

TEST 4 USE OF ENGLISH

PART 1

For questions 1-15, read the text below and decide which word A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). Mark your answers in the answer boxes provided.

Better English

The German government is currently investing money in simplifying the language of the nation, while at the same time the British government is spending a huge (0) ... of money to improve the (1) ... of English spoken in Britain. This new campaign is to be (2) ... by Britain's most (3) ... television news presenter, Trevor McDonald. Ironically, he was born in the Caribbean and only moved to Britain when he was in his (4) ... thirties. He taught himself how to speak impeccable English by (5) ... a British radio sports commentator's accent and reading the Oxford English Dictionary. He believes that English, when spoken (6) ... , is a most effective (7) ... for success. The new campaign does not aim to get (8) ... regional accents or colloquialisms, only to encourage people to (9) ... their use of English. The trend towards a "classless" society has made "cut glass" accents and perfect grammar unfashionable. Even the BBC is encouraging a (10) ... of regional accents. McDonald himself admits that when he returns home to Trinidad he speaks in the local accent and uses simpler language. He (11) ... the campaign is very idealistic and its strategy vague. The Education secretary has suggested (12) ... videos to school children to help them with pronunciation. Another idea is to put up posters (13) ... grammar rules on public transport. The idea of what constitutes Standard English is (14) ... changing. As the head of the new campaign, McDonald (15) ... that he has a hard task ahead of him.

- 0 A total B lot C sum D addition
- 1 A basis B standard C average D way
- 2 A presided B caused C escorted D led
- 3 A known B approved C favourite D popular
- 4 A early B first C small D low
- 5 A following B imitating C repeating D impersonating
- 6 A correctly B rightly C exactly D definitely
- 7 A weapon B arrow C tool D equipment
- 8 A off B away C hold of D rid of
- 9 A succeed B improve C prosper D better
- 10 A variation B variety C difference D sort
- 11 A thinks B regards C conceives D judges
- 12 A displaying B featuring C showing D projecting
- 13 A explaining B spotting C underlining D analysing
- 14 A persistently B permanently C constantly D readily
- 15 A notices B indentifies C tells D realises

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15	A	B	C	D

PART 2

For questions 16-30, 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). Write your word in the answer boxes provided.

The Return of the Cruise Liners

The world's cruise liner industry has (0) ... a comeback. New and bigger passenger ships are (16) ... built and the big liner ports of (17) ... USA and Europe have never been busier.

The speed and comfort of air travel led to a dramatic decrease (18) ... cruising, the problem being that one had to brave the Atlantic winter on the (19) ... to the sun. It dawned on industry bosses that airline and cruise companies were allies, (20) ... enemies; thus the fly cruise (21) ... born. The liner is based in a sunny port and the passengers are flown to the base.

The Market for fly cruises has steadily increased over the (22) ... few years. It (23) ... estimated that approximately a dozen or (24) ... new megaships will enter service over the (25) ... year or two, some with a passenger capacity of (26) ... to 2000 people.

One can cruise (27) ... , from the Mediterranean to the Norwegian fjords, the cruise lasting anything from 3 days to 3 months. The clientele nowadays is (28) ... more varied and the choice of cruise is limitless; one can find anything from the glitzy Las Vegas style cruise liners to cultural Mediterranean cruises.

The cruise liner industry caters (29) ... all markets, so the price one pays is limited only by one's (30) ... pocket.

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PART 3

For questions 31-40, 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). Write only the missing words in the answer boxes provided.

- 0 I'm sure she lied to you.  
have  
She ..... to you.      0 must have lied      0 0 1 2
- 31 Although I was tired, I finished it all.  
being  
Despite ....., I finished it all.      31 0 1 2
- 32 "Let's play tennis," she said.  
playing  
She ..... tennis.      32 0 1 2
- 33 He decided to start his own business.  
up  
He ..... his own business.      33 0 1 2
- 34 His secretary writes all his speeches.  
written  
He ..... for him by his secretary.      34 0 1 2
- 35 You should do your homework now.  
time  
It's ..... your homework.      35 0 1 2
- 36 The film was so bad that they left in the middle.  
such  
It ..... that they left in the middle.      36 0 1 2
- 37 I'm sure he didn't see you.  
seen  
He ..... you.      37 0 1 2
- 38 They didn't let her sit the exam.  
was  
She ..... the exam.      38 0 1 2
- 39 I like Italian cooking more than French.  
prefer  
I ..... French.      39 0 1 2
- 40 The director made the actors rehearse the scene five times.  
run  
The actors ..... the scene five times.      40 0 1 2

PART 4

For questions 41-55, read the text below and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put a tick (✓) by the number in the answer boxes provided. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in the answer boxes provided. There are two examples at the beginning (0 and 00).

My Grandmother

- 0 Despite of the fact that my grandmother is ninety-two years
- 00 old, she is still very active and full of life.
- 41 Actually that she behaves as if she were thirty
- 42 years more younger than she is. She works eight
- 43 hours every day around the house, and she still
- 44 goes for shopping by herself. When she's not busy
- 45 cooking and cleaning she likes to spending her time
- 46 reading, knitting and doing crosswords. Her memory is as
- 47 good today as it ever was been and her sense of humour
- 48 seems to get better the many older she gets.
- 49 Like all the elderly people, she gets very tired sometimes,
- 50 but after a few hours in bed she is fine again.
- 51 She does miss my grandfather, who had died four years ago,
- 52 but she has lots of good friends who
- 53 help with to keep her cheerful. All in all, her life
- 54 is very happy, and I can only hope that if I live to be
- 55 ninety-two my life will be as enjoyable as hers own.

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PART 5

For questions 56-65, 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). Write your word in the answer boxes provided.

Photographs of Paris

The (0) ... of Robert Doisneau's career as a (56) ... of Parisian life was an (57) ... one. When he tried to take his first street scene, one subject threatened to give him a (58) ... This could have acted as a (59) ... to his future career, but (60) ... , he carried on and produced some fascinating shots of everyday events and won the (61) ... of people worldwide. His photographs were taken with a mixture of (62) ... and irony, and although they are all (63) ... of Paris, their (64) ... is a constant source of (65) ...

- BEGIN
- PHOTOGRAPH
- EVENT
- BEAT
- DISCOURAGE
- FORTUNE
- ADMIRE
- TENDER
- PORTRAY
- VARY
- AMAZE

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