

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:

0	T	A	K	I	N	G												
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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.

PART 3

For questions 17 – 24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

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

Example:

0	A	S	S	O	R	T	M	E	N	T								
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The house of unseen treasures

Many people have a basement or spare room where they hoard an (0) of unused possessions accumulated over the years. Similarly, a museum needs a place to store its (17) of potential exhibits. Blythe House is the place where three of London's (18) museums keep their surplus treasures.

ASSORT

EXCEED

FORE

The unassuming exterior façade of Blythe House gives no indication of its interior (19) Each of the three museums has its own section containing offices, staff canteens and labs where the (20) of objects takes place. The Science Museum alone has 90 rooms. A mere 15,000 of the items it owns are on display in the museum itself; a (21) 90% of its collection is in storage.

VAST

RESTORE

STAGGER

Although each item at Blythe House is painstakingly cleaned and (22) , sadly most will never appear in an exhibition. Thus few people will ever see the items, since public tours of the building are very (23) Academics are often granted admission, however, to study the breathtaking array of objects (24) within its walls.

CATEGORY

FREQUENT

HOUSE

PART 4

For questions **25 – 30**, 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 **three and six** words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

Example:

0 I could see that the customer was shortly going to lose his temper so I left.

POINT

Seeing that the customer was his temper, I left.

The gap can be filled with the words 'on the point of losing', so you write:

Example: 0 **ON THE POINT OF LOSING**

Write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

25 The team starts a journey to the South Pole in three weeks' time.

SETTING

The team will journey to the South Pole in three weeks' time.

26 I think frying that fish was a bad idea, because I have made the whole apartment smell awful.

WISH

I fish, because I have made the whole apartment smell awful.

27 The weather was wonderful, so we would have been better off wearing shorts rather than jeans.

SHOULD

We of jeans, as the weather was wonderful.