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Example ESL English Test - Level C1 Advanced

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C1 MOCK EXAMINATION - Use of English and Reading Sections

SECTION I

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. I'm looking for a new job so I \_\_\_\_\_ out a lot of CVs.  
a) was sending  
b) will have sent  
c) have been sending  
d) have been sent
2. The first European visitors to North America \_\_\_\_\_ the Vikings.  
a) are thought to have been  
b) are thinking to be  
c) will have thought to being  
d) will have thought of been
3. I had no idea you were still waiting; I \_\_\_\_\_ into your problem immediately.  
a) am looking  
b) will look  
c) will have looked  
d) am going to be looking
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ some research but not nearly enough before the conference began.  
a) would have done  
b) should do  
c) had done  
d) used to do
5. If she hadn't moved down to Nashville, she \_\_\_\_\_ a singing star today.  
a) wouldn't be  
b) will have been  
c) should have been  
d) will be
6. His teachers never guessed he \_\_\_\_\_ a Pulitzer prize winning author.  
a) should become  
b) has become  
c) will become  
d) would become
7. Why is this television on? I \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ for your test tomorrow!  
a) would think ...were studied  
b) think ...are going to study  
c) thought .... were studying  
d) was thinking ... studied

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8. No sooner \_\_\_\_ than the telephone rang.
- a) had she sat down
  - b) she was sitting down
  - c) has she sat down
  - d) she used to sit down
9. By the time we know the suspect's name he \_\_\_\_ the country.
- a) must be leaving
  - b) will have left
  - c) is leaving
  - d) has left
10. If you \_\_\_\_ to India, the culture shock would be enormous.
- a) can move
  - b) had been moving
  - c) will move
  - d) were to move

## SECTION 2

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ALTERNATIVE TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

1. They \_\_\_\_ across the river; the currents were much too strong.
- a) could swim
  - b) must have swum
  - c) can't have swum
  - d) might have been swimming
2. We'll give you what you want as long as your demands are within \_\_\_\_
- a) offer
  - b) reason
  - c) knowledge
  - d) backing
3. Many people have risen to greatness \_\_\_\_ having physical handicaps.
- a) consequently
  - b) in spite of
  - c) even since
  - d) rather than
4. I tried \_\_\_\_ him, but I was too late to catch him before he left.
- a) to be warned
  - b) warning
  - c) to warn
  - d) that I warned
5. Since he became president, serious work has \_\_\_\_ to showing off his new power.
- a) sitting in the shade
  - b) been sitting the driver's seat
  - c) taken a back seat
  - d) driven a hard bargain

6. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ that this never happens again.
- a) ensure
  - b) assure
  - c) insure
  - d) ashore
7. His down-to-\_\_\_\_\_ manner made him popular with the common people throughout the country.
- a) hand
  - b) earth
  - c) words
  - d) truth
8. Has it ever \_\_\_\_\_ you that maybe they're not telling the truth?
- a) turned to
  - b) fallen about
  - c) jumped at
  - d) dawned on
9. Terrence would be perfect as Hamlet! The role \_\_\_\_\_ him like a glove.
- a) fits
  - b) wears
  - c) covers
  - d) slips
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of prolonged space travel are still not known.
- a) affects
  - b) effective
  - c) effects
  - d) infects

## SECTION 3

COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE SO THAT IT MEANS THE SAME AS THE ORIGINAL.

1. Stanley held in what he felt for Marian and she never knew that he loved her.  
Stanley \_\_\_\_\_ up what he felt for Marian and she never knew that he loved her.
2. Darren stopped at the pub on his way home from work and arrived late for the dinner party.  
If Darren \_\_\_\_\_ at the pub on his way home from work, he \_\_\_\_\_ late for the dinner party.
3. I work all the time but it seems I earn less money.  
The more \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ I seem to earn.
4. We need a technician to come and put our computers in order.  
We need to have \_\_\_\_\_ by a technician.
5. If the company is to survive, it will have to expand.  
The company won't survive if \_\_\_\_\_ out.
6. "I'm very sorry about spilling olive oil on the new carpet, said Charles.  
Charles apologised \_\_\_\_\_ olive oil on the new carpet.

7. It is absolutely essential that you do not fall asleep during your shift.  
Under no circumstances \_\_\_\_\_ asleep during your shift.
8. She regrets leaving her true love for a business career in America.  
She wishes \_\_\_\_\_ her true love for a business career in America.
9. The protestors decided to risk it and go towards the presidential palace.  
The protestors decided to risk and \_\_\_\_\_ for the presidential palace.
10. We're very sorry but Mr. Livingston is in no condition to hold a press conference at the moment.  
We're very sorry but Mr. Livingston doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ to holding a press conference at the moment.

#### SECTION 4

FILL THE GAPS WITH WORDS FORMED FROM THE 'ROOT' WORDS BELOW. USE EACH WORD ONCE.

SPECIAL  
PARTICIPATE

NORMAL  
CONTINUE

RESTRICT  
OBSESS

ORGANISE  
EXCITE

POWER  
FREQUENT

#### Internet Gambling Causes Addiction

Researchers believe that Internet gamblers may be more likely to have a serious gambling problem than other gamblers. The study warns that the 1..... growth of the Internet has created more on-line betting opportunities and increased the risk of more people suffering from health and emotional difficulties associated with compulsive gambling. The most common forms of gambling practised by the 2..... in the study were lottery (89%), slot machines (82%) and scratch tickets (79%).

Although internet gambling was the least common gambling activity that the study encountered, it found that a majority of those with internet gambling experience had the most serious problems with addiction.

Paul Bellringer, the director of a UK 3.....dealing with the social impact of gambling, agreed that the Internet created a threat. "We recognise that internet gambling has the potential to increase the 4..... of problem gambling. It is relatively easily for people to get hooked on a hard gambling activity which is repeated 5....."

Mr Bellringer said that, as with other forms of gambling, young people were 6..... vulnerable. It is estimated that people under the age of 25 are up to three times more likely to become problem gamblers. Mr Bellringer went on to say: "At a certain point problem gamblers stop doing it for entertainment value or to win something. They simply want the gambling activity to last for as long as possible because it makes them feel 7..... They get 8..... from it and it helps them to escape from daily reality."

A growing number of organisations are trying to help 9..... gamblers. Nigel Payne, CEO of an internet gambling firm, said his company operates a database structure which enables it to track the behaviour of each client. This allows the company to watch closely for any signs of 10..... behaviour or excessive spending. In addition, measures are created to restrict the amount of money a customer can deposit and win. Mr Payne said: "Properly regulated and controlled internet gambling is far better for a person than other forms of gambling."

**SECTION 5**

**READ THE PASSAGE AND CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION.**

Ministers want to turn Britain into a nation of readers - with the help of television. Soap operas such as EastEnders, Coronation Street and Brookside will be used to promote the idea that reading is both essential and fun.

Everyone, from nine-month-old babies to 80-year-old pensioners, will be invited to take part in the National Year of Reading, which David Blunkett, Secretary of State for Education, launched yesterday. He said, "This is a campaign for everyone. It aims to encourage children, parents, grandparents and friends to read and it is also about getting volunteers prepared to give a little time as teachers, both in and out of school."

Mr. Blunkett said his own interest in reading had begun with simple children's stories that would be considered politically incorrect by today's standards. He said he had enjoyed reading Jack London's White Fang and Call of the Wild. "The books were inspirational. I loved the way the writer portrayed the best and most cruel elements of nature." Mr. Blunkett announced an extra £24m to pay for book tokens for every school. Nearly £60m will be spent on a new daily 'literacy hour' in primary schools. A £1.8m television advertising campaign to encourage adults to read to children has also begun.

The need for a National Year of Reading is obvious, say ministers. In a recent survey Britain came third from the bottom in a literacy table of eight industrialised nations. According to the Office for National Statistics, 8.4 million Britons of working age (22 per cent) are incapable of comparing two pieces of information and one in four adults has very poor literacy standards. Moreover, nearly 40 per cent of 11-year-olds are not reaching the expected standard in national tests in English. Particular efforts will be made to help boys, who lag behind girls in English throughout their school careers.

Parents will be able to obtain a free booklet of advice on how they can help their children to read by calling a free-phone number. Every baby will get a free book as part of a £6m project funded by the supermarket Sainsbury's, in partnership with the charity Book Trust. The company is giving away 1 million books in a new national Bookstart programme.

In a pilot project begun six years ago with 300 Birmingham families, babies were given free books at their nine-month health check. Their literacy had benefited by the time they started school. Two years after receiving the books they were three times more likely to be interested in reading than those who had not taken part in the project.

Other projects will aim at influencing young adults. One will promote cult novels for 16-to-25-year-olds. Estelle Morris, the school-standards minister, said the improvement of literacy could not all be left to schools. "We need a culture change to make sure this country values reading in a way it has not done for many, many years."

John Dunford, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, said the money was welcome and he expected schools would spend most of it on fiction for their libraries, which had been depleted by recent budget cuts. With discounts, that would mean about 200 new books for each school. "The challenge is to get children reading books in this age of computer games and wall-to-wall television. It would truly be a tragedy for Britain to lose the love of reading."

Mr. Blunkett said he would judge the success of the year by the change in attitudes to reading. This might be measured by the number of books borrowed from libraries or sold in shops. Book sales had already risen since the Government began to highlight literacy problems, he added.

1. The initiative to encourage reading will \_\_\_\_
  - a) depend mostly on corporate funding
  - b) make it obligatory to read to children
  - c) make use of popular television programmes
  - d) all of the above
  
2. The initiative is aimed at \_\_\_\_
  - a) the entire population
  - b) illiterate adults
  - c) pre-school children
  - d) secondary school males
  
3. Mr. Blunkett's interest in reading \_\_\_\_
  - a) developed very late
  - b) was greatly inspired by Jack London
  - c) was politically incorrect
  - d) tries to avoid political correctness
  
4. Primary schools will introduce \_\_\_\_
  - a) television programmes inspired by books
  - b) volunteer teachers to read to children
  - c) a daily literacy hour
  - d) national reading tests
  
5. Which statement is correct?
  - a) Britain has one of the highest literacy rates among industrialised nations.
  - b) Mostly adult Britons have reading problems.
  - c) Boys are generally better readers than girls.
  - d) 25% of Britons have low literacy levels.
  
6. Which statement is correct?
  - a) A charity Book Trust is going to sell books in Sainsbury's.
  - b) Sainsbury's is going to give away six million books.
  - c) Sainsbury's and the Book Trust are going to give everyone a free book.
  - d) Advice on how to encourage children's reading is available at no cost to parents.
  
7. The babies who were given free books \_\_\_\_
  - a) began to speak earlier than other babies
  - b) were more likely to enjoy reading
  - c) tended to begin school earlier
  - d) had done better than other babies on their health check
  
8. Estelle Morris believes \_\_\_\_
  - a) schools cannot do all the work to improve reading
  - b) using television is a mistake
  - c) children read better than adults
  - d) the government should do most of the work to improve reading

9. Which statement is correct?
- a) School libraries are much better than in the past.
  - b) John Dunford reads over 200 books a year.
  - c) John Dunford believes modern technology often hinders reading.
  - d) Schools are receiving most of their funding from libraries.
10. The success of the programme will be judged on \_\_\_\_
- a) the number of students that become authors
  - b) how many books are sold in book stores
  - c) changes in attitudes to reading
  - d) national test results in English

Now check your answers against the answer sheet!

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