

# Practice Test 2

## Reading and Use of English

1 hour 30 minutes

### PART 1

For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A face

B profile

C figure

D appearance

0	A	B	C	D
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### The Rudley Rollers wheelchair basketball club

The paralympic movement has certainly raised the (0) ..... of sports like wheelchair basketball, but small clubs still (1) ..... to find funding for their equipment and premises. That doesn't (2) ..... the Rudley Rollers off, though. This wheelchair basketball club (3) ..... its annual expenses by organising fundraising events such as sponsored wheelchair pushes.

Although the aim of the club is principally to improve their team's position in the Wheelchair Basketball League, team coaches also (4) ..... considerable time to visiting schools and families in a bid to get youngsters in wheelchairs to give the sport a (5) ..... . Mike Yates, the team captain, says, 'At the beginning of club sessions, new members spend an hour just having fun and getting a (6) ..... for the game. They also learn basic skills such as manoeuvring the wheelchairs, which are specially (7) ..... for the game.'

Mike wants to get all disabled children in the region to at (8) ..... come and see the game being played, before deciding whether or not the sport is for them.

- 1    **A** exert                      **B** strain                      **C** challenge                      **D** struggle
- 2    **A** put                              **B** set                              **C** break                              **D** carry
- 3    **A** clears                              **B** covers                              **C** accounts                              **D** reaches
- 4    **A** dedicate                              **B** expend                              **C** invest                              **D** provide
- 5    **A** turn                              **B** go                              **C** run                              **D** test
- 6    **A** touch                              **B** look                              **C** feel                              **D** sense
- 7    **A** varied                              **B** adapted                              **C** changed                              **D** amended
- 8    **A** length                              **B** best                              **C** least                              **D** once

**PART 2**

For questions **9 – 16**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

**Example:**

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**The electric bike tour**

When I booked my electric bike tour in the Black Mountains, I imagined **(0)** ..... part in a slow, sociable meander along lowland tracks. The reality **(9)** ..... not have been more different: it was an enthralling, fast-paced ride up and down steep slopes and across rushing streams.

After joining my tour group at the Electric Bike Centre, we rode along its driveway to **(10)** ..... used to our bikes. Immediately, I had one of my beliefs – that **(11)** ..... would be no pedalling involved – overturned. You do have to pedal, sometimes quite vigorously, although this was **(12)** ..... like the strain I would have undergone riding a normal bike through such hilly terrain. **(13)** ..... differs with an electric bike is that after you’ve pedalled a bit, the bike speeds away without you **(14)** ..... to exert more leg power, reaching up **(15)** ..... about 25 kilometres an hour. This dispelled my second false belief: that these bikes are slow. In fact, many users prefer them to normal bikes for **(16)** ..... very reason that they’re faster.