

FCE ENTRANCE EXAM

Section A: / 12 points

Section B: / 10 points

Section C: / 15 points

Section D: / 15 points

Section E: / 18 points

Total Points: / 70 points

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Section A: Reading Comprehension

You are going to read an article in a magazine about shopping. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-H the one which fits each gap (1-6). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- A If I spent more than five minutes in this environment, I'd have a nervous breakdown!
- B They'd rather wait to be given a pair for Christmas, even if it's only July.
- C Press some buttons and the shopping is delivered to your door.
- D I do all my shopping locally and I still hate it.
- E There's nothing worse than enthusiastic shop assistants.
- F They become depressed if they haven't been shopping for a week.
- G Big supermarkets make huge profits, destroy small shops and spoil the community.
- H It bores me stiff and I can't stand it.

SHOPPING – A PERSONAL VIEW

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There are many different types of shops – department stores, supermarkets, market stalls, traditional shops, the list is endless. But whether I'm in a huge modern shopping centre, a cosy village shop or an outdoor market in Morocco, it's all the same to me. It's shopping. H

There are three types of people. Those who love shopping, those who don't have an opinion, and those who hate it.

Those who love it are 'shopaholics'. They buy anything, anytime, anywhere, and at any price. Those who don't have an opinion will usually do enough shopping for a comfortable life. They know how to say no to a bargain and when their credit card is reaching its limit.

Those who hate it will try anything to get out of doing it. They ask their family, they ask their friends. They happily go without milk or sugar in their coffee rather than go to buy some more. They wear socks with holes in them and don't buy new ones.

I, of course, am one of the 'haters', but when I'm absolutely forced to go because I have nothing left to eat, drink or wear in the house, I like to be left alone. They try to make you think they're interested. They try to make you feel special. They tell you that a pair of green trousers with red spots really suit you, but you know they only want your cash. Give me a bored, rude or disinterested shop assistant any day!

The sales? You won't see me there. Think of those pushing crowds rushing about looking for bargains, lines of people queuing up waving their credit cards.

Of course there are also serious reasons why I dislike some shops. Their prices are too high and they sell perfectly shaped, perfectly coloured fruit and vegetables which make you wonder what is done to them when they are being grown.

Shopping by computer, that's the answer. It probably wouldn't affect the serious problems I have mentioned, but it would certainly get rid of the crowds and avoid the 'helpful' assistant.

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Section B: Word Formation

For questions 1–10, 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.

WHERE TO EAT

It's hard to find a place to eat which satisfies the whole family.
0 *perfection* is not an easy thing to find when it comes to PERFECT
restaurants. I remember my parents taking me as a child to the most
1 restaurant they could find. They didn't think it was EXPENSE
worth spending a lot of money on someone who had no table manners!
Today the choice of restaurants is so great, however, that total
2 is rare. It's difficult to explain exactly what I'm looking DISAPPOINT
for in a restaurant. It's certainly not 3 surroundings, LUXURY
although I must admit that I'm usually 4 to go into a WILLING
place which looks dirty or dingy. In these days of fast food, it takes a lot of
5 to persuade my own children that a bowl of salad is DETERMINE
every bit as tasty as a burger and chips! Some parents I know
6 taking their children to fast food restaurants, but I've LIKE
always made an effort to go and see just what's available in those places.
I can't honestly say that some of the experiences were so good that they were
7 , but at least I feel I have given the fast food chains a try. FORGET
I would like to be able to say that we go out to dinner once a week.
8 , this is not the case. We either seem to be too busy, or FORTUNATE
decide that it's more 9 to have a family meal at home, SATISFY
which is probably for the best! But one thing is certain, I am still as
10 about food as I ever was, and intend to remain so! ENTHUSIASM

/ 10 points

Section C: Multiple-choice

For questions 1–15, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

HEDGEHOGS THREATEN WILDLIFE

There are so many threats to the wildlife on our planet nowadays 0 we are rarely surprised when we are 1 about another one. 2 , some people might find it difficult to 3 that small creatures 4 hedgehogs would be the cause, rather than the victims, of one of these threats. One resident of an island which 5 off the west coast of Scotland 6 how this extraordinary situation has come about. It appears that hedgehogs are not native to the islands. They were introduced by a gardener who thought they 7 be an effective way of controlling the slug population. There are now so 8 hedgehogs on the island that they are putting many rare birds at 9 because they eat birds' eggs. The hedgehogs, it seems, are 10 – so what are the local people going to do 11 it? One group of conservationists tried to transport hedgehogs to the mainland. The plan might have 12 if residents on the mainland hadn't pointed out that the hedgehogs would 13 just as much of a threat on the mainland as on the island. But, unless action is 14 soon, the continuing increase in the hedgehog population will 15 in the disappearance of certain rare species of birds.

Example:

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| 4 A so | B such | C like | D as |
| 5 A extends | B lies | C covers | D stretches |
| 6 A described | B commented | C talked | D meant |
| 7 A should | B can | C ought | D would |
| 8 A largely | B much | C many | D far |
| 9 A danger | B risk | C trouble | D difficulties |
| 10 A anywhere | B everywhere | C anything | B nothing |
| 11 A with | B about | C to | D for |
| 12 A beaten | B won | C caught | D succeeded |
| 13 A change | B become | C return | D move |
| 14 A made | B done | C taken | D held |
| 15 A result | B lead | C cause | D turn |

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Section D: Error Correction

For questions 1–15, 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. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word by the number.

Examples: 0 is 00 ✓

ADVENTURE IN PERU

0 I've just been to see a film is called *Touching the Void*. It's
00 about two climbers who decided to go climbing in the mountains
1 in Peru. It took them two days to reach the mountain they
2 had been decided to climb because it was in such a remote place.
3 They left a companion and the most of their supplies at base camp,
4 optimistically thinking about they would be back in a couple of
5 days. After a difficult climb, they reached at the top of
6 the mountain. It was then that everything started to go wrong.
7 Because of one climber had broken his leg, he had to be
8 lowered down the mountain by means of a rope. His leg it was so
9 much painful that he couldn't stand on it. After a very exciting bit
10 of the film, which I won't describe, he found by himself alone
11 at the bottom of a crevasse. He managed to climb out and eventually
12 crawl to safety. The cold was so intense that he got frostbite in his hands,
13 but he was carried on, dragging himself down a glacier and across rocks.
14 When he arrived at the base camp, his friends were too amazed to see him.
15 They couldn't believe that in despite his broken leg, he had managed to reach the camp.

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