

Use of English

Time: 45 minutes

Task 1

For questions 1-10 fill in the gaps with the correct words. Use only one word for each gap. The first sentence is done for you as the example.

REVISING FOR EXAMS

Apply good study **0** *from* the beginning of your course, rather than seek magical solutions **00** *before* the exam. Ideally every evening you should read through the notes you made that day, improving them and (1) _____ sure they are useful. In this way, essential information will be committed (2) _____ your long-term memory and will be readily recalled, even under stressful exam conditions. (3) _____ the long run this will help you to avoid last-minute cramming, (4) _____ is seldom useful.

When your teacher gives you practice exams to do in class time, enter into these wholeheartedly. They won't (5) _____ you any harm, on the contrary, they will help you to assess your progress. Afterwards take note (6) _____ the feedback you receive, pinpoint the mistakes you made. Did you include too little information, misread the questions, (7) _____ out of time?

Sometimes exams are failed not because (8) _____ too little work. Often the brightest students work too hard at revision and worry unnecessary. If you are nervous, then (9) _____ all means carry on gentle revision until the last moment: you can start worrying, if you have too much time on your hands. But be sure not to go into the exam room tired (10) _____ overwork.

Task 2

For questions 11-15, think of **one word only** which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. Here is an example:

- A) Could you do me a _____ and hold the door open while I bring in the shopping?
B) All those in _____ of the proposal please raise your hand.
C) After being out of fashion for years the painter is now in _____ with the critics.

Example: FAVOUR

11. A) I was sitting at the next table to them so I couldn't _____ overhearing their conversation.
B) My financial situation is pretty bad anyway, so this unexpected bill doesn't exactly _____.
C) I wish you wouldn't _____ yourself to my CDs without asking me first.

12. A) They ___ to lose a lot of money if they are forced to close down their business.
B) He has treated me very badly for a long time and I think the time has come for me to ___ up to him.
C) Rose is very selfish and she can't ___ it when she doesn't get her own way.
13. A) I know you are very upset now but I'm sure the feeling will ___ soon.
B) His comment was so rude that I couldn't let it ___ without telling him that I thought he shouldn't have said it.
C) Luckily she managed to ___ the test.
14. A) Helen is always gossiping about other people – I wish she'd ___ her own business.
B) ___ your head when you go through the doorway, it's rather low for someone tall.
C) I've had enough from John. I'm going to give him a piece of my _____.
15. A) I bought my nephew a toy clock because he's just learning to ___ the time.
B) I expect the boss is going to ___ me off for not getting my work done on time.
C) Mary and her sister look so alike that I simply can't ___ them apart.

Task 3

For questions 16-23, read the following informal note you have received from a friend and use the information to complete the numbered gaps in the formal notice. Then write the new words in the correct spaces on your answer sheet. **Use one word for each gap. The number of letters in the words is given. Also some letters are given.** There is an example (0) at the beginning. The words you need **do not occur** in the informal note.

Example: 0. l i m i t

INFORMAL NOTE

Jack,

I've got that information you asked me to get about the Young Person's Railcards. First of all, they are for people under 26. It seems that you can only buy one up to March 17th. It looks like a pretty good deal to me because it only costs £35 and you get a lot for that. The cards allow you to travel anywhere you want for six months and they also let you pay less at some hotels and restaurants.

You can only get them at the Student Travel Office in Piccadilly and you have to go and get one yourself and you have to prove your age and that you're doing a full-time course. You fill in the form at the office and you have to give them a passport-sized photograph.

It's really a good offer and I think you should encourage any of the students who can do so to get one before it's too late.

Glenn

FORMAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

THE YOUNG PERSON'S RAILCARD

The Young Person's Railcards have the age (0) i of 26. The Railcards are only (16) a until 17th March and we advise you to get one because it is very good (17) e for money. The cards (18) p you unlimited travel for six months and they also (19) e t you to price reductions at certain hotels and restaurants.

The cards are (20) b n only from the Student Travel Office in Piccadilly and you must (21) c t the card personally and you will need to take proof of your age. You will also need to prove that you are in full-time study. At the office, you fill in an application form and (22) r i d a passport-sized photograph.

The card is highly recommended, so if you are (23) e ! b for one, remember that you should not hesitate to buy it.

Task 4

In the table below there are quotations from famous people. **For questions 24-30**, match the beginning of the quotation from column A with its corresponding ending from column B. These are 4 extra endings which do not correspond to any quotation.

The (0) has been done for you as the example.

Example: 0. L

A	B
0. Good taste is better than bad taste,	A. who may get to be a boss and work twelve hours a day. <i>Robert Frost</i>
24. They know enough	B. you've understood all your life, but in a new way. <i>Doris Lessing</i>
25. Education is what survives when	C. who know how to learn. <i>Henry Brooks Adam</i>
26. That is what learning is. You suddenly understand something	D. and is essential for human happiness. <i>Galen</i>
27. It is true nature of mankind	E. what we are. <i>Claude-Adrien Helvitius</i>
28. Pennies do not come from heaven. They	F. what has been learnt has been forgotten. <i>B.F. Skinner</i>
29. The battle of Waterloo	G. to learn from mistakes not from example. <i>Fred Hoyle.</i>
30. Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid	H. can pay others to do for one. <i>W. Somerset Maugham.</i>
	I. have to be earned here on earth. <i>Margaret Thatcher</i>
	J. was won on the playing fields of Eton. <i>Duke of Wellington</i>
	K. only of standing still. <i>Confusius.</i>
	L. but bad taste is better than no taste. <i>Arnold Bennett.</i>

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