

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.

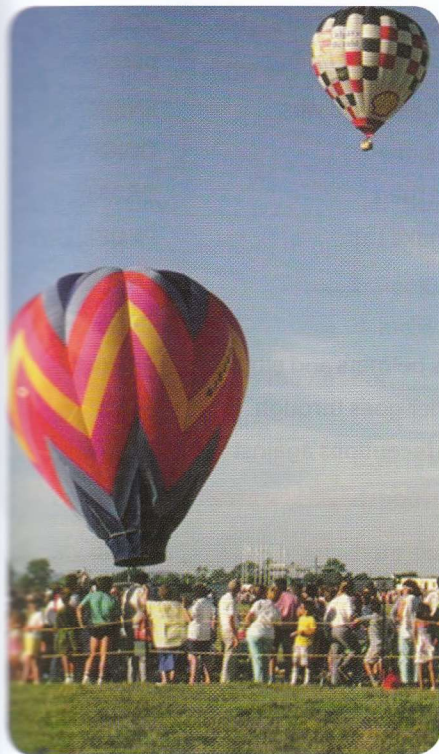
Of course, this was possible only during the warm months. When autumn came, everything went quiet, which was quite (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in those parts. It wasn't long (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the animals disappeared, the birds flew south and the snow took over. The place became deserted once again.

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.

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

## Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer.

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