



Reading: Fill in the blanks Question Bank

Official Guide

(Lauren Kennedy, 2012)

1.

Although Botswana is rich in diamonds, it has high unemployment and stratified socioeconomic classes. In 1999, the nation _____ its first budget deficit in 16 years _____ of a slump in the international diamond market. Yet Botswana _____ one of the wealthiest and most stable countries on the African _____.

endures because enjoyed continent remains while suffered

2.

The New Year is the most important holiday in Japan, and is a symbol of renewal. In December, various Bonenkai or "forget-the-year _____" are held to bid farewell to the problems and _____ of the past year and _____ for a new beginning. Misunderstandings and grudges are forgiven and houses are scrubbed. At midnight on December 31st. Buddhist _____ strike their gongs 108 times, in an effort to _____ 108 types of human weakness.

augment concerns areas temples expel parties prepare foresee

3.

To be called a "haute couture" house, a business must belong to the Syndical Chamber of Haute Couture in Paris, which is _____ by the French Department of Industry. Members must _____ 15 or more people and present their collections twice a year. Each _____ must include at least 35 separate outfits for day and evening wear.

deploy endorse presentation regulated employ inspiration

4.

The soothsayer's warning to Julius Caesar, "Beware the Ides of March", has forever imbued that date with a sense of _____. But in Roman times the _____ "Ides of March" did not necessarily evoke a dark mood – it was _____ the standard way of saying "March 15." Surely such a fanciful expression must signify something more than merely another day of the year? Not so. Even in Shakespeare's time, sixteen centuries later, _____ attending his play "Julius Caesar" wouldn't have blinked twice hearing the date called the Ides.

audiences obviously expression foreboding relief simply celebrities

5.

An "Open Door" policy provides for maintenance in a certain territory of equal commercial and industrial rights for the nationals of all countries. As a _____ policy, it was first advanced by the United States, but it was _____ in the typical most-favored-nation clause of the treaties concluded with China after the Opium War (1839-42). Although the Open Door is generally _____ with China, it also received recognition at the Berlin Conference of 1885, which declared that no power could _____ preferential duties in the Congo basin.

distributed rooted declaration levy associated blatant specific

6.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) reports the average stock price of 30 large, publicly traded US companies. It tends to _____ the state of the stock market as a whole. Though its name would _____ you to believe the DJIA is made up of only _____ companies, the DJIA in fact contains stocks across many "industries," not all of which are industrial. The business _____ include finance, food, technology, retail, heavy equipment, oil, chemical, pharmaceutical, consumer goods, and entertainment.

expressed lead average represented distort reflect industrial

7.

To understand how many inhabitants of a country are poor, it is not enough to know a country's per capita _____. The number of poor people in a country and the _____ quality of life depend on how equally or unequally income is _____ across the population. In Brazil and Hungary, for _____, per capita income levels are quite comparable, but the _____ of poverty in Brazil is much higher.

incidence effects example distributed income expenditure lessened average

8.

While the preparations for the Athens games were _____ by construction delays and an epic race to complete _____ before the opening ceremonies, the game's return to their historic home ended as a surprising success. Participation _____ were once again broken, with 201 nations and 10,625 athletes taking part in 301 different event. Nearly as _____ as the competitions were the historic sites used for the games.

compelling upsetting venues marred concluded records formats

9.

Taking us through a typical day, from the _____ of the senses in the morning to the reverie of sleep and dreams, Ackerman _____ the human form as we've never seen it: busy, cunning, and _____. Advances in genetics and medical imaging have _____ us to peer more deeply inside ourselves than ever before, and one of the most amazing recent discoveries is that we are intensely rhythmic creatures. The human body is like a clock – actually an entire shop of clocks -- _____ out the seconds, minutes, days, and seasons of life.

sorting discovers measuring allowed miraculous somnolence arousal reveals

10.

Surely, reality is what we think it is; reality is _____ to us by our experiences. To one extent or another, this view of reality is one many of us hold, if only _____. I certainly find myself thinking this way in day-to-day life; it's easy to be _____ by the face nature reveals directly to our senses. Yet, in the decades since first _____ Camus' text, I've learned that modern science tells a very different story.

produced implicitly expiring encountering correctly revealed seduced

11.

None of the books in my father's dusty old bookcase were _____. Yet while I was growing up, I never say anyone take one down. Most were _____ tomes – a comprehensive history of civilization, matching volumes of the great works of western literature, numerous others I can no longer _____ -- that seemed almost fused to _____ that bowed slightly from decades of _____ support.

expand uncivilized shelves recall forbidden readers massive steadfast

12.

On the journey, we learn about the teamwork required to rot human teeth, the microbe superheroes who feed on radioactive _____, suicide genes, the origins of diseases and antibiotic _____, and the numerous respects in which microbes _____ human life – from manufacturing food and medicine, to mining gold, finding oil, cleaning up the mess we make, and generally _____ the Earth habitable.

resistance defeat rendering waste diseases benefit allowing

Practice Test Plus

(Kate Chandler, 2013)

1.

Technology and flexible work _____ have had a significant impact on today's busy companies. In terms of productivity, it seems the _____ has shifted from managing employees in the workplace to monitoring their total _____. no matter where they choose to work. Whether this trend will continue depends to some _____ on how well it works for everyone concerned.

focus deals way practices selling output extent

2.

Elephants have a very _____ communication system, which helps them maintain their close _____ bonds. When they are near each other, they use verbal and visual signals to express a wide _____ of emotions. As they move further _____, they use less common, rumbling _____ that can be heard over two kilometres away.

distant variety family ranging apart sounds complex round

3.

People are naturally concerned about the polluting _____ of energy sources such as oil or coal. But are wind farms the _____? With their enormous rotating blades, these huge _____ are becoming more commonplace in certain _____ of the world. Yet for some people, they are an unwelcome _____ of the landscape.

machines product sight feature answer regions damages effects

4.

Professional astronomers, _____ their amateur counterparts, have no particular interest in the aesthetic quality of their photographs. What _____ to them is the contribution their images can _____ to research, and to the _____ of data scientists in their field _____ for research purposes.

make equipped unlike matters use collection put concerns

5.

The practice of giving graduation gifts seems to be alive and well, despite _____ economic times. A recent study in the US has shown that while families may not have as much to spend, they are being more _____ in the gifts they bestow. Lavish celebrations and large lump _____ seem to have gone by the wayside in favour of smaller, more thoughtful gifts.

generous hard creative money sums favourable

6.

The majority of early pictures in the National Portrait Gallery's _____ are by unknown artists, with fundamental questions, such as when, where and why they were painted still remaining to be answered. Through the application of scientific methods, a new project has the _____ to unlock evidence that will allow researchers to determine answers to these questions. They will use a _____ of cutting-edge scientific techniques, such as X-ray and infra-red reflectography, in order to reveal new _____ about individual paintings.

information potential combination prospect connection care work

7.

Gunpowder, also referred to as 'black powder', was the only _____ chemical explosive until the mid-nineteenth century. It _____ potassium nitrate, or 'saltpeter', which is an oxidiser, and a combination of charcoal and sulphur serves as fuel. There is _____ consensus that gunpowder was initially invented in China as early as the ninth century. This _____ to its use in fireworks and in gunpowder weapons.

includes contains caused academic known unique led

8.

Marion Dorset (1872-1935) was an influential American biochemist. He began working as a _____ for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1894, and worked his way up to become chief of the biochemical _____ in 1904. He made important discoveries in bacterial toxins and animal diseases, and he conducted pioneering work in the _____ of meat products. He co-discovered the virus that causes hog cholera and subsequently developed a _____ to prevent it.

researcher leader serum fluid inspection consumption division

9.

Using questionnaires to gather information from people is a well-used quantitative research method. It is considered to be an easy _____. but in reality it is actually very difficult to design a good questionnaire. Question type, clarity of language, length of questionnaire and layout are just

some of the many _____. which all need to be carefully considered when designing the questionnaire. Another issue, which _____ some deliberation, is how to ensure a high response _____.

option opportunity selection influences requires factors rate

10.

Psychology is a suitable course of study for those _____ in all aspects of human thought and behaviour. It can be _____ as the scientific study of how humans function on a biological, social and mental level. There are a range of influential approaches to the subject, which are _____ to such areas as child development, health, education and Sports.

practised defined affected interested applied diagnosed

11.

Migration could be described as the well-defined journey animals make to a familiar _____ at specific seasons or times of the year. All species that migrate do so for a common _____, in order to survive. Migration allows them to spend their life in more than one area and thus _____ problems that can occur in one habitat, such as lack of food, shelter or exposure to harsh weather.

position purpose destination experience situation avoid

12.

Multinational companies are often criticised for a number of reasons, but we cannot deny their _____ impact. Employment opportunities are generated for locals in the overseas country. When multinational companies set up manufacturing plants, there is often an increase _____ of products for local consumers, which profits the local economy. Training is also sometimes provided in the use of technology: moreover, the experience and knowledge that the employees _____ strengthens their skills and overall employability.

positive gain purchase negative availability benefit

13.

There are two basic branches of the science of astronomy: observational and theoretical. Observational astronomy, as the name suggests, is concerned with observing the _____ and then analyzing the observations, using the _____ of physics. Theoretical astronomy focuses more on developing computer or analytical models to _____ astronomical phenomena. The two _____ complement each other, with observational astronomers attempting to _____ theoretical results, and theoreticians aiming to explain what has been observed.

angles confirm describe effects fields principles reason skies

14.

Behanzin ruled the West African _____ of Dahomey at the end of the nineteenth century. a time when Europeans were doing their utmost to colonise Africa. Behanzin put up extremely _____ resistance. He did this with the _____ of an army, including five thousand female warriors. He is often called King Shark, a name suggesting _____ and wisdom. Famed for being a _____ as well as a warrior, he wrote some of the most beautiful songs ever produced in Dahomey.

aid battle kingdom light poet powerful monarch strength

15.

An investigation into the study habits of undergraduates was carried out by a _____ of researchers at a number of different universities. In all the universities _____ in the study, it was found that there were the _____ significant differences between the habits of arts and science students. Not surprisingly perhaps, arts students read more _____, while science students tended to concentrate on a few _____ texts.

core heavily involving participating same staff team widely

16.

Dolphins are marine mammals found all over the world. There are many _____ species. They are well-known as intelligent creatures and seem to _____ with one another in sophisticated ways. Dolphins are _____ animals in that they live in groups. These can _____ in size from five to several hundred. They often hunt in groups and work together to _____ the fish or squid they like to eat.

capture communicate different grow learn range sociable strange

Test Builder

(Taylor, 2012)

1.

This exciting new M.A. in Creative Writing is designed for graduates who wish to examine and expand their work. Through workshops, seminars, and (1) _____ tutorials, students will discover new writing strategies and refine their writing. The course (2) _____ students the practical expertise needed for researching and structuring texts, and (3) _____ traditions and genres, as well as the critical and creative proficiencies (4) _____ to develop a career in creative writing or in a related (5) _____.

single understanding field individual offers necessary wanted

2.

As we know from tsunamis, when water is moving at 50 or 60 kilo meters an hour it becomes deadly. Even if a wave only (1) _____ up to the knees, the (2) _____ can knock a person down. Water flows around some obstacles, while slamming into large (3) _____, such as walls, which stand in its way. It also gathers (4) _____, like rocks and trees, as it flows, causing even more destruction when it crashes into buildings.

energy materials objects force rise debris comes rubbish

3.

Wind-blown (1) _____ of sand from dunes may carry far inland, covering fields and diverting streams. More seriously, drifting sands can bury whole buildings and transform (2) _____ land into desert. However, dunes can be made more stable by the artificial (3) _____ of marram grass, a plant so robust that it can find (4) _____ even in sand. The grass spreads over the (5) _____ of the dune, protecting it against wind, while its roots bind the sand together.

summit grains rich fertile surface nourishment clouds planting

4.

Employers often offer employees perks in addition to cash wages, for example, membership of a health insurance or company pension (1) _____. If they do, they must (2) _____ that they are fair in providing these benefits in order to (3) _____ discrimination. For instance, if an employer (4) _____ an entitlement to low-interest loans in male, but not female, employees' contracts, the female employees could take the employer to court on the basis of unequal (5) _____.

consideration avoid allowance scheme treatment includes allows ensure

5.

Thomas De Quincey once said that there is no such thing as forgetting - a rather frightening (1) _____. If we could remember everything all the time, not to (2) _____ those things we feel (3) _____ or guilty about, life would be unbearable. Naturally, we remember shocking and dramatic events better than any (4) _____. The things we most often forget are names, numbers, dates, (5) _____ learned by cramming for exams, and things we don't understand.

others say mention information ashamed know-how theory thought

6.

This MPhil (1) _____ students from a wide variety of academic, business and political (2) _____ to the traditions, methods, and state-of-the-art research that shape an advanced analysis of human society. The MPhil is an eleven-month course designed for those who wish to go on to do doctoral research or (3) _____ for those who (4) _____ want to improve their understanding of methodology and analysis, and attain an independent postgraduate degree in its own right.

backgrounds plainly equally professions introduces presents simply

7.

The main (1) _____ of advertising is to sell (2) _____ by getting them known and, here, brash, sensational ideas may often serve the (3) _____. But by no means is all advertising aimed at promoting a new product or even a product at all. One of the most famous posters of the 20th century (4) _____ Lord Kitchener early in the 1914-18 war pointing a finger, perhaps accusingly, at the entire male military-age population of Britain.

aim illustrates products purpose point shows produces

8.

Universities are, of course, the primary centers of intellectual life in modern society. Therefore, they are a (1) _____ center of criticism: criticism of society and of the dominant (2) _____ in it, especially its politics, by sections of both the (3) _____ and the student bodies. This critical (4) _____ of the university, as the place where ideas are born and where support for criticism is (5) _____ among students, who form the mass base for many protest movements, has been true for a long time and in many countries.

semester revealed key found staff trends participation role

9.

When it comes to low-cost housing, architects are hardly ever (1) _____. About 98% of the market is built without architects and the result is usually rows of clones of a building, regardless of whether they are (2) _____ for an area or not. Developers alone, without the (3) _____ of an architect, do not see the big picture needed to make housing part of a safe, vibrant community. A little more thought could instantly improve community (4) _____ as well as lead to building houses that are both comfortable and cheap.

useful safety relations involved input practical consultation

10.

During the 19th century, the enormous expansion of world production and trade was (1) _____ mainly by gold. Even the (2) _____ issued by the banks were fully convertible to gold on demand, and this was the basis of their acceptance. However, production and trade were expanding at a faster (3) _____ than new (4) _____ of gold were being discovered. If trade was to continue growing at this rate, some commodity other than gold also had to be used as a (5) _____ of exchange.

cash amounts notes supplies way means rate financed

11.

Today we (1) _____ Aesop's fables with childhood, and the Victorians are largely (2) _____ for that. There were at least seven separate (3) _____ or retellings in the 19th century, all targeted at children. Rewritten as parables, they were seen as an effective way of communicating Victorian morality. Yet, in antiquity, Aesop wasn't read by children: (4) _____ the talking animals and the sometimes childlike atmosphere of the tales, the setting was perceived at the time as being political.

relate translations stories blamed responsible associate despite though

12.

Very intelligent people often make the (1) _____ of assuming that other people's minds work in the same way as theirs do. Economists, for example, create mathematically-based models on the (2) _____ that people act rationally as far as their own economic (3) _____ are concerned. You don't have to look much further than family and friends to see how off the (4) _____ this idea is. The problem with a lot of such scientifically-based theories is that they are not friendly to facts that don't (5) _____ the case.

make fit mistake fact interests business mark notion

13.

With today's incredible (1) _____ of technological change a lot of age-old human skills may be getting left behind or (2) _____ out. It's not just that if you buy a laptop today it's obsolete within (3) _____ than a year and the rest of the world has moved on; it's more that, as workers get more expensive and equipment gets cheaper, companies are spending more on machines rather than people. Fewer people, therefore, are being (4) _____ in necessary skills.

losing trained under less rate taught dying speed

14.

Twelve hundred miles east of Australia (1) _____ the islands of New Zealand. Long before they were (2) _____ by Europeans, a Polynesian race of warriors, the Maoris, had sailed across the Pacific from the northeast and established a civilization (3) _____ for the brilliance of its art and the strength of its military (4) _____. When Captain Cook visited these islands towards the end of the 18th century, he (5) _____ that the population numbered about a hundred thousand.

discovered counted notable lie estimated found army system

15.

The most common (1) _____ for carrying out a detailed medical examination of a dead person - a post-mortem or autopsy - is when it is necessary to (2) _____ the cause of death. In some circumstances, a doctor may be allowed to perform a post-mortem in pursuit of medical (3) _____. The examination is usually performed by a pathologist, and (4) _____ dissection of the body, and tests done on blood, tissues and internal organs, but sometimes it is performed by a doctor.

purpose reason means establish specimens knowledge involves

16.

You may think that the World Cup, like the Olympic Games, only occurs once every four years. It is the (1) _____ rounds that take (2) _____ every four years, but the competition as a whole is an ongoing (3) _____, since the qualifying rounds take place over the preceding three years. The final phase of the tournament now involves thirty-two teams competing over a four-week (4) _____ in a previously nominated (5) _____ nation. It has become the most widely-viewed sporting event in the world.

event final home host last period place time

17.

Ideas as well as people can take (1) _____ stage at the right time and the right place. If new ideas are to have a wide-ranging (2) _____ they had better occur at the right time – usually when old theories are worn out or have reached a dead (3) _____. Then they make people think along new lines and in ways that may (4) _____ in unexpected directions. These ideas needn't be new in themselves. They can be older, half-forgotten ideas brought back to life, or new combinations of (5) _____ ones presented in a new light.

center effect end familiar front known lead stop

18.

Most of us believe that when we are making decisions about money we are being clear-headed and sensible, and assume that any rational person would (1) _____ in the same way and make the same decisions. But our (2) _____ are always based on the private logic of our own (3) _____ mind-set, our deep beliefs about money and what it's for, and no two people are the same. Even when two people come to the same (4) _____, they have probably used quite different logical paths.

answer behave choices conclusion economical financial ideas

19.

There are, I have been (1) _____, some languages that don't have a word for rubbish, garbage, or whatever you call it. For their speakers, nothing is useless or goes to (2) _____ - just as our ancestors used to hoard, patch up, reuse and hand things (3) _____ to the next generation rather than throw them (4) _____. These days, however, rubbish and how to (5) _____ of it has become a major problem: we are running out of places to put it.

away dispose waste over said down rid told

20.

A "duel of honour" was a way of settling disputes between gentlemen over some injury or insult. The (1) _____ had to be arranged privately because duelling was never (2) _____, but it became common in the 17th century. A social code governed the duel of honour and, as long as the rules were (3) _____ to, the survivor could usually escape without being punished by the law. Duels were fought with either pistols or swords, but pistols became the more usual (4) _____ after swords went out of fashion at the end of the 18th century.

battle fight gun kept legal obeyed weapon

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