

C2 USE OF ENGLISH PAPER

SAMPLE PAPER

IMPORTANT

- You have **60 minutes** to complete the five tasks.
- Write all your answers on the **answer sheet** provided.
- Complete the information at the top of the answer sheet (**DNI, date**).
- Use **black or blue ink**. Do not use pencil.
- Give **all your papers** to the invigilator at the end of the exam.

Exercise 1. OPEN CLOZE: Read the following passage about the ancient Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun. Eight words (1-8) have been removed from the text. Replace each of the missing eight words by writing **ONE WORD ONLY** in each of the spaces available on your **ANSWER SHEET**. The first (0) has been given as an example.

Tutankhamun

Tutankhamun, the 11th pharaoh of the 18th dynasty of Ancient Egypt is famous due to the discovery of his completely intact tomb by the British archaeologist Howard Carter in 1922.

The discovery of Tutankhamun's mummy revealed that he was about 17 when he died and was likely to have **(0) ascended** the throne at the age of eight or nine. He is thought to have been the son of Akhenaten, who was commonly known as the 'heretic king'. Akhenaten replaced the traditional cult of 'Amun' with his solar deity 'Aten', thus asserting his **(1) _____** as pharaoh in a new way.

(2) _____ to the most important document of Tutankhamun's reign, the Restoration Stela, his father's supposed reforms left the country in a bad state. **(3) _____**, the traditional gods, seeing their temples in ruins and their cults abolished, had abandoned Egypt to chaos. When Tutankhamun came to the throne, his administration restored the old religion and moved the capital from Akhetaten **(4) _____** to its traditional home at Memphis. He changed his name from Tutankhaten - 'living image of Aten [the sun god]' - to Tutankhamun, in honour of Amun. His queen, Ankhesenpaaten, the third daughter of Akhenaten and Nefertiti, also changed the name on her throne to read Ankhesenamun.

Although the reign of Tutankhamun is often thought to have little historical importance, his monuments tell a different story. He began repairing the damage inflicted upon the temples of Amun **(5) _____** Akhenaten's iconoclastic reign. He constructed his tomb in the Valley of the Kings, near **(6) _____** of Amenophis III, and one colossal statue still survives of the mortuary temple he began to build at Medinet Habu. He also continued construction at the temple of Karnak and finished the second of a **(7) _____** of red granite lions at Soleb.

(8) _____ still surrounds his death. He may have been assassinated, or died as the result of an injury received while hunting.

Source: bbc.co.uk

Exercise 2. MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE: Read the following passage about weddings. Eight words (9-16) have been removed from the text. Replace each of the missing eight words by putting one of the three multiple choice options (a, b, or c) in each of the spaces available on your **ANSWER SHEET**. The first (0) has been given as an example.

Off-season Weddings

It is very likely that you've seen this invitation before: the nuptials in Florida in August or the bridal procession in Maine in January. And though there was always a Crazy Pete in your life who wanted to bomb down the ski **(0) C** after saying "I do" atop an icy Vermont peak in February, Crazy Pete seems to have become far more the norm than the outlier.

Quirky destinations have come into **(9) _____** in recent years, said Diane Gottsman, etiquette expert and founder of the Protocol School of Texas. **(10) _____** your budget is as endlessly elastic as those of the teenagers seen on MTV's "My Super Sweet 16," why compete for space and vendors in the popular month of May if you're more **(11) _____** to score a coveted location at a discount in the off-season?

There are reasons why certain **(12) _____** — particularly popular destinations in the Caribbean, Central America or north of the border — are cheaper to book off-season. Poor weather ranks chief **(13) _____** the downsides. And not everyone is pleased to get that invitation to travel to an out-of-the-way spot on a less-than-ideal date.

Although it's prudent to consider costs," Ms. Gottsman said, she also advises that you be **(14) _____** of your guests and not choose a supremely inconvenient location or season. "You have to be **(15) _____** if even your close friends or family decline," she said. Off-season weddings also require more planning, she advised. You'll need "a Plan A, Plan B and Plan C," she said. "If it is **(16) _____** horrific weather, you have to be prepared — and not just for the ceremony. What about activities that guests can do? Get in touch with a local planner. A lot of times during off-season, there are less things open."

Source: nytimes.com

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| (0) a) resort | b) station | c) slope |
| (9) a) trend | b) vogue | c) fashionable |
| (10) a) Although | b) Except | c) Unless |
| (11) a) likely | b) prone | c) willing |
| (12) a) dwellings | b) grounds | c) venues |
| (13) a) among | b) between | c) along |
| (14) a) aware | b) mindful | c) considerate |
| (15) a) discreet | b) understanding | c) comprehensive |
| (16) a) highly | b) hugely | c) truly |

Exercise 3. KEY WORD SENTENCE TRANSFORMATIONS: For questions **17-24**, rewrite each of the following sentences using the word in **BOLD**, so that your new sentence has the same or a similar meaning. **DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD IN BOLD IN ANY WAY.** You can use a minimum of **3** and a maximum of **6** words for each space. **REMEMBER:** contractions (didn't, won't, etc.) count as **2** words. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. The first (0) has been given as an example.

(0) The performance was not as good as I had anticipated.

EXPECTATIONS

The performance did not meet my expectations.

(17) Nothing you say will make me change my decision regarding my resignation.

MIND

As far as my resignation is concerned, my _____.

(18) We would have arrived home by now if we hadn't missed the train.

NOT

Had _____ we would have arrived home by now.

(19) I used to feel completely exhausted after teaching for six hours.

LEAVE

Six hours _____ completely exhausted.

(20) Charles is much more adventurous than his father was.

NEARLY

Charles' father _____ as Charles is.

(20) The damage to the car was so bad that it couldn't be repaired.

TOO

The car was _____ repaired.

(21) Marian's marriage is falling apart and she must come to terms with it.

FACE

Marian has _____ her marriage is falling apart.

(22) I had no problems at all during my trip to Turkey.

PLAN

Everything _____ during my trip to Turkey.

(21) I just assumed that Alan would be invited to the wedding.

GRANTED

I _____ that Alan would be invited to the wedding.

Exercise 4. WORD BUILDING: In the following three texts a total of eight words (25-32) have been omitted. In each case **use the word given at the end of the line to form a new word which fits into the space. Write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.** The first space (0) has been completed as an example.

When Did People Transition to Mass Food Production?

It is not easy to place a **(0) universal** time or location on the transition from daily subsistence to commercial intercourse between specialists, but as a general rule it evolved with the enlargement of social **(25)** _____ from little hunting bands to permanent agricultural communities and later, towns and cities. By their very nature these communities **(26)** _____ everyone from scouring the countryside for meat and wild **(27)** _____ flora, while encouraging various members of the community who demonstrated individual talents in farming or craftsmanship to focus on their fortes—to the mutual benefit of everyone in the community.

- 0 universe**
- 25 gather**
- 26 courage**
- 27 eat**

The Leaning Tower of Pisa

Pick any day in the Piazza del Duomo in the Italian city of Pisa, and you will **(28)** _____ spot a bunch of tourists posing for the same photo: hands outstretched towards the cathedral's conspicuously **(29)** _____ bell tower, as if they are supporting it with their sheer strength. The **(30)** _____ Leaning Tower of Pisa is one of the most famous buildings in the world, although maybe not for the reasons its original architects would have wanted.

- 28 doubt**
- 29 tilt**
- 30 call**

Moby Dick

While the gigantic, murderous white whale in Herman Melville's classic novel was a fictional creation, the author did draw inspiration from **(31)** _____ whaling horror stories—and an actual albino sperm whale named "Mocha Dick"—to paint his indelible portrait. In addition to **(32)** _____ whaling experience (he sailed on a voyage to the Pacific in 1841), Melville also read widely, including many contemporary accounts of whaling voyages. In writing "Moby Dick," he skillfully wove his own experiences in with these accounts, creating one of the most complex and compelling narratives in American literature.

- 31 life**
- 32 first**

Exercise 5. MULTIPLE CHOICE VOCABULARY: For questions 39-48 choose the best option (a, b, or c) to complete the sentences. **Write your answers on the separate Answer Sheet.** The first one (0) has been done as an example.

(0) That's an elegant outfit you're wearing today. It's really very _____.

- a) sly **b) smart** c) smug

(33) My brother is an artist and although he doesn't make a lot of money, he _____.

- a) gets by b) catches on c) keeps up

(34) Wendy is progressing very well and has a(n) _____ future as a musician.

- a) enriching b) promising c) upcoming

(35) It never even _____ Simon's mind that what he was doing was illegal.

- a) struck b) skipped c) crossed

(36) There were no _____ as a result of the accident.

- a) slain b) wounded c) casualties

(37) Jane _____ an old boyfriend when she went to a local blues festival.

- a) met up b) dropped by c) bumped into

(38) If you insist on _____ when you speak, nobody will ever be able to understand you.

- a) rumbling b) mumbling c) stumbling

(39) In _____ of recent events, it was a wise decision to cancel our holiday.

- a) sight b) response c) light

(40) My new pair of jeans _____ in the wash and now they are too small for me.

- a) shrank b) faded c) soaked