

OPEN CLOZE

In this type of exam task you need to read a text with gaps and complete it with one word in each gap. The answer must be grammatically and lexically correct. Below, you will find examples of the structures which are most commonly tested in this type of exam task.

MODAL AND AUXILIARY VERBS

Facebook ¹ *could/will/might* soon be helping bridge the divide between humans and robots. Researchers ² *are* giving a robot its own Facebook profile page to help foster meaningful relationships with people. The page will ³ *be* populated with interactions the robot has with people as well as photos of the time it spends in human company.

ARTICLES

¹ *The* government has published controversial proposals to allow universities to charge students top-up fees of up to £3,000 for their studies. Upfront fees of £1,100 ² *a* year will be scrapped, and graduates will not have to repay ³ *the* new loans until their earnings have reached ⁴ *a* certain level.

PREPOSITIONS

The Obama administration today declined to protect polar bears from the single greatest threat ¹ *to* their survival – the melting of sea ice ² *by* global warming. The decision brought immediate protests ³ *from* wildlife and environmental groups.

VARIOUS STRUCTURES

I ¹ *used* to enjoy having long hair, but now I have it! Too ² *much* hassle in the morning with untangling and brushing it. It's decided – I'm going to ³ *have* it cut tomorrow.

LINKING WORDS

Many PCs now come with anti-virus installed and ¹ *though/although* an annual subscription can seem expensive, it might be cheap when you consider how much it could save you ² *if* it stops your bank details being stolen.

COLLOCATIONS

With Windows it's also important to ¹ *keep* your system up-to-date. Windows XP now regularly nags people about upgrades and Microsoft produces security patches on a monthly ² *basis*.

IDIOMS

Caroline's always had a ¹ *sweet* tooth and would love to have her own bakery. I think she'd be good at it – she loves baking and it's a ² *piece* of cake for her!

PHRASES AND EXPRESSIONS

As a matter of ¹ *fact*, I'm not keen on learning things ² *by* heart. And I don't like many other things about our school. I feel so much out of ³ *place* there.

PHRASAL VERBS

I ¹ *get* on quite well with my older sister. We may sometimes fall ² *out* over petty things like clothes or household chores but we ³ *make* up very quickly.

TEST YOURSELF!

1 Read the text and match the structures in the box to the gaps in which they are being tested. Then complete the text with one word in each gap.

article auxiliary verb collocation expression
linking word phrasal verb preposition

JAPANESE 'ROBOT SUIT' TO HELP DISABLED

A Japanese company has unveiled ¹ *a* robotic suit that is designed to help people with weak limbs or limited physical range to walk and move like an able-bodied person.

The suit, called HAL – or Hybrid Assistive Limb – is the work of Cyberdyne Corporation in Japan, and has ² *been* created to 'upgrade the existing physical capabilities of the human body'.

HAL, which weighs twenty-three kilograms, is comprised ³ *of* robotic 'limbs', and a backpack containing the suit's battery and computer system. It is strapped to the body and controlled by thought.

⁴ *As* a person attempts to move, nerve signals are sent from the brain to the muscles, and very weak traces of these signals can be detected on the surface of the skin. The HAL suit identifies these signals

using a sensor attached to the skin of the wearer, and a signal is sent to the suit's power unit telling the suit to move ⁵ *in* unison with the wearer's own limbs.

HAL can help the wearer to ⁶ *perform* out a variety of everyday tasks, including standing up from a chair, walking, climbing up and down stairs, and lifting heavy objects. The suit can operate for almost five hours before it needs recharging, and Cyberdyne Corporation says that it does not feel heavy to wear, because the robotic exoskeleton ⁷ *is* its own weight.

- 1 article
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____

MODAL AND AUXILIARY VERBS

2 Find mistakes in the sentences below and correct them.

- 1 I wish I won't have to get up so early tomorrow.
- 2 A statue of a Roman god worth tens of thousands of pounds has being stolen from a stately home.
- 3 No wonder you're lost. You must have followed the teacher's instructions.
- 4 We would better not believe everything we read in the newspapers.
- 5 If you feel something is right for you, don't let anyone persuade you that you ought not do it.

3 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 I'd rather you _____ drive so fast. This road is very narrow and steep.
- 2 That _____ possibly be Lucy at the door – she's still at school.
- 3 If I had known the truth about the state of his health, I might _____ acted differently.
- 4 Natural disasters are becoming more frequent and more destructive, and poor countries are _____ hit the hardest.
- 5 I am currently doing a six-month internship, which I _____ have finished by the end of February.

ARTICLES

4 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Before – / a / the telephone was invented, communication was very expensive and time-consuming.
- 2 This is – / a / the man Sandra's engaged to.
- 3 One of her relatives spent three years in – / a / the prison for fraud.
- 4 Have you ever been to – / a / the wedding in which one of the critical parties (bride or groom) didn't show up?
- 5 The possible presence of water on – / a / the Moon is a hotly debated topic.

5 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 It's never too early to start reading – even if you are just _____ nine-month-old baby.
- 2 The Tower of London covers _____ area of seven hectares.
- 3 If you want Robert to buy all _____ ingredients, make a shopping list for him.
- 4 There was _____ time when the only temporary office staff were typists and telephonists.
- 5 Parts on the banks of _____ Seine stretches from Saint-Chapelle and the Notre Dame in the east to the Eiffel Tower in the west.

PREPOSITIONS

6 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Congratulations _____ passing your driving test.
A of B with C on D for
- 2 Our competitors are very strong, they will never withdraw _____ the race.
A out B from C against D over
- 3 Mike has many years of experience _____ business, management and finance.
A in B about C with D on
- 4 The man was found guilty _____ falsifying documents and given a two-year suspended sentence.
A of B with C from D for
- 5 I know that wasn't an accident. She did it _____ purpose.
A in B at C for D on

7 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 Studying the connection between women's names and corporate hiring one researcher found a prejudice _____ certain names.
- 2 I prefer quiet evenings at home _____ wild parties at my friends' place.
- 3 It's better to check all the figures before you refer them in your presentation.
- 4 I don't feel like going to a museum – I don't want to spend my free time in a dull place filled _____ dusty old objects.
- 5 Healthcare commission claims it has succeeded _____ improving standards.

VARIOUS STRUCTURES

8 Correct the mistakes in the sentences below. Write the correct word for each crossed-out word.

- 1 Mrs Clark, that is a very strict teacher, will never let us off homework.
- 2 It wasn't enough time to get any decent photographs since we stopped only for five minutes.
- 3 The band didn't have nowhere to rehearse, so they used my father's garage.
- 4 Leaving the campsite, please pick up any litter you find, whether it's your or not.
- 5 Some venues are already sold out, and many have only a little seats left.

9 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 The research shows that one out of _____ three teenagers is unhappy with his or her appearance.
- 2 Child development workers in Britain say that getting children _____ become library members can improve educational standards.
- 3 He worked _____ a teacher in an African country with ninety per cent illiteracy.
- 4 Unfortunately, _____ of my grandfather's two brothers survived the war.
- 5 No sooner had he arrived at his destination _____ a police car with three officers inside approached him.