

LINKING WORDS

- 9 Match sentence beginnings 1–6 to endings a–f. Use the linking words in the box.

1 The lecture was postponed
2 I need to get a password
3 Take a raincoat with you
4 The visibility is quite good
5 Small firms are thriving
6 I'll probably go to Tom's party

- a it's quite dark.
b it rains.
c I've been invited.
d the illness of the speaker.
e the recession.
f I can access the online periodical databases.

- 10 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 ___ clever he was, he couldn't figure out the answer to this question.
A Although C However
B Despite D In spite of
2 Their successes are ___ their customer approach and commitment to service.
A due to D caused
B lead to
3 Tom must be in his thirties, ___ his brother looks about twenty.
A so B whereas C in spite of D as a result
4 The campsite was dirty and expensive. ___, it was much further away from the beach than we had expected.
A However C Besides this
B In contrast D For example

SYNONYMS

- 11 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Mrs Smith was charged after her 14-year-old son was ___ shoplifting.
A found B caught C captured D noticed
2 The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation ___ that around 840 million people are undernourished.
A points C estimates
B approximates D counts
3 The ___ of street children is a growing concern in many developing states, particularly in Africa.
A event C occurrence
B phenomenon D incident
4 The candidates were given the opportunity to show how they can apply their management ___ and knowledge within an organisational context.
A skills C talents
B capabilities D abilities

COLLOCATIONS

- 12 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 In the mid-1980s, some researchers at Cleveland State University ___ a surprising discovery.
A found B made C disclosed D did
2 I've decided to look for another job – I'm going to hand in my ___ when my manager returns to work.
A notice C dismissal
B appeal D application
3 Walking is an ideal way to ___ fit and healthy.
A make B go C do D keep
4 I think this piece of jewellery is gorgeous and ___ with your new outfit.
A matches B suits C goes D fits

PHRASES AND EXPRESSIONS

- 13 Match the words to make typical phrases and expressions.

- 1 at all a a doubt
2 without b rate
3 out of c tune
4 at any d costs
5 by e mistake

- 14 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I would like to say 'good luck' to Anna ___ everybody who has had the pleasure of working with her.
A instead of C on behalf of
B according to D as for
2 I can't possibly pick that last pear – it's out of ___.
A reach B hand C distance D stretch
3 I suppose I enjoyed the party on the ___.
A whole B average C impression D sight
4 There is a public telephone in the village but it has been out of ___ for several months.
A work B order C function D practice

PHRASAL VERBS

- 15 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the phrasal verbs in the box.

- take after get over let down look down on make up
1 In a recent survey, one in five British workers admitted that they had ___ an excuse to call in sick. (INVENT)
2 I've never ___ people who are poor through no fault of their own. (SHOW DISRESPECT)
3 A good general never ___ his troops. (DISAPPOINT)
4 ___ the death of a pet can be very difficult and it will take time. (RECOVER)
5 Martha ___ her father in both looks and personality. (RESEMBLE)

- 16 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 A new report has revealed that young single people ___ almost ten per cent of all Australians living in poverty.
A take off C come from
B bring on D make up
2 I'm sorry I haven't ___ replying to your messages yet.
A looked down on C got round to
B put up with D run out of
3 The thieves ___ in a stolen car, which was later found abandoned.
A got away C went out
B turned down D took up
4 I might be able to ___ if you need somewhere to stay for the weekend.
A turn you away C take you on
B calm you down D put you up

EXAM TASK 1

- 17 Read the text and choose the correct answers.

A PINT OF MILK A DAY CUTS CHANCES OF HEART DISEASE AND STROKE

Researchers found that drinking more than half a litre of milk a day – just under a pint – reduces your chances of suffering heart attacks and strokes by up to a fifth. It also reduces your chances of developing diabetes and colon cancer.

The findings appear to reverse the commonly held view that drinking too much milk is bad for you and suggest the removal of free milk from schools in the 1970s was a mistake.

Scientists at the University of Reading and University of Cardiff analysed more than 324 studies from across the world, covering health and milk consumption in thousands of people. They found that those who drank around a pint of milk a day had greatly reduced chance of contracting cardiovascular disease.

Professor Ian Givens, a nutritionist and co-author of the study, said it is believed that proteins in milk help reduce blood pressure which reduces stress on the heart and blood vessels. "I think that this shows that the bad press milk is undeserved," he said.

The study also discovered the incidence of diabetes was also reduced by four and nine per cent and colon cancer rates were also lowered. Other cancers, such as prostate and bladder showed slight increases.

The findings published in the Journal of the American College of Nutrition do not distinguish between low and high fat milk, they do seem to suggest that the health benefits of drinking milk outweigh any dangers that lie in its consumption.

EXAM TASK 2

- 18 Read the text and choose the correct answers.

'TELEMEDICINE' HOUSE HELPS OLDER PEOPLE STAY SAFE AND INDEPENDENT

It sounds like a fantasy straight from *The Truman Show*: a house that monitors your every move, from bedside to bathroom and from medicine cabinet to fridge. The aim, is to help the elderly to lead safe and independent lives.

Researchers are working on a 'health house' so sophisticated that it can only track everyday habits but also check weight and blood pressure and predict whether a person is one of a serious fall. Britain is one of the largest investors in 'telemedicine' – using medical technology to help chronically ill and older people to be longer at home rather than in hospitals or care homes.

The system, developed by GE Healthcare and Intel, uses sensors to track a person's behaviour and send alerts when unexpected disruptions or data are. Similar networks by about 3,000 people in care-home settings but researchers now hope to introduce a much more sophisticated model for private homes.

- 1 A therefore C however
B although D despite
2 A is not C has not
B does not D will not
3 A at risk C on the verge
B under the impression D in the middle
4 A taken care C treated
B cured D examined
5 A of which C who
B that D whose
6 A turned on C looked into
B picked up D searched for
7 A will have been used C are already being used
B have been using D would be using