (26) \_\_\_\_\_, however, is (27) \_\_\_\_\_ on them being able to get the water they need. (28) \_\_\_\_\_ of desert animals has revealed a lot about the strategies they employ to achieve this. (29) \_\_\_\_\_ have found that beetles, for example, get their daily (30) \_\_\_\_\_ of water after waiting for the moisture from fog to condense on their bodies and drip down into their mouth. Larger desert animals have come up with another (31) \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem of finding a source of water. For example, (32) \_\_\_\_\_ like hares or rats get their supply by eating (33) \_\_\_\_\_ amounts of desert vegetation, which contains the water they require. However extreme the conditions may be, desert animals (34) \_\_\_\_\_ manage to obtain water.

INHABIT  
BEAR  
SURVIVE  
DEPEND  
OBSERVE  
RESEARCH  
REQUIRE

SOLVE  
CREATE  
CONSIDER  
SOME

## PART 4

For questions 35-42, 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 two and five words, including the word given. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- ➔ Example: 0 When I was younger, I played tennis every Sunday.  
used When I was younger, I *used to play* tennis every Sunday.
- 35 We took the ring road because we didn't want to get caught in traffic in the city centre.  
as We took the ring road \_\_\_\_\_ caught in traffic in the city centre.
- 36 "Why don't we participate in the game?" my friend said.  
part My friend suggested \_\_\_\_\_ the game.
- 37 By the look on their faces, you'd assume they had seen a ghost.  
though They looked \_\_\_\_\_ a ghost.
- 38 Although he smokes heavily, he refuses to go for a check-up.  
smoker Despite \_\_\_\_\_, he refuses to go for a check-up.
- 39 You might get lost and need to ring us, so take your mobile phone with you.  
in Take your mobile phone with you \_\_\_\_\_ and need to ring us.
- 40 They had better demolish that old building on Kensington Road.  
down It is \_\_\_\_\_ that old building on Kensington Road.
- 41 "Do you speak Spanish fluently, Vanessa?" he asked.  
whether He wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_ fluently.
- 42 Fortunately, the motorcyclist was wearing protective clothing, so he got away with minor injuries.  
injured The motorcyclist \_\_\_\_\_ had he not been wearing protective clothing.

## SECTION 2 (ECCE format)

## Grammar

Choose the correct answer.

- Suppose David \_\_\_\_\_ you to marry him, what would you do?  
a. asks                      b. will ask  
c. asked                    d. would ask
- It's time for the children \_\_\_\_\_ doing their homework.  
a. started                    b. had started  
c. to have started          d. to start
- "Have you heard the news? Our neighbour has been arrested \_\_\_\_\_ forgery."  
a. on                          b. of  
c. for                          d. from
- I would rather he \_\_\_\_\_ to me yesterday.  
a. didn't lie                  b. hadn't lied  
c. hasn't lied                d. couldn't lie
- \_\_\_\_\_ how boring this course was going to be, I wouldn't have enrolled.  
a. If had I known          b. If I knew  
c. Had I known             d. Did I know
- \_\_\_\_\_ being seriously injured in the car accident, the man managed to survive.  
a. Although                  b. Though  
c. In spite                    d. Despite
- We'd better \_\_\_\_\_ the car before Dad returns home.  
a. repair                      b. to repair  
c. have repaired            d. to have repaired
- Jonathan \_\_\_\_\_ reveal his secret to anyone.  
a. told to me not            b. told me to not  
c. told me not to            d. told me to don't
- Wayne complained about the room \_\_\_\_\_ too dark.  
a. was                        b. had been  
c. be                          d. being
- The bank manager forbade the employees \_\_\_\_\_ in the building.  
a. of smoking                b. of smoke  
c. to smoke                  d. smoking

## Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer.

- Alex is \_\_\_\_\_ of his brother's success. He always says unkind things about him.  
a. envious                    b. suspicious  
c. annoyed                    d. disgusted
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of this new drug is not known yet, as it's still in the trial process.  
a. result                      b. consequence  
c. effect                        d. affect
- "Which dress should I buy? The blue or the red one?"  
"Well, I think the blue one \_\_\_\_\_ you better".  
a. compares                  b. matches  
c. suits                         d. combines
- We have had security locks installed on all doors and windows to \_\_\_\_\_ burglars from entering.  
a. prevent                    b. forbid  
c. prohibit                    d. avoid
- I would like everyone to \_\_\_\_\_ quiet while I'm reading to you.  
a. maintain                  b. remain  
c. tolerate                    d. notice
- We delayed our departure on \_\_\_\_\_ of the bad weather.  
a. relation                    b. order  
c. account                    d. condition
- The moment the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the exam papers, I was filled with anxiety.  
a. gave away                b. handed over  
c. handed down              d. gave out
- According to police reports, crime has \_\_\_\_\_ in our city.  
a. advanced                  b. developed  
c. progressed                d. increased
- The defendant tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the jury of his innocence.  
a. convince                  b. urge  
c. appeal                      d. oblige
- It took Steve three weeks to \_\_\_\_\_ from his illness and return home from the hospital.  
a. heal                        b. recover  
c. cure                         d. overcome