

# From the masters of IELTS

An effective approach  
to IELTS Reading  
Comprehension

READING KEYWORDS

# IELTS

# 13

11. set up	establish	The website was set up	line 1 body 6
12. undertake	to do something ,esp. something that will take a long time or be difficult	The more activities that visitors undertake, the more satisfied they will be	line 7 body 6
13. appear	seem	it appears that visitors to New Zealand don't want to be 'one of the crowd'	line 11 body 6
14. be composed of	to be formed from different things	New Zealand is a small country with a	line 2 body 7



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## About ZIM Academic English School – Euvator JSC



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## What is this book for?

This book is for those who need further practice on Vocabulary in the Reading tests of Cambridge IELTS 13.

## Why this book?

While many words in the reading texts are very useful, many learners complain that Cambridge IELTS are somewhat boring and unhelpful because there are only tests, and they are unable to recall those words. When they see them again, they end up unable to retrieve the exact meanings of the words.

Paul Nation, a celebrated linguist, has suggested that a person needs to encounter a word at least 5-16 times in order to actually produce them as their own language. Therefore, more exercises are needed.

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# Test 1

## Reading Passage 1

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. <b>inhabitant (n)</b>	a person that lives in a particular place	<i>New Zealand is a small country of four million inhabitants.</i>
2. <b>long-haul (adj)</b>	travelling a long distance, especially by air	<i>The visitors arrived after a long-haul flight.</i>
3. <b>campaign (n)</b>	a series of thing such as television advertisements or posters that try to persuade people to do sth e.g. buy a new product	<i>Tourism New Zealand launched a campaign to communicate a new brand position to the world.</i>
4. <b>exhilarating (adj)</b>	making you feel excited and full of energy	<i>New Zealand's scenic beauty, exhilarating outdoor activities and authentic Maori culture.</i>
5. <b>on a regular basis (adv)</b>	regularly	<i>participating businesses were able to update the details they gave on a regular basis.</i>
6. <b>evaluation (n)</b>	the process of judging something's quality, importance, or value	<i>the website underwent an independent evaluation.</i>
7. <b>blockbuster (n)</b>	a book or film that is very successful	<i>blockbuster films which had made use of New Zealand's stunning scenery.</i>
8. <b>itinerary</b>	a detailed plan or route of a journey	<i>travellers devise their own customised itineraries.</i>
9. <b>indicate</b>	show	<i>according to the season and indicating distances and times.</i>

<b>10. inclusion</b>	the act of including someone or something as part of a group, list etc.	<i>anyone could submit a blog of their New Zealand travels for possible inclusion on the website.</i>
<b>11. set up</b>	establish	<i>The website was set up</i>
<b>12. undertake</b>	to do something ,esp. something that will take a long time or be difficult	<i>The more activities that visitors undertake, the more satisfied they will be</i>
<b>13. appear</b>	seem	<i>it appears that visitors to New Zealand don't want to be 'one of the crowd'</i>
<b>14. be composed of</b>	to be formed from different things	<i>New Zealand is a small country with a visitor economy composed mainly of small businesses</i>
<b>15. infrastructure</b>	the basic systems and services e.g. transport and power supplies that a country or organization uses in order to work effectively	<i>a safe English-speaking country with a reliable transport infrastructure.</i>
<b>16. underlying</b>	real but not immediately obvious	<i>the underlying lessons apply anywhere</i>



Practice

Exercise 1: Circle the correct answer.

- 1. Learning to windsurf is tiring but **exhilarating/exhausting**.
- 2. Water is **composed/created** of hydrogen and oxygen.
- 3. A detailed **itinerary/blockbuster** was handed to each member of the tour.
- 4. After careful **inclusion/evaluation**, the judge eventually reached a verdict.
- 5. We are unable to find the **undertaking/underlying** cause of such a plunge in sales.
- 6. Muscles are **comprised/compound** of two different kinds of protein.
- 7. We set **off/up** at 5 and arrived at the location at 10.

Exercise 2: Rewrite the following sentences.

- 1. The Lord of The Rings is a **very successful movie**.

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- 2. The man **seems** to know nothing about the incident.

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- 3. Muscles **consist of** two kinds of protein.

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- 4. They have established a new conservation zone in this region.

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- 5. Those who exercise regularly may be less likely to suffer from stress.

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- 6. We have been carrying out a very challenging task.

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**Exercise 3:** Fill in each blank with an appropriate word. There are **TWO** extra words that you do not need to use. You may want to change the word form if necessary.

**undertake – indicate – infrastructure – underlying – campaign – regular – composed – long-haul – inhabitant – itinerary**

1. Those goods are checked on a \_\_\_\_\_ basis.
2. Activists have launched a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ against anti-LGBT acts.
3. Monowi is the most remote town in the world – its mayor is also the only \_\_\_\_\_ of the town!
4. Returning from a \_\_\_\_\_ flight, they decided to have a short nap.
5. Stress is the \_\_\_\_\_ cause of many health problems.
6. The research has \_\_\_\_\_ that drinking juice does not help you lose weight.
7. More money should be invested in education, health care and \_\_\_\_\_.
8. A short excursion in the safari is included in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Collocations for Speaking and Writing**

<b>campaign</b>	launch a campaign, an intensive campaign, a fund-raising campaign
<b>on a ... basis</b>	on a regular basis, on a daily basis, on a permanent basis, on a temporary basis
<b>undertake</b>	undertake a task, undertake a project, undertake research, undertake a challenge
<b>underlying</b>	underlying cause, underlying reason, underlying principle, underlying problem, underlying message

**Exercise 4:** Fill in each blank with **one word**. You may refer to the Table above.

- The authority has **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ a **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ campaign to build a retirement home for the elderly in the village.

- Teachers here are employed on a **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_, or part-time, basis.
- Although usually conceived as a ballad about unrequited love, the song has an underlying anti-war **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_.
- In 1746, Samuel Johnson **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ a daunting challenge of writing the first English dictionary.

## Reading Passage 2

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. <b>stretch out</b>	make something continue for a longer period that was planned	<i>time stretches out</i>
2. <b>apathy</b>	lack of interest in something	<i>For a start, it can include a lot of other mental states, such as frustration, apathy, depression and indifference.</i>
3. <b>indifference</b>	lack of interest in something	<i>For a start, it can include a lot of other mental states, such as frustration, apathy, depression and indifference.</i>
4. <b>agitated</b>	worried or upset	<i>flat kind of emotion or whether feeling agitated and restless counts as boredom, too.</i>
5. <b>infectious</b>	(disease) spreading from one person to another	<i>boredom may protect them from “infectious” social situations</i>
6. <b>intriguingly</b>	in a very interesting and mysterious way	<i>Intriguingly, Goetz has found that while people experience all kinds of boredom, they tend to specialize in one.</i>
7. <b>specialize in</b>	to be very good at one particular field	<i>Intriguingly, Goetz has found that while people experience all kinds of boredom, they tend to specialize in one.</i>
8. <b>prone to</b>	to be very likely to be affected by something	<i>the kind of boredom each of us might be prone to</i>
9. <b>not necessarily</b>	not always	<i>That doesn’t necessarily mean that it isn’t adaptive</i>

<b>10. curiosity</b>	a strong feeling to find out something	<i>Other personality traits, such as curiosity, are associated with a high boredom threshold.</i>
<b>11. associated with</b>	linked with	<i>Other personality traits, such as curiosity, are associated with a high boredom threshold.</i>
<b>12. threshold</b>	level	<i>Other personality traits, such as curiosity, are associated with a high boredom threshold.</i>
<b>13. detrimental</b>	harmful	<i>boredom has detrimental effects</i>
<b>14. alleviate</b>	to make something less serious	<i>What can we do to alleviate it before it comes to that?</i>
<b>15. distraction</b>	something that prevents you from concentrating	<i>using snacks, TV or social media for distraction</i>
<b>16. speculate</b>	guess	<i>Psychologist Françoise Wemelsfelder speculates that</i>
<b>17. stimulation</b>	something that cause a person or thing to be more active or enthusiastic	<i>instead of seeking yet more mental stimulation</i>

**Practice**

**Exercise 1:** Choose the best answer **A, B** or **C**.

1. Success doesn't ..... mean having great financial wealth.  
 A. necessity                                      B. necessary                                      C. necessarily
  
2. Such a widespread political ..... among students is an alarming issue today. They don't care about their country, and some of them do not even know the name of the president!  
 A. apathy    B. curiosity    C. threshold
  
3. That chef specializes ..... Japanese dishes.  
 A. in    B. on    C. at
  
4. One of the problems associated ..... illiteracy is poverty.  
 A. at    B. with    C. out
  
5. Sometimes being forced to do something is great ..... for creativity. I have come up with a lot of good ideas when forced to do my assignments!  
 A. detriment    B. stimulation    C. indifference
  
6. I feel a little bit ..... whenever I am in an interview.  
 A. detrimental    B. stimulated    C. agitated

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the following sentences.

1. Young people nowadays don't seem to take much interest in jobs **related to** farming.  
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2. Being mathematically intelligent **doesn't always mean** being a successful person.  
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3. **Interestingly**, he managed to survive even though he didn't know how to swim.  
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4. It is scientifically proven that men are more likely to suffer from heart attacks than women.

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5. Facebook is never the thing that prevents me from concentrating on my study.

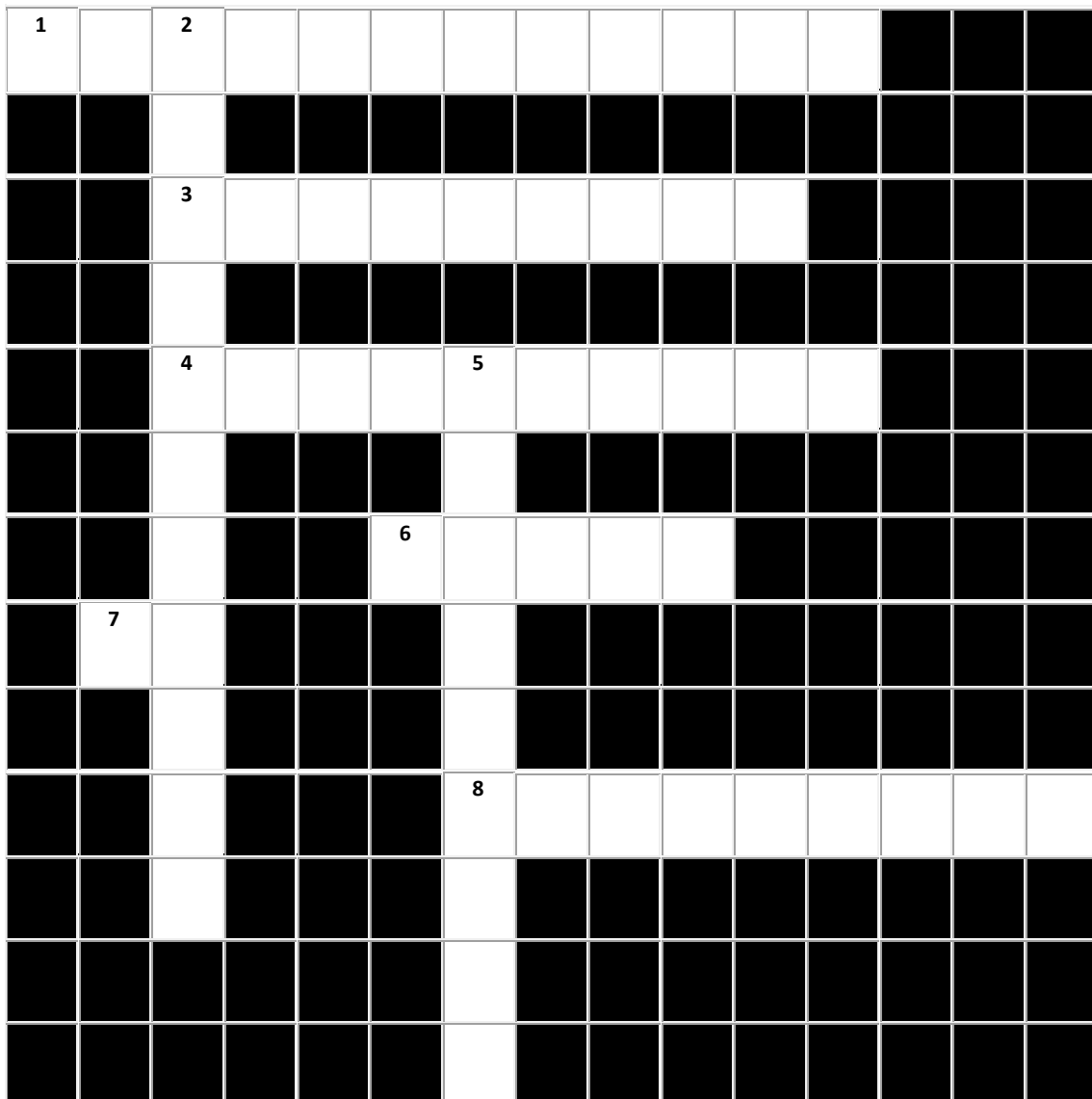
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6. One way of making this problem less serious is to divert more money into research.

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**Exercise 3:**

**Crossword**





**Across:**

- 1 apathy
- 3 6.5 is an important \_\_\_\_\_ that IELTS learners have to go through before they are certified C1 English users.
- 4 An \_\_\_\_\_ disease is one that is likely to spread.
- 6 My sister is \_\_\_\_\_ to colds; she has been sneezing for 3 months now.
- 7 My father specializes \_\_\_\_\_ Bonsai designing.
- 8 Scientists \_\_\_\_\_ that AI will dominate the world in the near future.

**Down:**

- 2 harmful
- 5 I attended this tap dance class just out of \_\_\_\_\_; I don't really like it much.

**Collocations for Speaking and Writing**

<b>indifference</b>	complete indifference, feign indifference, callous indifference, indifferent to
<b>curiosity</b>	insatiable curiosity, arouse curiosity, out of curiosity
<b>alleviate</b>	alleviate a problem, alleviate an issue, alleviate the pain
<b>detrimental</b>	highly detrimental, prove detrimental

**Exercise 4:** Complete the following sentences.

1. Such \_\_\_\_\_ indifference to environmental problems is a great threat to the society.
2. He asked me this problem just \_\_\_ of curiosity.
3. This man has an \_\_\_\_\_ curiosity for quantum physics.
4. Sightings of UFOs \_\_\_\_\_ great curiosity among locals here.
5. The doctor has prescribed some drugs to alleviate the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Coal energy has been \_\_\_\_\_ detrimental to the environment.

## Reading Passage 3

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. <b>artificial</b>	man-made	Artificial artists
2. <b>trick into</b>	fool sb into doing sth	... and even tricked them into believing a human was behind the score.
3. <b>sophisticated</b>	complicated	Human beings are the only species to perform sophisticated creative acts regularly.
4. <b>canvas</b>	cloth used in painting	Aaron can pick up a paintbrush and paint on canvas on its own.
5. <b>trawl</b>	A thorough search	The software runs its own web searches and trawls through social media sites.
6. <b>from scratch</b>	from the starting point	It is now beginning to display a kind of imagination too, creating pictures from scratch.
7. <b>fuzzy</b>	unclear	One of its original works is a series of fuzzy landscapes, depicting trees and sky.
8. <b>depict</b>	describe	One of its original works is a series of fuzzy landscapes, depicting trees and sky.
9. <b>arise</b>	begin to exist or develop	... Colton argues that such reactions arise from ...
10. <b>renowned</b>	famous and respected	Human artists like the renowned Ellsworth Kelly are lauded for limiting their color palette.

<b>11. original</b>	unique, new and interesting	...might create something as original and subtle as our best artists.
<b>12. subtle</b>	not obvious, very difficult to notice	... might create something as original and subtle as our best artists.
<b>13. revered</b>	to be respected and admired very much	... but also that of the most revered classical composers ...
<b>14. condemn for</b>	strongly criticize	... and condemned him for his deliberately vague explanation of how the software worked.
<b>15. deliberately</b>	intentionally	... and condemned him for his deliberately vague explanation of how the software worked.
<b>16. assess</b>	to carefully consider something in order to make a judgment	He asked both expert musicians and non-experts to assess six compositions.
<b>17. prejudice</b>	unreasonable dislike towards someone or something	Where does this prejudice come from?

Practice

Exercise 1: Circle the correct answer.

- 1. The maps **depict/stimulate** the development of Ho Chi Minh City over a 4-year period.
- 2. Your academic performance will be **condemned/assessed** by a series of tests.
- 3. Some new problems have **arisen/renowned** as a result of the previous law.
- 4. Since all of his documents were lost in the storm, Peter had to start the project **with/from** scratch.
- 5. **Artificial/Arising** Intelligence is expected to dominate the world in the next 5 years.
- 6. I am really impressed by the **revered/original** and novel design of this new house.
- 7. The famous painter painted on a big **canvas/prejudice**.

Exercise 2: Rewrite the following sentences.

- 1. I have been searching the Internet for information for my current project.

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- 2. His new and unique idea has been critically praised by scientists.

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- 3. The government has been fiercely criticized due to their failure to improve the environment in this region.

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- 4. The differences between the two cultures may be tiny, but it's there.

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- 5. The Queen's visit was an intentional attempt to draw public attention to the problem in that area.

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6. Oxford and Cambridge are the two most famous and admired universities in the UK.

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**Exercise 3:** Fill in each blank with a suitable word. There are **TWO** extra words that you do not need to use. You also have to change the word form if necessary.

**revered – artificial – condemned – prejudice – fuzzy – trick – subtle – sophisticated – assess – arise**

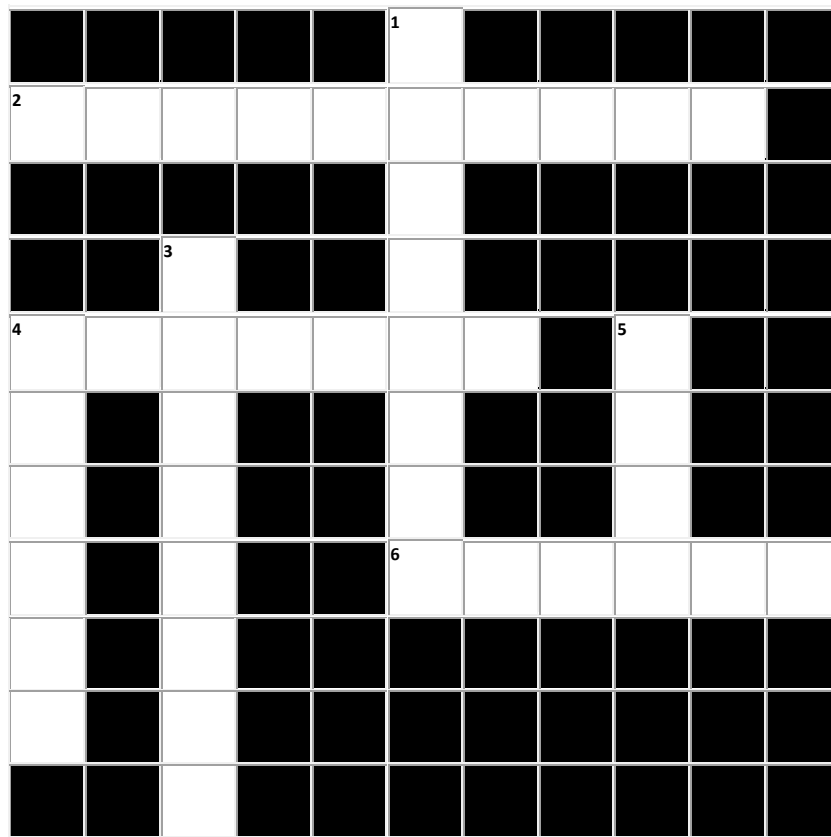
1. It's sad that women still have to face a certain degree of \_\_\_\_\_ and unfairness in the workplace.
2. Door-to-door salesmen usually \_\_\_\_\_ housewives into buying things that they don't need.
3. Our agent will \_\_\_\_\_ the value of this property and inform you later.
4. Many problems \_\_\_\_\_ when the company applied the new administrative system.
5. Farmers use both natural and \_\_\_\_\_ light e.g. neon lights to help nourish their crops.
6. The whole university campus is controlled by a \_\_\_\_\_ cutting-edge computer system.
7. There's a \_\_\_\_\_, unclear line between the roles of parents and schools in shaping a child's personality.
8. The patterns look very similar, but there are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between them.

**Collocations for Speaking and Writing**

<b>condemn</b>	be strongly condemned, be roundly condemned, be publicly condemned
<b>prejudice</b>	strong prejudice, racial prejudice, deep-seated prejudiced, overcome prejudice
<b>arise</b>	problems arise, difficulties arise, questions arise
<b>subtle</b>	a subtle difference, a subtle change, a subtle hint

Exercise 4:

Crossword



Across:

Down:

- 2 There's a subtle \_\_\_\_\_ between the two policies.
- 4 the coach was \_\_\_\_\_ criticized after their team's continuous defeats.
- 6 He used to hold a deep-\_\_\_\_\_ prejudice against the LGBT community.

- 1 When \_\_\_\_\_ arise, Peter is always the first one to come up with a solution.
- 3 She has never \_\_\_\_\_ criticized the government.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ prejudice against black people must be stopped at all costs.
- 5 Not wanting to make the game too easy, he only gave us a very subtle \_\_\_\_\_.

# Test 2



## Reading Passage 1

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. <b>fragrant (adj)</b>	having a pleasant or sweet smell	<i>Cinnamon is a sweet, fragrant spice.</i>
2. <b>biblical (adj)</b>	relating to or based on the Bible	<i>Cinnamon was known in biblical times, and is mentioned in several books of the Bible.</i>
3. <b>condiment (n)</b>	a substance, such as salt, that you add to food to improve its taste	<i>The ability to purchase an expensive condiment.</i>
4. <b>exotic (adj)</b>	unusual and exciting because of coming a distant foreign country	<i>an expensive condiment from the exotic' East.</i>
5. <b>at someone's disposal (phr)</b>	available to be used by someone	<i>At a banquet, a host would offer guests a plate with various spices piled upon it as a sign of the wealth at his or her disposal.</i>
6. <b>the elite (n)</b>	the richest, most powerful, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society	<i>The European middle classes began to desire the lifestyle of the elite, including their consumption of spices.</i>
7. <b>merchant (n)</b>	a person or business that buys and sells goods	<i>At that time, cinnamon was transported by Arab merchants.</i>
8. <b>monopoly (n)</b>	complete control of an area of business	<i>The English arrived on Ceylon, thereby displacing the Dutch from their control of the cinnamon monopoly.</i>
9. <b>exorbitant (adj)</b>	unreasonably high	<i>Because Venice had a virtual monopoly of the trade, the Venetians could set the price of cinnamon exorbitantly high.</i>

<b>10. cultivation (n)</b>	the process of growing crops or plants	<i>Before Europeans arrived on the island, the state had organized the cultivation of cinnamon.</i>
<b>11. ethnic (adj)</b>	relating to a particular race of people	<i>People belonging to the ethnic group called the Salagama would peel the bark off young shoots of the cinnamon plant in the rainy season.</i>
<b>12. enslave (v)</b>	to make someone a slave	<i>When the Portuguese arrived, they enslaved many other members of the Ceylonese native population.</i>
<b>13. ally yourself to/with sb (phr)</b>	to start to support someone	<i>The Dutch allied themselves with Kandy, an inland kingdom on Ceylon.</i>
<b>14. expel (v)</b>	to force someone to leave a school, organization, or country	<i>By 1658, the Dutch had permanently expelled the Portuguese from the island.</i>
<b>15. lucrative (adj)</b>	producing a lot of money	<i>gaining control of the lucrative cinnamon trade</i>
<b>16. appetite (n)</b>	the feeling that you want to eat food	<i>Europe's ever-increasing appetite for cinnamon</i>
<b>17. supersede (v)</b>	to replace something, especially something older or more old-fashioned	<i>The spice trade overall was superseded by the rise of trade in coffee, tea.</i>

Practice

Exercise 1: Circle the correct answer.

- 1. The recent merger has proved to be very lucrative/exorbitant for both companies.
2. The poor guy fell in love with the daughter of a wealthy London condiment/merchant.
3. For years the company had a/an appetite/monopoly on delivery services in the US.
4. The spoilt teenager was expelled/enslaved from a state school during his second year and was heading straight for prison.
5. The jasmine in my garden is so fragrant/fragment that I can smell it as soon as I open the door at night.
6. The government has superseded/conceded that the new investment policy has been a failure.
7. It's a lovely hotel, but the prices are exotic/exorbitant.
8. Transplantation of organs from living donors has raised ethical/ethnic issues.

Exercise 2: Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meanings.

- 1. I am available to answer any of your questions.

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- 2. The dessert was just enough to satisfy my desire to eat.

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- 3. Over a period of twenty years, traditional coins were replaced by paper.

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- 4. Some low-income families may find children's safety devices prohibitively expensive.

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- 5. My brother was forced to leave school for his disruptive behavior.

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6. The advent of e-readers makes selling books online a very **profitable** business.

**Exercise 3:** Fill in each blank with an appropriate word. There are **TWO** extra words that you do not need to use. You may want to change the word form if necessary.

**Supersede - appetite - ally - enslave - ethnic - cultivation – exorbitant - monopoly - exotic - condiment**

1. Tuition fees at private colleges have become \_\_\_\_\_ in recent years.
2. Made from fermented fish and salt, fish sauce is a flagship \_\_\_\_\_ of Vietnamese cuisine.
3. Sugarcane \_\_\_\_\_ requires warm weather.
4. Women in many African nations are \_\_\_\_\_ by poverty.
5. The Vietnamese Government has a \_\_\_\_\_ on electricity production.
6. Fishing has \_\_\_\_\_ forestry as the nation's main industry.
7. Sudden loss of \_\_\_\_\_ may be a sign of stress.
8. Some of the local \_\_\_\_\_ groups in Vietnam live in mountainous areas.

**Collocations for Speaking and Writing**

<b>monopoly</b>	enjoy/have/hold/maintain a monopoly, a powerful/state-controlled/state-owned monopoly
<b>appetite</b>	control/curb/ruin/spoil/whet/satisfy appetite, an appetite for
<b>expel</b>	be expelled from (somewhere) for (reasons)

**Exercise 4:** Fill in each blank with **one word**.

- Don't eat any dessert now. You'll **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ your **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_.
- After years of **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ petroleum **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_, most of the market is starting to open up to private enterprises.

- The little student impresses his teachers with his tremendous **(5)**\_\_\_\_\_ for knowledge.
- Four girls were **(6)**\_\_\_\_\_ **(7)**\_\_\_\_\_ college **(8)**\_\_\_\_\_ drug-dealing.

## Reading Passage 2

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. <b>reinforce (v)</b>	to make stronger	<i>reinforce the bonds between prairie voles</i>
2. <b>trigger (v)</b>	to cause something to start	<i>triggers the motherly behaviour</i>
3. <b>empathetic (adj)</b>	showing an ability to understand and share the feelings of another	<i>One sniff of oxytocin can make a person more trusting, empathetic, generous and cooperative.</i>
4. <b>emerge (v)</b>	to appear, to come out of something	<i>Oxytocin's role in human behaviour first emerged in 2005.</i>
5. <b>groundbreaking (adj)</b>	using new methods, innovative	<i>in a groundbreaking experiment.</i>
6. <b>placebo (n)</b>	a substance that is not medicine but that a patient who is taking it believes is medicine, and so they get better	<i>The team found that participants who had sniffed oxytocin via a nasal spray beforehand invested more money than those who received a placebo instead.</i>
7. <b>charitable (adj)</b>	kind, and not judging other people in a severe way	<i>People become more charitable, better at reading emotions on others' faces.</i>
8. <b>fuel (v)</b>	to make something increase or become stronger	<i>The results fuelled the view that oxytocin universally enhanced the positive aspects of our social nature.</i>
9. <b>disposition (n)</b>	the particular type of character that a person naturally has	<i>a person's disposition</i>
10. <b>conduct (v)</b>	to organize and perform a particular activity	<i>studies conducted by Carolyn DeClerck of the University of Antwerp, Belgium</i>

<b>11. favouritism (n)</b>	the practice of giving unfair preferential treatment to one person or group	<i>Volunteers given oxytocin showed favouritism.</i>
<b>12. bias (n)</b>	inclination or prejudice for or against one person or group	<i>It appears that oxytocin strengthens biases.</i>
<b>13. goodwill (n)</b>	helpful, or cooperative feelings or attitude	<i>promoting general goodwill</i>
<b>14. subtlety (n)</b>	a small but important detail	<i>There were signs of these subtleties from the start.</i>
<b>15. take (no) notice of (phr)</b>	(not) pay attention; (not) show signs of interest	<i>Researchers took no notice of such findings.</i>
<b>16. attuned (to) (adj)</b>	receptive or aware	<i>making people more attuned to their social environment.</i>
<b>17. perplexing (adj)</b>	confusing, baffling, very puzzling	<i>Perhaps we should not be surprised that the oxytocin story has become more perplexing.</i>
<b>18. manifest (v)</b>	show, demonstrate	<i>These basic processes could manifest in different ways.</i>

Practice

Exercise 1: Circle the correct answer.

- 1. The sea walls along the coast are being **reinforced/manifested** with tons of cement.
- 2. Parents are advised not to show **favoritism/goodwill** towards any one of their children.
- 3. These **groundbreaking/charitable** discoveries changed the way historians looked at feudalism.
- 4. The teacher has an **empathetic/attuned** heart toward underprivileged people.
- 5. Some types of mental illness can be **triggered/conducted** by food allergies.
- 6. The singer’s cheerful **disposition/preposition** made her popular.
- 7. To appreciate the beauty of nature relies upon your noticing its **subtleties/subtitles**.
- 8. The **placebo/disposition** could be powerful because it meets some psychological need for attention and treatment.

Exercise 2: Rewrite the underlined parts without changing their meanings.

1. The company’s management should be more receptive to employees’ voices in the future.  
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2. The school board has continually ignored the complaints of parents.  
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3. Fears for the safety of the kidnapped victims have been intensified by rumors of new terrorist threats.  
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4. The sun appeared from behind the clouds.  
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5. The school has to rely on the help of the parents to raise money.  
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6. Questions about the meaning of life have always confused humankind.

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7. A survey on customer satisfaction is being carried out.

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8. The city has introduced an innovative system of traffic control.

**Exercise 3:** Fill in each blank with an appropriate word. There are **TWO** extra words that you do not need to use. You may want to change the word form if necessary.

**manifest - subtlety - favoritism - attune - disposition - emerge - empathetic - trigger – reinforce**

1. The scientists are looking into some psychiatric disorders \_\_\_\_\_ during adolescence.
2. Some patients find that certain foods \_\_\_\_\_ their stomach aches.
3. The nurse has always been compassionate and \_\_\_\_\_ towards her patients.
4. Patriotism can also be \_\_\_\_\_ in the way the people value their heritages.
5. Workplace \_\_\_\_\_ injures the sense of fairness in promotions, forcing employees to leave their organizations.
6. You will recognize the accent more accurately as your ears become more \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The foundations need to be \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent the building from sinking further into the ground.
8. Students of a nervous \_\_\_\_\_ tend to be less active in class.

**Collocations for Speaking and Writing**

<b>conduct (n)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>code of conduct</li> <li>disgraceful/immoral/illegal conduct</li> <li>engage in (improper) conduct, regulate the conduct of</li> </ul>
<b>manifest (v)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>manifest something in/as/through something</li> <li>manifest itself</li> </ul>
<b>bias (n)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>display/show/avoid/eliminate/reduce/correct a bias</li> <li>a bias against, a bias in favour of/towards</li> </ul>

**Exercise 4:** Fill in each blank with **one word**.

- It is undeniable that the company's recruitment process displays a **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ women and minorities.
- Nations wishing to enter the WTO have to abide by a **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ of **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_.
- Musical talent usually **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ itself in childhood.
- Some people think that teenagers who **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ in illegal **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ should receive the same punishments as adults.

## Reading Passage 3

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. <b>identify (v)</b>	to recognize	<i>Most managers can identify the major trends of the day.</i>
2. <b>profound (adj)</b>	serious, showing serious thought and wise ideas	<i>recognize the less obvious but profound ways these trends are influencing consumers</i>
3. <b>aspiration (n)</b>	something that you hope to achieve	<i>consumers' aspirations, attitudes, and behaviors</i>
4. <b>jeopardize (v)</b>	to put something in danger of being harmed or damaged	<i>They can jeopardize a company by ceding to rivals the opportunity to transform the industry.</i>
5. <b>engender (v)</b>	to cause a feeling or attitude to exist	<i>engender new value propositions in their core markets</i>
6. <b>adept (at) (adj)</b>	skillful	<i>adept at analyzing and exploiting trends</i>
7. <b>opulence (n)</b>	great wealth or luxuriousness	<i>The Coach brand had been a symbol of opulence and luxury for nearly 70 years.</i>
8. <b>downturn (n)</b>	a reduction in economic or business activity	<i>the economic downturn of 2008</i>
9. <b>mindset (n)</b>	a way of thinking about things	<i>Coach saw the new consumer mindset as an opportunity for innovation and renewal.</i>
10. <b>commitment (n)</b>	a promise to do something, enthusiasm for something	<i>the company's commitment to protecting the environment</i>
11. <b>augment (v)</b>	to increase the size or value of something	<i>Tesco has augmented its business with these innovations.</i>

<b>12. infuse (v)</b>	to fill someone or something with an emotion or quality	<i>infusing its value proposition with a green streak</i>
<b>13. incorporate (v)</b>	to include something as part of something larger	<i>to incorporate elements of a seemingly irrelevant trend into one's core offerings</i>
<b>14. apparel (n)</b>	clothes of a special type	<i>a focus on athletic apparel</i>
<b>15. reinvigorate (v)</b>	to strengthen something or someone	<i>The infuse-and-augment strategy will allow you to reinvigorate the category.</i>
<b>16. counteract (v)</b>	to reduce the negative effect of something by doing something that has an opposite effect	<i>The ME2 counteracted some of the widely perceived negative impacts of digital gaming devices.</i>

Practice

**Exercise 1:** Circle the correct answer.

1. The series contains many great **adept/profound** insights into human instincts.
2. The **mindset/commitment** of the previous generation was definitely more obedient than today's.
3. The young man works hard for money, and he also has aspirations/apparels to move on up into management.
4. Taking vitamins can **identify/counteract** some bad eating habits.
5. The governing agency is fully committed to **reinvigorating/infusing** the economy of the region.
6. To stay emotionally healthy, avoid interacting with those who are **incorporated/infused** with resentment and hatred.
7. We were amazed at the size and **aspirations/opulence** of the rooms.
8. The charity has a strong **commitment/mindset** to taking care of poor children in the state.

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meanings.

1. The young violinist gave a characteristically skillful performance.  
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2. Many environmentally friendly features have been included in the design of the building.  
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3. The victim eventually managed to recognize her attacker in court.  
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4. The workers blamed the misleading article for attracting bad publicity for their company and putting their livelihood at risk.  
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5. The hotel wants to **expand** its business by adding a roof-top food court.

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6. These new energy technologies are aimed at **reducing** the effects of global warming.

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7. The vice-president's speech **gave rise to** continuing controversy.

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8. They hope the tax cuts will **give new energy to** the economy.

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**Exercise 3:** Fill in each blank with an appropriate word. There are **TWO** extra words that you do not need to use. You may want to change the word form if necessary.

**Counteract - apparel - incorporate - augment - commitment - mindset - downturn - adept - aspiration - profound**

1. Other scholars were truly impressed with the student's knowledge and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Workers are required to wear protective \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The company will have to change its whole \_\_\_\_\_ if it is to survive.
4. When he was 10, the young man had \_\_\_\_\_ to play professional basketball.
5. The year 2008 saw a \_\_\_\_\_ in car sales.
6. The gecko is remarkably \_\_\_\_\_ at hiding itself in the leafy bush.
7. The office worker couldn't attend the evening class because of work \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Schools in the state are taking action to \_\_\_\_\_ violence.

**Collocations for Speaking and Writing**

<b>Aspiration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have /achieve/fulfil/meet/realize/satisfy the aspirations</li> <li>• aspirations for/to/towards</li> </ul>
<b>downturn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• serious/severe/sharp/significant/mild/slight/economic</li> <li>• experience/suffer/see/witness downturn</li> </ul>

**Exercise 4:** Fill in each blank with **one word**.

- The student worked extremely hard to **(1)**\_\_\_\_\_ his childhood **(2)**\_\_\_\_\_ to become a surgeon.
- During a **(3)**\_\_\_\_\_ in sales like we're experiencing now, motivating your employees is a daunting task.

# Test 3



## Reading Passage 1

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. <b>be central to</b>	Plays an important role in something	<i>For millennia, the coconut has been central to the lives of Polynesian and Asian peoples</i>
2. <b>exotic (adj)</b>	Rare, unusual, strange, interesting	<i>on the other hand, coconuts have always been exotic and unusual, sometimes rare</i>
3. <b>cliché (n)</b>	An idea or expression that is often overused	<i>Today, images of palm-fringed tropical beaches are clichés in the west to sell holidays</i>
4. <b>flesh (n)</b>	The meaty part of the body	<i>Typically, we envisage coconuts as brown cannonballs that, when opened, provide sweet white flesh.</i>
5. <b>timber (n)</b>	Wood	<i>This is an important source of timber for building houses</i>
6. <b>surmount (n)</b>	To stand on top; to overcome difficulties	<i>The trunk is surmounted by a rosette of leaves, each of which may be up to six metres long</i>
7. <b>cluster (n)</b>	a group of similar things that are close together	<i>Immature coconut flowers are tightly clustered together among the leaves at the top of the trunk</i>
8. <b>prominent (adj)</b>	Important, well known, easy to see	<i>The woody innermost layer, the shell, with its three prominent 'eyes', surrounds the seed</i>
9. <b>obtain (v)</b>	To get	<i>An important product obtained from the shell is charcoal, which is widely used in various industries as well as in the home as a cooking fuel</i>

<b>10. nutrient (n)</b>	substance that plants or animals need in order to live and grow	<i>Inside the shell are the nutrients (endosperm) needed by the developing seed</i>
<b>11. yield (n,v)</b>	To supply, produce something; the amount of produced things	<i>... but also provides the hormones which encourage other plants to grow more rapidly and produce higher yields</i>
<b>12. edible (a)</b>	Can be eaten	<i>As the fruit matures, the coconut water gradually solidifies to form the brilliant white, fat-rich, edible flesh or meat</i>
<b>13. cosmetics (n)</b>	Make-up and other items that improve someone's appearance	<i>Dried coconut flesh, 'copra', is made into coconut oil and coconut milk, which are widely used in cooking in different parts of the world, as well as in cosmetics</i>
<b>14. derivative (a,n)</b>	something made from something else	<i>A derivative of coconut fat, glycerine, acquired strategic importance in a quite different sphere</i>
<b>15. dynamite (n)</b>	Bomb powder or sticks that explode and destroy stuffs	<i>as Alfred Nobel introduced the world to his nitroglycerine-based invention: dynamite.</i>
<b>16. tolerate (v)</b>	to continue existing despite bad or difficult conditions	<i>The large, energy-rich fruits are able to float in water and tolerate salt, but cannot remain viable indefinitely, studies suggest after about 110 days at sea they are no longer able to germinate.</i>
<b>17. origin (n)</b>	the beginning or cause of something	<i>There have been centuries of academic debate over the origins of the coconut.</i>

<p><b>18. a subject of discussion</b></p>	<p>The topic that is often discussed</p>	<p><i>But the origin of coconuts discovered along the west coast of America by 16th century sailors has been the subject of centuries of discussion.</i></p>
<p><b>19. intrigue (v)</b></p>	<p>To be interesting and make people want to know more</p>	<p><i>These problems have led to the intriguing suggestion that coconuts originated on coral islands in the Pacific and were dispersed from there.</i></p>

**Practice**

**Exercise 1:** Use the correct form of the words in brackets to fill in the blank

1. Fishing is **central/center** to the survival of coastal villages.
2. The Dodo bird is a/an **exciting/exotic** animal that is very rarely seen.
3. New books are displayed in a **promising/prominent** position on tables at the front of the store.
4. Good weather means that the farm's crop **yield/field** will be quite excellent.
5. I just cannot **tolerate/moderate** his behavior anymore so I gave him a harsh punishment.
6. We are unable to find the **original/origin** of this old painting.
7. Sarah has an **intriguing/intrigue** personality. She makes me curious.
8. Using **cosmetics/domestics** too much can be harmful to your skin.

**Exercise 2:** Use the correct word form of the words in brackets to fill in the blank

1. It is difficult to determine whether his invention is \_\_\_\_\_. (ORIGIN)
2. Good paintings usually have \_\_\_\_\_ details. (INTRIGUE)
3. Coconut oil is \_\_\_\_\_ from coconuts. (DERIVATIVE)
4. My wife's cooking is terrible, in fact, her dishes are \_\_\_\_\_ (EAT)
5. I have zero \_\_\_\_\_ for annoying people. (TOLERATE)

**Exercise 3:** Fill in the blank with words from the glossary

1. Unlike concrete houses, houses made from \_\_\_\_\_ are very flammable
2. Do not touch those \_\_\_\_\_, they might explode!
3. He's a very hardworking man who \_\_\_\_\_ all challenges placed before him.
4. Our apple tree never \_\_\_\_\_ any fruit.
5. It is important to get the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ from meat and vegetables.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ animals are under governmental protection.
7. A majority of English words are simply \_\_\_\_\_ of other words.

**Exercise 4:** Rewrite these sentences with words from the glossary

1. Mining coal is **very important** to the lives of people in this area.

2. Important issues should never be overlooked if we want to improve our company.

3. Agent 007, go and **get** some information about this criminal.

**Collocations for Speaking and Writing**

<b>origin</b>	Have the same origin, share an origin, country of origin middle-class, noble, peasant, slave, working-class   humble, lowly + origin
<b>obtain</b>	obtain information, obtain knowledge, a means of obtaining sth
<b>flesh</b>	in the flesh (in person) <i>flesh and blood (a relative)</i>
<b>prominent</b>	prominent role, prominent position

**Exercise 4:** Fill in each blank with **ONE** word.

- Many kings and emperors in history came from a **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ origin. Kings of the Tran's regime, for example, were fishermen before they rose to power.
- Printed newspapers have gradually been considered an obsolete way of **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ information.
- Thousands of fans gathered to see the band in the **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_.
- How can you treat your uncle like that? He's your flesh and **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_!

5. After years of relentless working, Peter finally took a prominent **(5)**\_\_\_\_\_ in the company.

## Reading Passage 2

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. <b>exaggerate</b>	make something seem more extreme	<i>The typical way of talking to a baby – high-pitched, exaggerated and repetitious - ...</i>
2. <b>repetitious</b>	repeated too many times	<i>The typical way of talking to a baby – high-pitched, exaggerated and repetitious - ...</i>
3. <b>impact on</b>	influence	<i>... for linguists who hope to understand how ‘baby talk’ impacts on learning.</i>
4. <b>womb</b>	a woman’s organ where the baby grows	<i>Most babies start developing their hearing while still in the womb, ...</i>
5. <b>exposure</b>	the chance to experience new things	<i>Early language exposure seems to have benefits to the brain ...</i>
6. <b>bilingual</b>	knowing 2 languages	<i>... babies raised in bilingual homes are better at ...</i>
7. <b>fundamental</b>	basic and important	<i>Dads didn’t raise their pitch or fundamental frequency when they talked to kids.</i>
8. <b>hypothesis</b>	theory	<i>Their role may be rooted in what is called the bridge hypothesis ...</i>
9. <b>boost</b>	help sth to increase or improve	<i>They found that frequent baby talk had dramatically boosted vocabulary, regardless of socioeconomic status.</i>
10. <b>regardless of</b>	without being affected by sth	<i>They found that frequent baby talk had dramatically boosted</i>

		<i>vocabulary, regardless of socioeconomic status.</i>
<b>11. synthesize</b>	combine different things into an idea or system	<i>They played repeating vowel sounds made by a special synthesizing device ...</i>
<b>12. cue</b>	a signal for someone to do something	<i>This way, only the impact of the auditory cues was observed.</i>
<b>13. infant</b>	a very young baby	<i>They found that the 'infant' sounds held babies' attention nearly 40 percent longer.</i>
<b>14. theorize</b>	to develop an idea	<i>The team theorizes that this attraction to other infant sounds could...</i>
<b>15. engaged in</b>	involved in	<i>... because it means the baby brain is engaged in trying to talk back right from the start...</i>
<b>16. figure out</b>	to understand or to solve something	<i>... that seven-month-olds' brains are already trying to figure out how to make the right movements ...</i>



Practice

**Exercise 1:** Complete the following sentences with the correct word forms.

1. It was the worst meal I've ever had in my life and I'm not \_\_\_\_\_. EXAGGERATION
2. Excessive \_\_\_\_\_ to sunlight may lead to skin cancer. EXPOSE
3. His monotonous and \_\_\_\_\_ lectures bore me stiff. REPEAT
4. Khoa is \_\_\_\_\_; it means that he can speak two languages. LINGUAL
5. Scientists \_\_\_\_\_ that there might be a parallel universe where everything on Earth is duplicated. THEORY

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the following sentences.

1. Reading, Writing and Arithmetic are very **basic and important** subjects that we are required to learn.

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2. The new policy may **have a bad influence on** people's lives.

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3. **Being able to speak two languages** may help you find jobs easier.

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4. It's a daunting challenge to come up with an answer to this question.

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5. Whether you are young or old, you are more than welcome to do science.

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6. The new policy may help improve the economy.

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**Collocations for Speaking and Writing**

<b>figure out</b>	figure out how to do something, figure out an answer, figure out a solution
<b>exposed</b>	excessively exposed to, publicly exposed to
<b>exaggerate</b>	be greatly exaggerated, be grossly exaggerated, be deliberately exaggerated

**Exercise 3:** Answer the following questions:

1. How long does it take you to figure out a solution to a hard math question?

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2. What should you do to avoid being excessively exposed to sunlight?

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3. Have you ever deliberately exaggerated a story? Why?

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## Reading Passage 3

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. flourish (v)	to grow or develop successfully	<i>The Harappan Civilisation of ancient Pakistan and India flourished 5,000 years ago</i>
2. abandon(v)	to leave behind	<i>Streets went uncleaned, buildings started to be abandoned, and ritual structures fell out of use.</i>
3. depiction (n)	the way that something is represented or shown	<i>a sophisticated Bronze Age society who built 'megacities and traded internationally in luxury craft products, and yet seemed to have left almost no depictions of themselves</i>
4. representation (n)	the way that someone or something is shown or described	<i>the Egyptians were carving and painting representations of themselves all over their temples</i>
5. archeology (n)	the study of the buildings, graves, tools, and other objects that belonged to people who lived in the past, in order to learn about their culture and society	<i>There is plenty of archaeological evidence to tell us about the rise of the Harappan Civilization</i>
6. distinct (a)	clearly noticeable clearly separate and different	<i>As populations increased, cities were built that had great baths, craft workshops, palaces and halls laid out in distinct sectors</i>
7. thrive (v)	It was very much a "thriving" civilization	<i>blockbuster films which had made used of New Zealand' stunning scenery</i>

<b>8. change course</b>	change direction	<i>Some have claimed that major glacier-fed rivers changed their course</i>
<b>9. succumb (v)</b>	to die or suffer badly	<i>They succumbed to invasion and conflict;</i>
<b>10. inhabit (v)</b>	to live in a place	<i>many of the archaeological sites were not where they were supposed to be, completely altering understanding of the way that this region was inhabited in the past.</i>
<b>11. astonish (v)</b>	to surprise someone very much	<i>Over the course of several seasons of fieldwork they carried out new surveys, finding an astonishing 198 settlement sites that were previously unknown.</i>
<b>12. evaporation (v)</b>	the process of changing from a liquid to a gas	<i>But we have observed that there was an abrupt change about 4,100 years ago, when the amount of evaporation from the lake exceeded the rainfall</i>
<b>13. exceed (v)</b>	to be greater than a number or amount, or to go past an allowed limit	<i>But we have observed that there was an abrupt change about 4,100 years ago, when the amount of evaporation from the lake exceeded the rainfall</i>
<b>14. engage (v)</b>	to become involved	<i>By investigating responses to environmental pressures and threats, we can learn from the past to engage with the public</i>
<b>15. heritage (n)</b>	features belonging to the culture of a particular society	<i>the balance of urban and rural development, and the importance of preserving cultural heritage in the future."</i>

Practice

**Exercise 1:** Choose the appropriate word for each sentence

1. I was **demolished/astonished** by how much she'd grown.
2. The area has been designated a world **architecture/heritage** site.
3. Drivers who **exceed/succeed** the speed limit can expect to be fined heavily.
4. A good way to make friends is to **engage/enter** in conversations.
5. You should not buy items that **excess/exceed** your budget.
6. **Descriptiveness/Depictions** of old folk tales are drawn on the cave walls.

**Exercise 2:** Use the correct word form of the words in brackets to fill in the blank

1. When Jian heard the news of his army's defeat, he could not hide his \_\_\_\_\_. (ASTONISH)
2. Everyone was astonished to hear the news of Tim and Mary's \_\_\_\_\_. (ENGAGE)
3. When it's hot, water in lakes usually \_\_\_\_\_. (EVAPORATION)
4. This statue \_\_\_\_\_ a young man carrying a giant's head. (DEPICTION)
5. At the conference, Monsters Inc. didn't have anyone to \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
(REPRESENTATION)

**Exercise 3:** Rewrite the sentences using words in the glossary

1. The Bengal tiger **lives in** the tropical jungles of Thailand.

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2. The IELTS scores of ZIM students **were higher than expected**.

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3. The book contains three chapters, all of which are very **different from each other**.

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4. It is necessary for students to **take part in** community work.

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5. I was **greatly surprised** by the number of people who disliked the Han Solo movie.

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**Collocations for Speaking and Writing**

<b>engage</b>	Attempt to <b>engage</b> , seek to <b>engage</b> , <b>be engaged in</b>
<b>thrive</b>	<b>Thrive</b> on something, continue to <b>thrive</b>
<b>heritage</b>	rich   natural   common, national.   architectural, artistic, cultural, historical, literary + <b>heritage</b>
<b>representation</b>	accurate, faithful, good, true + <b>representation</b>

**Exercise 4:** Complete the following sentences.

1. They've been engaged \_\_\_\_\_ a heated debate for several hours.
2. Some couples thrive \_\_\_\_\_ conflicts.
3. What is shown on the Internet is far from the \_\_\_\_\_ representation of our country.
4. Ha Long Bay has been designated as one of the world's \_\_\_\_\_ heritage sites.

# Test 4

## Reading Passage 1

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. <b>dominate (v)</b>	to have control over a place or person	<i>when the Suez Canal opened and steam propulsion was replacing sail, clippers dominated world trade</i>
2. <b>prestige (n)</b>	the high reputation and respect that someone or something has earned, based on their impressive achievements, quality etc	<i>where speed could bring shipowners both profits and prestige</i>
3. <b>live up to sb's expectations (phr.)</b>	to be as good as what was expected or promised	<i>Cutty Sark never lived up to the high expectations of her owner</i>
4. <b>severe</b>	extremely bad; not kind or gentle	<i>but then her rudder was severely damaged in stormy seas</i>
5. <b>daunting</b>	If something is <b>daunting</b> , it makes you worried because it is difficult or frightening	<i>The ship's crew had a daunting task of repairing the rudder at sea</i>
6. <b>ultimate</b>	final or most important; better, worse, or greater than all similar things	<i>in 1880, violence aboard the ship led ultimately to the replacement of the captain.</i>
7. <b>incompetent</b>	not able to do your job, or things that you are expected to do, successfully	<i>to the replacement of the captain with an incompetent drunkard</i>
8. <b>turnaround</b>	a change from a bad situation to a good one	<i>This marked a turnaround and the beginning of</i>
9. <b>pay off</b>	if something that you do pays off, it brings you some benefit	<i>His gamble paid off, though, and the ship was the fastest</i>



<b>10. miscellaneous</b>	consisting of a mixture of several different things ( <i>always before noun</i> )	<i>For the next 25 years, she again carried miscellaneous cargoes round the world</i>
<b>11. make use of</b>	to use someone or something for a particular purpose, especially one that brings a benefit to you	<i>while steam ships could make use of the quick, direct route between the Mediterranean</i>
<b>12. pose a threat to</b>	threaten	<i>Steam ships posed a growing threat to clippers, as their speed and cargo capacity increased</i>
<b>13. the replacement of A with B</b>	A is replaced by B	<i>in 1880, violence aboard the ship led ultimately to the replacement of the captain.</i>
<b>14. life expectancy</b>	the number of years that someone is likely to live	<i>Cutty Sark approached the end of her life expectancy (<b>line 20, page 83</b>)</i>
<b>15. intact</b>	not damaged or destroyed	<i>Only one has survived more or less intact</i>

Practice

**Exercise 1:** Circle the correct answer.

1. I hope you've **made use of/posed a threat to** your time.
2. The book is expected to **pay off/dominate** the best-seller lists.
3. He had longer **prestige/life expectancy** than his parents, who were 40 years old.
4. The closure of these companies could **pay off/pose a threat to** jobs in the coal industry.
5. You must leave your full name and **contact/intact** details when you phone.
6. I **paid off/paid back** the twenty dollars I'd borrowed.
7. Steve passed out on the floor and woke up in **several/severe** pain.
8. A **turnaround/roundabout** is a structure in the road at a place where several roads meet. You drive round it until you come to the road that you want.

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meanings.

1. Most of the cargo was not damaged after the explosion.  
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2. My parents hope that I can become a doctor but I am afraid I can't do it.  
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3. I have been waiting for her love for 2 years and now my efforts have been recognized and she loves me back.  
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4. Teenagers should learn how to gain benefits from the time they have now.  
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5. The US desires to become the strongest country in the world politically.  
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6. Smoking reduces the number of years that a person is likely to live.

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7. We don't think he is a good manager because he can't do anything.

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8. The deal of 100,000 USD marks a significant recovery in the company's fortunes.

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9. When you first start your own business, you may face some challenges that are difficult and discouraging.

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10. The final and most important task of teachers is to educate and inspire their students.

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**Exercise 3:** Fill in each blank with an appropriate word. There are **TWO** extra words that you do not need to use. You may want to change the word form if necessary.

**Dominate - prestige - live up to sb's expectations - severe - daunting - ultimate - incompetent - turnaround - pay off - miscellaneous**

1. He said it is not possible to predict the \_\_\_\_\_ outcome as it is still early.
2. I spent my all day to arrange that pile of \_\_\_\_\_ papers.
3. Our team has not \_\_\_\_\_ this year because the manager set a very high target in the last report.
4. This problem not only affects our sales figure but also the \_\_\_\_\_ of our company.
5. We have to fire our new staff member in the HR department because I think she is an \_\_\_\_\_ employee.

6. An aircraft overshot the runway and was \_\_\_\_\_ damaged.
7. I don't see any vast \_\_\_\_\_ in the way we do business. Keep trying before it's too late.
8. Human beings are faced with the \_\_\_\_\_ task of restoring the Ozone layer.

### Collocations for Speaking and Writing

<b>ultimate</b>	ultimate outcome, ultimate aim, ultimate goal
<b>severe</b>	severe punishment, severe accident, severely damaged
<b>pay off</b>	investment pays off, effort pays off, patience pays off
<b>intact</b>	survive intact, remain intact, preserve something intact, keep something intact

#### Exercise 4: Fill in each blank with **one word**.

- Sandra was determined to become a doctor and her persistence \_\_\_\_\_.
- This was a terrible crime and a \_\_\_\_\_ punishment was necessary.
- Independence for the entire country was our \_\_\_\_\_ objective in the war last century.
- Many of the old buildings are still \_\_\_\_\_ after the earthquake last night.
- This great Independence Palace will be \_\_\_\_\_ and is open to the public 24/7.

## Reading Passage 2

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. <b>get around (v)</b>	to succeed in avoiding or solving a problem	<i>In the past we developed strategies to get around the problem</i>
2. <b>fertile (n)</b>	Land or soil that is fertile is able to support the growth of a large number of strong healthy plants	<i>meaning that the soil gradually becomes less fertile</i>
3. <b>vary</b>	If something varies or if you vary it, it becomes different or changed	<i>such as regularly varying the types of crops grown, or leaving fields uncultivated for a season</i>
4. <b>indiscriminate</b>	lacking careful choice	<i>we have found that indiscriminate use of fertilizers hurts the soil itself</i>
5. <b>nourish</b>	to provide people or living things with food in order to make them grow and keep them healthy	<i>and degrading the soil they are supposed to nourish</i>
6. <b>flourish</b>	to grow or develop successfully	<i>He came to realize that the best way to ensure his trees flourished was to take care of the soil.</i>
7. <b>assess</b>	to judge or decide the amount, value, quality, or importance of something	<i>To assess our options on a global scale we first need an accurate picture</i>
8. <b>on a global scale</b>	in relation to the entire world	<i>To assess our options on a global scale we first need an accurate picture</i>
9. <b>policy-maker</b>	a member of a government department, or other organization who is responsible for making new rules, laws, etc	<i>Most scientists don't speak language that policy-makers can understand</i>

<b>10. on the brink</b>	on the point where a new or different situation is about to begin	<i>For the next 25 years, she again carried miscellaneous cargoes round the world</i>
<b>11. unspoiled</b>	An unspoiled place is beautiful because it has not been changed or damaged by people	<i>Or areas of unspoilt soils that could act as future benchmark of quality</i>
<b>12. sustain</b>	to allow something to continue for a period of time; to keep alive; to suffer	<i>Since soil grows 95% of our food, and sustains human life in other more surprising ways</i>
<b>13. resistant</b>	If something is resistant to a particular thing, it is not harmed by it	<i>and could be our best hope in the fight against antibiotic-resistant bacteria</i>
<b>14. decompose</b>	When things such as dead plants or animals decompose, or when something decomposes them, they change chemically and begin to decay	<i>living amid decomposing plants and various minerals</i>
<b>15. digest</b>	to change food in your stomach into substances that your body can use	<i>as microorganisms within soil digest dead animals and plants</i>

Practice

Exercise 1: Circle the correct answer.

- 1. I find that I don't **decompose/digest** meat easily.
- 2. This is one of the best stretches of **unspoiled/resistant** coastline in the UK.
- 3. The Earth is the only known planet that can **sustain/get around** life.
- 4. Her company continued to **flourish/assess**.
- 5. Micro-organisms **decompose/compose** organic waste into a mixture of methane and carbon dioxide.
- 6. Only 40% of 5-year-olds have **access/assess** to pre-school education.
- 7. The film has **maintained/sustained** its position as the public's favorite for another year.

Exercise 2: Rewrite the underlined parts without changing their meanings.

- 1. Binh Ba is an island with clean beaches that haven't been damaged by human activities.

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- 2. Summer is the best season of the year for tomatoes to grow very well.

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- 3. The war could impact on the economy at an international level.

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- 4. Due to the exploitation of the ocean by mankind, blue whales and other sea creatures became nearly extinct.

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- 5. Chemical fertilizers that are used without careful and thorough consideration can cause long-term problems.

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6. Salary scales in this city fluctuate from 7 million to 8 million a month depending on different age groups.

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7. No one has given any solutions to the problem of industrial waste in Ho Chi Minh City.

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8. New products are being developed because most mosquitoes are no longer affected by the original insecticides.

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9. In order to turn the deserts into productive land which is rich in nutrients for trees to grow, many experienced engineers built an 800-mile canal.

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**Exercise 3:** Fill in each blank with an appropriate word. There are **TWO** extra words that you do not need to use. You may want to change the word form if necessary.

**Vary - indiscriminate - nourish - flourish - assess - on a global scale - policy-maker - on the brink - unspoiled - sustain – resistant**

1. I was doing everything I could to \_\_\_\_\_ and protect my baby.
2. We have tried several different approaches, with \_\_\_\_\_ degrees of success.
3. Wild plants \_\_\_\_\_ on the banks of the lake.
4. This house was \_\_\_\_\_ at £5 billion.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ have a responsibility to understand the impacts of this law on the multitudes.
6. Its beautiful and \_\_\_\_\_ countryside offers many opportunities to relax and to enjoy the great outdoors.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ use of antibiotics can cause many problems.
8. Many companies were \_\_\_\_\_ of bankruptcy due to the outbreak of civil war.



**Collocations for Speaking and Writing**

<b>sustain</b>	sustain human life, sustain an accident, sustain a population
<b>fertile</b>	fertile ground, fertile imagination, fertile brain
<b>flourish</b>	trees flourish, companies flourish, flourishing countries
<b>digest</b>	digest food, digest a book, digest a piece of news

**Exercise 4:** Fill in each blank with **one word**.

- A \_\_\_\_\_ mind or brain is active and produces a lot of interesting and unusual ideas.
- Leonora \_\_\_\_\_ this piece of news with mixed feelings.
- It seems unlikely that our planet could really \_\_\_\_\_ a population of 11 billion.
- With a \_\_\_\_\_ imagination, you will produce something creative and that will make you popular.
- Indigenous people are proud of the fact they survived the colonial era and they are determined to \_\_\_\_\_ as well as to continue their traditions.

## Reading Passage 3

Glossary		
Words and Phrases	Definition	In the text
1. <b>Be equipped with</b>	having the necessary tools, clothes, equipment, etc.	<i>Equipped with this science, they say, governments can ensure happiness</i>
2. <b>well-being</b>	The state of feeling healthy and happy	<i>It is obvious that the purpose of government is to promote a state of collective well-being</i>
3. <b>vast</b>	extremely large	<i>Those who think in this way are oblivious to the vast physiological literature</i>
4. <b>advocate</b>	someone who publicly supports something	Richard Layard, an economist and advocate of “positive psychology”
5. <b>reconcile</b>	to find a way in which two situations or beliefs that are opposed to each other can agree and exist together	<i>thinkers throughout the ages many have struggled to reconcile the pursuit of happiness with other human values</i>
6. <b>intellectual</b>	relating to your ability to think and understand things, especially complicated ideas	<i>Since they are by education and intellectual conviction illiterate</i>
7. <b>illiterate</b>	unable to read and write	<i>Since they are by education and intellectual conviction illiterate</i>
8. <b>unforgeable</b>	Unable to make an illegal copy of something in order to deceive	<i>unforgeable banknotes</i>
9. <b>solitary</b>	being the only one, or not being with other similar things, often by choice	<i>prisoners would be kept in solitary confinement</i>

<b>10. ever-increasing</b>	Increase at any time. more than ever before	<i>modern industrial societies appear to need the possibility of ever-increasing happiness</i>
<b>11. self-evident</b>	clear or obvious without needing any proof or explanation	<i>Happiness is the ultimate goal because it is self-evidently good</i>
<b>12. moral</b>	relating to the standards of good or bad behavior that each person believes in, rather than to laws	<i>Since soil grows 95% of our food, and sustains human life in other more surprising ways</i>
<b>13. outmoded</b>	no longer modern, useful, or necessary	<i>our advocates of positive psychology follow in his tracks in rejecting as outmoded and irrelevant</i>
<b>14. irrelevant</b>	not related to what is being discussed or considered and therefore not important	<i>our advocates of positive psychology follow in his tracks in rejecting as outmoded and irrelevant</i>
<b>15. banknote</b>	a piece of printed paper that has a particular value as money	<i>unforgeable banknotes</i>

Practice

Exercise 1: Circle the correct answer.

- 1. The kitchen is fully **ever-increasing/equipped with** a state-of-the-art dishwasher, oven and sink.
- 2. Our dog eats a **vast/solitary** amount of food each day.
- 3. He's a strong **advocate/banknote** of animal rights.
- 4. Children were not allowed to attend public schools and many were **irrelevant/illiterate**.
- 5. There is a very **moral/oral** tone to this book.
- 6. At school he was popular and **self-evident/self-confident**, and we weren't surprised at his later success.
- 7. The holiday was an **unforgettable/unforgivable** experience.
- 8. Although there are many breeds of **intelligent/intellectual** dogs, it is true that there are some that stand out above the others.

Exercise 2: Rewrite the following sentences without changing their meanings.

- 1. The answer to this question is **obvious** because it is purely on the basis of common sense.

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- 2. Romania badly needs aid to modernize its **old-fashioned** industries.

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- 3. People doing yoga benefit from an increased feeling of **health and happiness**.

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- 4. He strongly supports free market policies and a multi-party system.

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- 5. In Uganda, among those aged fifteen years and over, about 50 percent are unable to read or write.

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 6. He prides himself on being a highly ethical person.  
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**Exercise 3:** Fill in each blank with an appropriate word. There are **TWO** extra words that you do not need to use. You may want to change the word form if necessary.

**Be equipped with - well-being - vast - advocate - reconcile - solitary - ever-increasing - self-evident - moral - outmoded - illiterate**

1. It's difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ the demands of my job and the desire to be a good father.
2. The political system has become thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ are principles and beliefs concerning right and wrong behavior.
4. They often have a sad and \_\_\_\_\_ life to lead.
5. Animal rights \_\_\_\_\_ argue that zoos are really animal prisons and very often cruel.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ majority of the eggs were cracked.
7. Do they really think horror fans are so \_\_\_\_\_ that they won't read subtitles?

**Collocations for Speaking and Writing**

<b>equipped</b>	well-equipped, ill-equipped
<b>vast</b>	a vast area, the vast number, the vast majority
<b>moral</b>	moral issues, morally unacceptable, Moral breakdown, moral decay
<b>intellectual</b>	intellectual ability, intellectual capacity, intellectual development

**Exercise 4:** Fill in each blank with **one word**.

1. I am afraid that I felt \_\_\_\_\_ to teach such young and talented children.
2. At the age of 3, he had the \_\_\_\_\_ capacity of a ten-year-old.

3. Climate accounts for the alternation of \_\_\_\_\_ areas of grass and trees which inevitably involve different ways of life.
4. Generally, affairs, gambling, and abortion are deemed \_\_\_\_\_ unacceptable by a vast number of people.
5. Even the most principled and dedicated parents sometimes find that their teenagers do not display appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ values and self-discipline.

# ANSWER KEY

# Test 1

## **PASSAGE 1:**

**Exercise 1:** Circle the correct answer.

1. Learning to windsurf is tiring but **exhilarating**.
2. Water is **composed** of hydrogen and oxygen.
3. A detailed **itinerary** was handed to each member of the tour.
4. After careful **evaluation**, the judge eventually reached the verdict.
5. We are unable to find the **underlying** cause of such a plunge in sales.
6. Muscles are **comprised of** two different kinds of protein.
7. First we set **off** at 5 and arrived at the location at 10.

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the following sentences.

1. The Lord of The Rings is a **blockbuster**.
2. The man **appears** to know nothing about the incident.
3. Muscles **are comprised of** two kinds of protein.
4. They have **set up** a new conservation zone in this region.
5. Those who exercise **on a regular basis** may be less likely to suffer from stress.
6. We have been **undertaking** a very challenging task.

**Exercise 3:**

**undertake – indicate – infrastructure – underlying – campaign – regular – composed – long-haul – inhabitant – itinerary**

1. Those goods are checked on a **regular** basis.
2. Activists have launched a lot of **campaigns** against anti-LGBT acts.
3. Monowi is the most remote town in the world – its mayor is also the only **inhabitant** of the town!
4. Returning from a **long-haul** flight, they decided to have a short nap.
5. Stress is the **underlying** cause of many health problems.
6. The research has **indicated** that drinking juice does not help you lose weight.
7. More money should be invested in education, health care and **infrastructure**.
8. A short excursion in the safari is included in the **itinerary**.

**Exercise 4:**



- The authority has **launched** a **fund-raising** campaign to build a retirement home for the elderly in the village.
- Teachers here are employed on a **temporary/permanent**, or part-time, basis.
- Although usually conceived as a ballad about unrequited love, the song has an underlying anti-war **message**.
- In 1746, Samuel Johnson **undertook** a daunting challenge of writing the first English dictionary.

**PASSAGE 2:**

**Exercise 1:** Choose the best answer **A, B** or **C**.

1. Success doesn't ..... mean having great financial wealth.  
 A. necessity                                **B. necessary**                                C. necessarily
  
2. Such a widespread political ..... among students is an alarming issue today. They actually care nothing about their country, some of whom do not even know the name of the president!  
**A. apathy**                                B. curiosity                                C. threshold
  
3. That chef specializes ..... Japanese dishes.  
**A. in**                                B. on                                C. at
  
4. One of the problems associated ..... illiteracy is poverty.  
 A. at                                **B. with**                                C. out
  
5. Sometimes being forced to do something is a great ..... for creativity. I have come up with a lot of good ideas when I was forced to do my assignments!  
 A. detriment                                **B. stimulation**                                C. indifference
  
6. I feel a little bit ..... whenever I am in an interview.  
 A. detrimental                                B. stimulated                                **C. agitated**

**Exercise 2:**

1. Young people nowadays don't seem to take much interest in jobs **associated with** farming.
2. Being mathematically intelligent **doesn't necessarily mean** being a successful person.
3. **Intriguingly**, he managed to survive even though he didn't know how to swim.
4. It is scientifically proven that men are more **prone to** heart attacks than women.
5. Facebook never **drives me to distraction**.
6. One way of **alleviating this problem** is to divert more money into research.

**Exercise 3:**

**Across:**

1    apathy **indifference**

3    6.5 is an important **threshold** that IELTS learners have to go through before they are certified C1 English users.

4    An **infectious** disease is the one that is likely to spread.

6    My sister is **prone** to colds; she has been sneezing for 3 months now.

7    My father specializes **in** Bonsai designing.

8    Scientists **speculate** that AI will dominate the world in the near future.

**Down:**

2    harmful **detrimental**

5    I attended this tap dance class just out of **curiosity**; I don't really like it much.

**Exercise 4:** Complete the following sentences.

1. Such **callous** difference to environmental problems is the great threat to the society.
2. He asked me this problem just **out** of curiosity.
3. This man has an **insatiable** curiosity for quantum physics.
4. Sightings of UFO **arouse** great curiosity among locals here.
5. The doctor has prescribed some drugs to alleviate the **pain**.
6. Coal energy has been **proven** detrimental to the environment.

**PASSAGE 3:**

**Exercise 1:** Circle the correct answer.

1. The maps **depict** the development of town A over the 4-year period.
2. Your academic performance will be **assessed** by a series of tests.
3. Some new problems have **arisen** as a result of the previous law.
4. Since all of his documents have been lost in the storm, Peter had to start the project **from** scratch.
5. **Artificial** Intelligence is expected to dominate the world in the next 5 years.
6. I am really impressed by the **original** and novel design of this new house.
7. The famous painter painted on a big **canvas**.

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the following sentences.

1. I have been trawling the Internet for information for my current project.
2. His original idea has been critically praised by scientists.
3. The government has been condemned due to their failure to improve the environment of this region.
4. There might be a subtle difference between the two cultures.
5. The Queen's visit was a deliberate attempt to draw public attention to the problem in that area.
6. Oxford and Cambridge are the two most revered universities in the UK.

**Exercise 3:**

1. It's sad that women still have to face a certain degree of **prejudice** and unfairness in the workplace.
2. Door-to-door salesmen usually **trick** housewives into buying things that they don't need.
3. Our agent will **assess** the value of this property and inform you later.
4. Many problems **arose** when the company applied the new administrative system.
5. Farmers use both natural and **artificial** light e.g. neon lights to help nourish their crops.
6. The whole university campus is controlled by a **sophisticated**, complicated cutting-edge computer system.
7. There's a **fuzzy**, unclear line between the roles of parents and schools in shaping a child's personality.
8. The patterns look very similar, but there are **subtle** differences between them.

**Exercise 4:**

**Across:**

- 2** There's a subtle **difference** between the two policies.
- 4** the coach was **roundly** criticised after continuous their team's continuous defeats.
- 6** He used to hold a deep-**seated** prejudice against LGBT community.

**Down:**

- 1** When **problems** arise, Peter is always the first one to come up with the solution.
- 3** She has never **publicly** criticised the government.
- 4** **racial** prejudices against black people must be stopped at all costs.
- 5** Not wanting to make the game too easy, he only gave us a very subtle **hint**.

## Test 2

### PASSAGE 1:

**Exercise 1:** Circle the correct answer.

1. The recent merger has proved to be very **lucrative** for both companies.
2. The poor guy fell in love with the daughter of a wealthy London **merchant**.
3. For years the corporate had a/an **monopoly** on delivery services in the US.
4. The spoilt teenager was **expelled** from a state school during his second year and was heading straight for prison.
5. The jasmine in my garden is so **fragrant** that I can smell it as soon as I open the door at night.
6. The government has **conceded** that the new investment policy has been a failure.
7. It's a lovely hotel, but the prices are **exorbitant**.
8. Transplantation of organs from living donors has raised **ethical** issues.

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the underlined parts without changing their meanings.

1. I am at your disposal for any of your questions.
2. The dessert was just enough to satisfy my appetite.
3. Over a period of twenty years, traditional coins were superseded by paper.
4. Some low-income families may find children's safety devices exorbitant.
5. My brother was expelled from school for disruptive behavior.
6. The advent of e-readers makes selling books online a very lucrative business.

**Exercise 3:**

1. Tuition fees at private colleges have become **exorbitant** in recent years.
2. Made from fermented fish and salt, fish sauce is a flagship **condiment** of Vietnamese cuisine.
3. Sugarcane **cultivation** requires a warm weather.
4. Women in many African nations are **enslaved** by poverty.
5. Vietnam's government has a **monopoly** on electricity production.
6. Fishing has **superseded** forestry as the nation's main industry.
7. Sudden loss of **appetite** may be a sign of stress.
8. Some of the local **ethnic** groups in Vietnam live in mountainous areas.

**Exercise 4:** Fill in each blank with **one** word.

- Don't eat any dessert now. You'll **ruin/spoil** your **appetite**.

- After years of **state-controlled/state-owned petroleum monopoly**, most of the market is starting to open up to private enterprises.
- The little student impresses his teachers with his tremendous **appetite** for knowledge.
- Four girls were **expelled from college for** drug-dealing.



## **PASSAGE 2:**

### **Reading Passage 2**

**Exercise 1:** Circle the correct answer.

1. The sea walls along the coast are being **reinforced** with tons of cement.
2. Parents are advised not to show **favoritism** towards any one of their children.
3. These **groundbreaking** discoveries changed the way historians looked at feudalism.
4. The teacher has an **empathetic** heart toward underprivileged people.
5. Some types of mental illness can be **triggered** by food allergies.
6. The singer's cheerful **disposition** made her popular.
7. To appreciate the beauty of nature relies upon your noticing its **subtleties**.
8. The **placebo** could be powerful because it meets some psychological need for attention and treatment.

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the underlined parts without changing their meanings.

1. The company's management should be more attuned to employees' voices in the future.
2. The school board has continually take no notice of the complaints of parents.
3. Fears for the safety of the kidnap victims have been fueled by rumors of new terrorist threats.
4. The sun emerged from behind the clouds.
5. The school has to rely on the goodwill of the parents to raise money.
6. Questions about the meaning of life have always been perplexing to humankind.
7. A survey on customer satisfaction is being conducted.
8. The city has introduced a groundbreaking system of traffic control.

### Exercise 3

1. The scientists are looking into some psychiatric disorders **emerging** during adolescence.
2. Some patients find that certain foods **trigger** their stomachaches.
3. The nurse has always been compassionate and **empathetic** towards her patients.
4. Patriotism can also be **manifested** in the way the people value their heritages.
5. Workplace **favoritism** injures the sense of fair play in promotions, forcing employees to leave their organizations.
6. You will recognize the accent more effectively as your ears become more **attuned**.
7. The foundations need to be **reinforced** to prevent the building from sinking further into the ground.
8. Students of a nervous **disposition** tend to be less active in class.

### Exercise 4: Fill in each blank with **one** word.

- It is undeniable that the company's recruitment process displays a **bias against** women and minorities.
- Nations wishing to enter WTO have to abide by a **code of conduct**.
- Musical talent usually **manifests** itself in childhood.
- Some people think that teenagers who **engage** in illegal **conduct** should receive the same punishments as adults.

**PASSAGE 3:**

**Exercise 1:** Circle the correct answer.

1. The series contains many great **profound** insights into human instincts.
2. The **mindset** of the previous generation was definitely more obedient than today's.
3. The young man works hard for money, and he also has aspirations to move on up into management.
4. Taking vitamins can counteract some bad eating habits.
5. The governing agency is fully committed to reinvigorating the economy of the region.
6. To stay emotionally healthy, avoid interacting with those who are infused with resentment and hatred.
7. We were amazed at the size and opulence of the rooms.
8. The charity organization has a strong **commitment** to taking care of poor children in the state.

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the underlined parts without changing their meanings.

1. The young violinist gave a characteristically adept performance.
2. Many environmentally friendly features have been incorporated in the design of the building.
3. The victim eventually managed to identify her attacker in court.
4. The workers blamed the misleading article for attracting bad publicity for their company and jeopardizing their livelihood.
5. The hotel wants to augment its business by adding a roof-top food court.
6. These new energy technologies are aimed at counteracting the effects of global warming.
7. The vice-president's speech engendered continuing controversy.
8. They hope the tax cuts will reinvigorate the economy.

**Exercise 3**

1. Other scholars were truly impressed with the student's knowledge and **profundity**.
2. Workers are required to wear protective **apparels**.
3. The company will have to change its whole **mindset** if it is to survive.
4. When he was 10, the young man had **aspirations** to play professional basketball.
5. The year 2008 saw a **downturn** in car sales.
6. The gecko is remarkably **adept** at hiding itself in the leafy bush.
7. The office worker couldn't attend the evening class because of work **commitment**.
8. Schools in the state are taking action to **counteract** violence.

**Exercise 4:** Fill in each blank with **one** word.

- The student worked extremely hard to **achieve/fulfill** his childhood **aspirations** to become a surgeon.
- During a **downturn** in sales like we're experiencing now, motivating your employees is a daunting task.

## Test 3

### PASSAGE 1:

**Exercise 1:** Use the correct word form of the words in brackets to fill in the blank

1. Fishing is **central** to the survival of coastal villages.
2. The Dodo bird is an **exotic** animal that is very rarely seen.
3. New books are displayed in a **prominent** position on tables at the front of the store.
4. Good weather means that the farm's crop **yield** was quite excellent.
5. I just cannot **tolerate** his behavior anymore so I gave him harsh punishment.
6. We are unable to find the **origin** of this old painting.
7. Sarah has an **intriguing** personality. She makes me curious.
8. Using **cosmetics** too much can be harmful to your skin.

**Exercise 2:** Use the correct word form of the words in brackets to fill in the blank

1. It is difficult to determine whether his invention is **original**.
2. Good paintings usually have **intriguing** details
3. Coconut oil is **derived** from coconuts.
4. My wife's cooking is terrible, in fact, her dishes are **inedible**.
5. I have zero **tolerance** for annoying people.

**Exercise 3:** Fill in the blank with words from the glossary

1. Unlike concrete houses, houses made from **timber** are very flammable.
2. Do not touch those **dynamites**, they might explode!
3. He's a very hardworking man who **surmounts** all challenges placed before him.
4. Our apple tree never **yield** any fruit.
5. It is important to get necessary **nutrients** from meat and vegetables.
6. **Exotic** animals are under governmental protection.
7. A majority of English words are simply **derivatives** of other words.

**Exercise 4 :** Rewrite those sentences with words from the glossary

1. Mining coal is **central to** the lives of people in this area.
2. **Prominent** issues should never be overlooked if we want to improve our company.
3. Agent 007, go and **obtain** some information about this bad guy.

**Exercise 4**

Fill in each blank with **ONE** word.

1. Many kings and emperors in history came from **working-class** origin. Kings of the Tran's regime, for example, were fishermen before they rose to power.
2. Printed newspapers has been gradually considered an obsolete way of **obtaining information**.
3. Thousands of fans gathered to see the band in the **flesh**.
4. How can you treat your uncle like that? He's your flesh and **blood**.
5. After years of relentless working, Peter finally took a prominent **position** in the company.

**PASSAGE 2:**

**Exercise 1:** Complete the following sentences with the correct word forms.

1. It was the worst meal I've ever had in my life and I'm not **exaggerating**. EXAGGERATION
2. Excessive exposure to sunlight may lead to skin cancer. EXPOSE
3. His monotonous and repetitious lectures bore me stiff. REPEAT
4. Khoa is bilingual; it means that he can speak two languages. LINGUAL
5. Scientists theorize that there might be a parallel universe where everything on Earth is duplicated. THEORY

**Exercise 2:** Rewrite the following sentences.

1. Reading, Writing and Arithmetic are **fundamental** subjects that we are required to learn.
2. The new policy may negatively impact on people's lives.
3. Being bilingual may help you find jobs easier.
4. It's a daunting challenge to figure out the answer to this question.
5. Regardless of age, you are more than welcome to do science.
6. The new policy may help **boost** the economy.

**Exercise 3:** Answer may vary.

### **PASSAGE 3:**

**Exercise 1:** Choose the appropriate word for each sentence

1. I was **astonished** by how much she'd grown.
2. The area has been designated a world **heritage** site.
3. Drivers who **exceed** the speed limit can expect to be fined heavily.
4. A good way to make friends is to **engage** in conversations.
5. You should not buy items that **exceed** the budget.
6. **Depictions** of old folk tales are drawn on the cave walls.

**Exercise 2:** Use the correct word form of the words in brackets to fill in the blank

1. When Jian heard the news of his army's defeat, he could not hide his **astonishment**. (ASTONISH)
2. Everyone was astonished to hear the news of Tim and Mary's engagement. (ENGAGE)
3. When it's hot, water in lakes usually **evaporates**. (EVAPORATION)
4. This statue **depicts** a young man carrying a giant's head. (DEPICTION)
5. At the conference, Monster Inc. didn't have anyone to **represent** them. (REPRESENTATION)

**Exercise 3:** Rewrite the sentences using words in the glossary

1. The Bengal tiger **inhabits** the tropical jungles of Thailand.
2. The IELTS score of ZIM students **exceeds** expectations.
3. The book contains three chapters, all of which are very **distinct**.
4. It is necessary for students to **engage in** community work
5. I was **astonished** by the number of people who disliked the Han Solo movie.

**Exercise 4:** Complete the following sentences.

1. They've been engaged **in** a heated debate for several hours.
2. Some couples thrive **on** conflicts.
3. What is shown on the Internet is far from the **accurate/true** representation of our country.
4. Ha Long Bay has been designated as the world's **natural** heritage.



## Test 4

### **PASSAGE 1:**

#### **Exercise 1**

1. I hope you've made use of your time.
2. The book is expected to dominate the best-seller lists.
3. He had longer life expectancy than their parents, which was 40 years old.
4. The closure of these companies could pose a threat to jobs in the coal industry.
5. You must leave your full name and contact details when you phone.
6. I paid back the twenty dollars I'd borrowed.
7. Steve passed out on the floor and woke up in severe pain.
8. A roundabout is a structure in the road at a place where several roads meet. You drive round it until you come to the road that you want.

#### **Exercise 2**

1. Most of the cargo stayed (remained) intact after the explosion.
2. My parents hope that I could become a doctor but I am afraid I cannot live up to their expectations.
3. I have been waiting for her love for 2 years and now my efforts have paid off.
4. Teenagers should learn how to make use of the time they have now.
5. The US desires to dominate the world politically.
6. Smoking reduces a person's life expectancy.
7. We don't think he is a good manager because he is incompetent.
8. The deal of 100,000 USD marks a significant turnaround in the company's fortunes.
9. When you first start your own business, you may face some challenges that are daunting.
10. The ultimate task of teachers is to educate and inspire their students.

#### **Exercise 3**

1. He said it is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome as it is still early.
2. I spent my all day to arrange that pile of miscellaneous papers.
3. Our team has not lived up to expectations this year because the manager set very high target in the last report
4. This problem not only affects our sales figure but also the prestige of our company.

5. We have to say that we have to fire our new staff in HR department because I think she is an incompetent employee.
6. An aircraft overshot the runway and was severely damaged.
7. I don't see any vast turnaround in the way we do business. Keep trying before too late.
8. Human beings are faced with the daunting task of restoring the Ozone layer

#### **Exercise 4**

- Sandra was determined to become a doctor and her persistence paid off
- This was a terrible crime and a severe punishment is necessary.
- Independence for the entire country was our ultimate objective in the war last century.
- Many of the old buildings are still intact after the earthquake last night
- This great Independence Palace will be preserved (kept) intact and opened to the public 24/7.

**PASSAGE 2:****Exercise 1**

1. I find that I don't digest meat easily.
2. This is one of the best stretches of unspoiled coastline in the UK.
3. The Earth is the only planet that can sustain life
4. Her company continued to flourish.
5. Micro-organisms decompose organic waste into a mixture of methane and carbon dioxide
6. Only 40% of 5-year-olds have access to pre-school education.
7. The film has maintained its position as the public's favorite for another year.

**Exercise 2**

1. Binh Ba is an island with clean and unspoiled beaches.
2. Summer is the best season of the year when tomatoes can flourish
3. The war could impact on the economy on a global scale.
4. Due to the exploitation of the ocean by mankind, blue whales and other sea creatures are on the brink of extinction.
5. Chemical fertilizers that are used indiscriminately can cause long-term problems.
6. Salary scales in this city vary from 7 million to 8 million a month depending on different age groups.
7. No one can get around the problem of industrial waste in Ho Chi Minh City.
8. New products are being developed because most mosquitoes are growing resistant against the original insecticides
9. In order to turn the deserts into fertile land, many experienced engineers built an 800-mile canal.

**Exercise 3**

1. I was doing everything I could to nourish and protect my baby.
2. We have tried several different approaches, with varied degrees of success.
3. Wild plants flourish on the banks of the lake.
4. This house was assessed at £5 billion.
5. Policy-makers have a responsibility to understand the impacts of this law on the multitudes.
6. Its beautiful and unspoiled countryside offers many opportunities to relax and to enjoy the great outdoors.
7. The indiscriminate use of antibiotics can cause many problems.
8. Many companies were on the brink of bankruptcy due to the outbreak of civil war.

#### Exercise 4

- A **fertile** mind or brain is active and produces a lot of interesting and unusual ideas
- Leonora **digested** this piece of news with mixed feelings.
- It seems unlikely that our planet could really **sustain** a population of 11 billion.
- With a **fertile** imagination, you will produce something creative and that will make you popular
- Indigenous people are proud of the fact they survived the colonial era and they are determined to **flourish** as well as to continue their traditions.

### PASSAGE 3:

#### Exercise 1

1. The kitchen is fully **equipped with** a state-of-the-art dishwasher, oven and sink.
2. Our dog eats a **vast** amount of food each day.
3. He's a strong **advocate** of animal rights.
4. Children were not allowed to attend public schools and many were **illiterate**.
5. There is a very **moral** tone to this book
6. At school he was popular and **self-confident**, and we weren't surprised at his later success.
7. The holiday was an **unforgettable** experience.
8. Although there are many breeds of **intelligent** dogs, it is true that there are some that stand out above the others.

#### Exercise 2

1. The answer to this question is self-evident because it is purely on the basis of common sense
2. Romania badly needs aid to modernize its outmoded industries.
3. People doing yoga benefit from an increased feeling of wellbeing.
4. He strongly advocates free market policies and a multi-party system.
5. In Uganda, among those aged fifteen years and over, about 50 percent are illiterate.
6. He prides himself on being a highly moral person.

#### Exercise 3

1. It's difficult to **reconcile** the demands of my job and the desire to be a good father.
2. The political system has become thoroughly **outmoded**.
3. **Morals** are principles and beliefs concerning right and wrong behavior.
4. They often have a sad and solitary life to lead.
5. Animal rights **advocates** argue that zoos are really animal prisons and very often cruel.
6. The **vast** majority of the eggs was cracked.
7. Do they really think horror fans are so **illiterate** that they won't read subtitles?

#### Exercise 4

- I am afraid that I felt **ill-equipped** to teach such young and talented children.
- At the age of 3, he had the **intellectual** capacity of a ten-year-old.
- Climate accounts for the alternation of **vast** areas of grass and trees which inevitably involve different ways of life.

- Generally, affairs, gambling, and abortion are deemed **morally** unacceptable by the largest number of people
- Even the most principled and dedicated parents sometimes find that their teenagers do not display appropriate **moral** values and self-discipline.

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