

## QUESTIONS ON GRAMMAR, VOCABULARY AND DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

### Practice 2

#### REPHRASING – 1 point

1. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given.

a) Electricity is getting very expensive these days

**COST**

The \_\_\_\_\_ higher and higher these days.

b) Unemployment has risen considerably over the last eighteen months and the government is under pressure to find a solution.

**INCREASE**

The government is under pressure due to \_\_\_\_\_ over the last eighteen months.

c) The minister's resignation from the government was caused by the discovery of his role in the financial scandal.

**LED**

The discovery of the minister's role in the financial scandal \_\_\_\_\_ the government.

d) Oh, there you are! I didn't even know you had gone out!

**UNAWARE**

I \_\_\_\_\_ fact that you had gone out.

e) Don't get involved in this, John. It has nothing to do with you.

**KEEP**

This has nothing to do with you so \_\_\_\_\_.

f) I really can't understand why he can't finish the project on time.

**BAFFLED**

I am really \_\_\_\_\_ to finish the project on time.

g) Mr. Edwards was sacked partly because of his arriving late to work.

**CONTRIBUTED**

Mr. Edwards' constant lateness \_\_\_\_\_ from the company.

h) You can't just suddenly decide to go on a safari. You need to plan things very carefully.

**SPUR**

Going on a safari isn't a decision you can make \_\_\_\_\_ moment. You need to plan things very carefully.

**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

2. For questions 1-6, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

**Soap operas**

It is surely beyond dispute that soap opera is the most consistently popular type of television programme in the world. It has succeeded in (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the imagination of millions since it first (2) \_\_\_\_\_ as a genre back in the 1930s. The word 'soap' alludes to the role originally played by detergent manufacturers, who promoted their products during commercial breaks. Soap operas have been (3) \_\_\_\_\_ as mindless entertainment, with viewers only (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to these programmes in order to escape from reality.

Soaps are often set in friendly, tightly-knit neighbourhoods, evoking nostalgic feelings in some viewers, since such communities may no longer exist in many areas. The subject matter of soaps also (5) \_\_\_\_\_ great appeal for viewers since the stories (6) \_\_\_\_\_ focus on domestic problems they may have experienced themselves.

There has been a significant shift in attitudes with many soaps now (7) \_\_\_\_\_ moral and social issues. The character and situations (8) \_\_\_\_\_ are complex and ambiguous, providing much food for thought and no easy answers.

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| 5. A catches     | B holds     | C bears       | D brings      |
| 6. A permanently | B uniformly | C perpetually | D invariably  |
| 7. A addressing  | B showing   | C displaying  | D directing   |
| 8. A shown       | B depicted  | C presented   | D manifested  |

**CLOZE TEST A – 1 point**

3. For questions 1-10, read the text below and fill in each space with the word which best fits in there. Use one word only in each space. Each correct word is worth 0.1 point.

Well, welcome to the swimming class everybody. I'm sure you're all dying to show me exactly what you're (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of. I hope to see your faces at the pool a lot from now on. If you're (2) \_\_\_\_\_ about learning to swim, you really need to be practising on a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ basis, say two or three times a week – in addition to these teaching sessions. Now a bit about the course. In the early (4) \_\_\_\_\_ we'll be working on the basics – breathing, body position and so on. Today we're going to

**Comentado [ABI]:** This type of exercise has actually never come up in the real exam. If it did, it would include 10 items, 0.1 point each (or 5 items, 0.2 point each).

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work on putting the head underwater, with a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to getting you all swimming correctly, with the head partly submerged. If you don't succeed at the first (6) \_\_\_\_\_, don't worry. And please don't be (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the water – just try and relax. Eventually we'll progress to the big pool, but for the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ being, we're going to be in the small pool, where you can stand up and practise your techniques. Now, the warm-up exercises we're going to start with today may well be (9) \_\_\_\_\_ from anything you're used to, as we'll be doing some jumping and hopping in the water. Yes, I know there are lots of you here today, but it's a big pool and there's (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for all of you. So, in you go!

**CLOZE TEST B – 1 point**

**4. For sentences 1-10 below, fill each gap with one word. Each correct word is worth 0.1 point.**

- i) The government and employers are \_\_\_\_\_ agreement over the pay issue.
- j) \_\_\_\_\_ your request, we can provide further details.
- k) Many young lambs succumb \_\_\_\_\_ the cold and die.
- l) His contribution is unequal \_\_\_\_\_ hers.
- m) Change came \_\_\_\_\_ very slowly in women's rights.
- n) She came \_\_\_\_\_ an old vase while looking for something else in the attic.
- o) The candidate seemed remarkably \_\_\_\_\_ ease.
- p) He came \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money when his father died.
- q) One should never resort \_\_\_\_\_ violence under any circumstances.
- r) She's a good organiser, but she doesn't follow things \_\_\_\_\_.

**MULTIPLE MEANINGS – 1 point**

**5. For questions 1-5, think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. (0) is an example. Each correct word is worth 0.2 points.**

**0 STRONG**

- Some of the tourists are hoping to get compensation for the poor state of the hotel, and I think they have a very \_\_\_\_ case.
- There's no point in trying to wade across the river, the current is far too \_\_\_\_.
- If you're asking me which of the candidates should get the job, I'm afraid I don't have any \_\_\_\_ views either way.

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1 \_\_\_\_\_

- Although I always make a New Year's \_\_\_\_\_, I seldom manage to stick to it for more than a month.
- The board's \_\_\_\_\_ to sell company shares to the public met with strong resistance.
- As vice-president, my main \_\_\_\_\_ is to increase productivity while improving working conditions.

2 \_\_\_\_\_

- In celebration of their \_\_\_\_\_, the entire team stood in the centre of the field and sang their national anthem.
- After a decade of dedicated research, the scientist finally made the \_\_\_\_\_ he had been striving for.
- To salute her life-long \_\_\_\_\_ in the entertainment field, a huge reception was held in her honour.

3 \_\_\_\_\_

- Business \_\_\_\_\_ should be a required course for all students enrolled in the MBA programme.
- It is imperative for children to acquire strong moral \_\_\_\_\_ at a young age.
- A good manager can make a business profitable while still respecting the \_\_\_\_\_ of the workers.

4 \_\_\_\_\_

- The young poet said that he got his \_\_\_\_\_ from the beauty of nature.
- His \_\_\_\_\_ with money and power might have made him a millionaire, but he's not a happy man.
- In order to get ahead in the advertising industry, one must have a strong \_\_\_\_\_ to succeed.

5 \_\_\_\_\_

- Studying on this degree course calls for a good deal of \_\_\_\_\_ as well as a genuine interest in the subject.
- A single \_\_\_\_\_ of this self-tanning product may not, in all cases, guarantee lasting results.
- If you send in your letter of \_\_\_\_\_ after the closing date, it is unlikely to be considered.

**IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS – 1 point.**

6. The following sentences include idiomatic expressions. Write down the exact word that complete each sentence in the right form. Each item is worth 0.1 point.

- a) We'd been out walking all day and I was on my last \_\_\_\_\_ when we reached the hotel.
- b) Do you think you could just run your \_\_\_\_\_ over this for me?
- c) Now the couple next door go swimming in the sea in the middle of winter. Well, it \_\_\_\_\_ all sorts.
- d) In the second half the team ran \_\_\_\_\_ and invaded the pitch.
- e) I'm sorry I said that, it was just a \_\_\_\_\_ of the tongue.
- f) You may disagree, but I for \_\_\_\_\_ think the play is a ghastly failure.
- g) Mind your own business, it is no \_\_\_\_\_ of yours.
- h) Well, so much for Jack. I think we've seen the \_\_\_\_\_ of him for a while.
- i) As far as we know, the old man has no \_\_\_\_\_ of support.
- j) You can't fool me, I'm an old \_\_\_\_\_ at this game!

**WORD-FORMATION – 1 point**

7. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space. Each correct word is worth 0.1 point.

**Think before you Send**

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in the work environment, without appearing too (2) \_\_\_\_\_ FORMAL

is something of a (3) \_\_\_\_\_. According to one leading staff MINE

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ agency, the key is to think before you send. Be RECRUIT

(5) \_\_\_\_\_, but not too familiar, and keep your messages short. FRIEND

Avoid (6) \_\_\_\_\_ unless you're sure the person you're writing BRIEF

to will understand them, and always put a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in the HEAD

subject box so that the recipient knows how to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ what PRIORITY

they receive. Finally, do remember to add the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ you ATTACH

promised but take great care when sending and forwarding them.

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(10) \_\_\_\_\_ consequences.

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**LEXICAL FIELDS – 1point**

**8. Underline the most suitable option in each sentence. Each correct item is worth 0.1 point.**

- a) The drunken soldier was *marching/staggering/scrambling* crazily from one side of the street to the other.
- b) George suddenly *dashed/slunk/rambled* into the room waving a telegram.
- c) Sue found it very difficult to *pass/overtake/cross* the busy street.
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**ANSWER KEY**

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- b) The government is under pressure due to an increase in unemployment over the last eighteen months.
- c) The discovery of the minister's role in the financial scandal led to his resignation from the government.
- d) I was unaware of the fact that you had gone out.
- e) This has nothing to do with you so keep out of it.
- f) I am really baffled that he is unable / baffled why he is unable to finish the project on time.
- g) Mr. Edwards' constant lateness contributed to his sacking from the company.
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**2. MULTIPLE CHOICE**

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**Comentado [Office2]:** "On a regular basis", very good alternative to "regularly, normally, etc."

**Comentado [Office3]:** "With a view to" → good linker to express "purpose".

**Comentado [Office4]:** Good alternative for "for now/for the moment".

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know there are lots of you here today, but it's a big pool and there's (10) ROOM/SPACE for all of you. So, in you go!

Comentado [Office5]: "Room" sounds more natural, though.

**4. CLOZE TEST B – 1 point**

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**Comentado [Office6]:** Other synonyms of the expression "be on one's last legs" would be: knackered, shattered, worn out, exhausted.

**Comentado [Office7]:** The whole expression is "it takes all sorts to make a world", but it is typically shortened to "it takes all sorts".

**Comentado [Office8]:** A synonym would be: *I'm not a spring chicken.*

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**Comentado [Office9]:** The singular version is also possible: *attachment.*

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**Comentado [AB10]:** Lexical fields have come up both in the exam in 2016 and 2018. In both cases, the candidate was presented with 8 words related to the same semantic field (e.g. verbs of looking, verbs of movement, etc.), out of which s/he had to explain and exemplify 5. This exercise is a different version, which also allows you to learn the meanings of different verbs related to the same field. Make sure you learn the three options in each sentence, and understand why they are (not) the right one.