

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 far B individual C remote D separate

PAST MEMORIES

I was raised on a farm in a(n) (0) remote village in the 1950s. The winter months were endless and everything was covered in snow. I was always (1) _____ for the warmer weather to come.

When spring (2) _____, everything came alive - flowers would bloom and the animals would come out of hibernation. I'd follow the bear tracks and search for them. Once, however, I (3) _____ an angry mother bear who saw me (4) _____ a threat. (5) _____ the sight of the bear I did what my father had told me. I stood still until she stopped growling and walked away. The trick was effective, but looking back now, I realise that the situation was (6) _____ more serious than I thought at the time.

By the age of twelve, I had lots of camping (7) _____, as I used to go camping with my dog on my school holidays. We would spend days (8) _____ the forest, catching fish for dinner, (9) _____ at the frogs and the (10) _____ of birds and the insects hopping up and down on the surface of the water.

Of course, this was possible only during the warm months. When autumn came, everything went quiet, which was quite (11) _____ in those parts. It wasn't long (12) _____ the animals disappeared, the birds flew south and the snow took over. The place became deserted once again.

1	A keen	B eager	C willing	D enthusiastic
2	A approached	B reached	C appeared	D arrived
3	A dealt with	B came across	C reached	D found out
4	A like	B as	C same as	D such as
5	A In	B By	C At	D On
6	A very	B quite	C so	D far
7	A qualifications	B skills	C qualities	D experience
8	A exploring	B detecting	C researching	D investigating
9	A looking	B noticing	C watching	D observing
10	A swarms	B bunches	C flocks	D sets
11	A ordinary	B usual	C familiar	D regular
12	A until	B after	C since	D before

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. There is an example at the beginning (0).



BALLOONING

Nowadays the (0) most common balloon flights are usually for pleasure or sport, but did you know that ballooning began (13) _____ a science in the 18th century?

It all started in 1783, (14) _____ the Montgolfier brothers were looking (15) _____ the properties of smoke. What (16) _____ their attention was the fact that smoke could make things rise. They experimented for a year or so (17) _____ they were ready to show their invention to everyone. On their first attempt, they filled a silk bag (18) _____ hot air from a fire. The balloon rose more than 1.5 km into the (19) _____. Five months later, in November 1783, history was made once more when the first flight carrying passengers left the ground. The volunteers took off from Paris and remained in the air for over twenty minutes.

Soon afterwards, scientists all over Europe became interested (20) _____ the potential of ballooning, and it wasn't long before the activity became very popular. (21) _____ of enthusiastic fans also experimented with ballooning and contributed to its development. In the 19th century, gas balloons were used for many (22) _____ purposes, the most important one being polar exploration.

In the twentieth century, hot-air ballooning was re-introduced, due to a much improved propane burner. This has (23) _____ responsible for a whole new generation becoming interested in ballooning either for scientific (24) _____ sporting reasons.



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).

SKATEBOARDING

In the early 1960s, a new craze swept through the (0) coastal cities of the United States. Being (25) _____ fit, the surfers wanted some fun while the surf was low. That's when an (26) _____ new pastime called skateboarding was born. The skateboard was (27) _____ developed by attaching a plank of wood to roller-skates. However, skateboarding has undergone (28) _____ changes since then. (29) _____ skateboarders now use plastic and fibreglass, which make the boards more durable and flexible. Nowadays, skateboarders spend (30) _____ hours performing tricks and stunts many of which are (31) _____, so experts (32) _____ skateboarders to wear protective gear such as helmets and elbow and knee pads, especially if they are not (33) _____. A skateboarder goes through many falls before becoming proficient, so it is (34) _____ to take precautions against accidents.

- COAST
- PHYSICS
- ENERGY
- ORIGIN
- DRAMA
- PROFESSION
- END
- DANGER
- ADVICE
- SKILL
- SENSE

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 How long have you been living in your new house?
moved How long is it _____ your new house?

36 The police questioned all the eye-witnesses but they didn't find anyone capable of describing what exactly had happened.
none The police questioned all the eye-witnesses, _____ of describing what exactly had happened.

37 His computer game addiction is getting worse.
and He is getting _____ computer games.

38 She went out after finishing the housework.
until She didn't go out _____ the housework.

39 I heard that neither of the defendants was found guilty in yesterday's trial.
innocent I heard that _____ in yesterday's trial.

40 John feels he doesn't share many interests with his new penfriend.
little John feels he _____ his new penfriend.

41 The shop where he works is in the city centre.
which The shop _____ is in the city centre.

42 He is the most talented player in the team.
as None of the players in the team _____ he is.

SECTION 2 (ECCE format)

Grammar

Choose the correct answer.

1. By the end of next week, I _____ my project.
 - a. will finish
 - b. will have finished
 - c. will be finished
 - d. am finishing
2. This author, _____ is very popular, has published a new book.
 - a. that
 - b. who
 - c. whom
 - d. which
3. Everybody _____ Mr. Jones. He is a respectable member of our community.
 - a. looks up to
 - b. looks up
 - c. looks down on
 - d. looks over
4. I've seen two of his movies but _____ of them was very interesting.
 - a. either
 - b. neither
 - c. none
 - d. both
5. My parents _____ here since 1980.
 - a. are living
 - b. have been living
 - c. live
 - d. were living
6. Two masked men held _____ a bank downtown yesterday.
 - a. on
 - b. off
 - c. out
 - d. up
7. The more you exercise, _____ you get.
 - a. the fitter
 - b. the more fitter
 - c. the most fittest
 - d. the fittest
8. I found very _____ mistakes in your composition.
 - a. little
 - b. few
 - c. more
 - d. much
9. Everybody congratulated Mary _____ her good exam results.
 - a. for
 - b. in
 - c. on
 - d. of
10. He said that he will rent a bigger house when he _____ a new job.
 - a. will get
 - b. is getting
 - c. gets
 - d. will be getting

Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer.

1. The businessman owes his _____ to his excellent public relations.
 - a. success
 - b. ambition
 - c. challenge
 - d. goal
2. What we had in _____ was an interest in stamp collecting.
 - a. sight
 - b. progress
 - c. common
 - d. private
3. If any problems _____, don't hesitate to contact me.
 - a. rise
 - b. arise
 - c. raise
 - d. lift
4. All the _____ in the stadium applauded the winner of the marathon when he crossed the finish line.
 - a. viewers
 - b. audience
 - c. onlookers
 - d. spectators
5. Parents always say how quickly their children _____ and become adults.
 - a. bring up
 - b. rise
 - c. raise
 - d. grow up
6. During the gold rush, many settlers travelled to California _____ of gold.
 - a. in search
 - b. in charge
 - c. at the sight
 - d. at random
7. After the operation, the patient was _____ to another hospital.
 - a. transported
 - b. transmitted
 - c. transferred
 - d. travelled
8. It is Fay's _____ to do well in her exams so that she can study Psychology.
 - a. challenge
 - b. intention
 - c. qualification
 - d. skill
9. While on vacation in Finland, John went on a(n) _____ of Lapland, the northern part of the country.
 - a. expedition
 - b. tour
 - c. excursion
 - d. voyage
10. Christine has a _____ of running ten kilometres per day.
 - a. trend
 - b. custom
 - c. habit
 - d. fashion