



OPTION A

Part 1: Argumentative essay

**Write an argumentative essay on the following topic (275-300 words):**

Rent control is coming. Would you agree with using a ceiling to the price of housing and rent? What benefits and to whom do you think it would bring? **(4 points)**

Part 2: Language test

**Task 1. Cloze test (1 point)**

**For questions 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each gap. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Global English exists (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a political and cultural reality. Many misguided theories attempt to explain why the English language should have succeeded internationally, whilst (2) \_\_\_\_\_ have not. Is it because there is something inherently logical or beautiful about the structure of English? Does its simple grammar make it easy to learn? Such ideas are misconceived. Latin was once a major international language, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ having a complicated grammatical structure, and English also presents learners with all manner of real difficulties, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ least its spelling system. Ease of learning, therefore, has little to do with it. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ all, children learn to speak their mother tongue in approximately the same period of time, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of their language. English has spread not (7) \_\_\_\_\_ much for linguistic reasons, but rather because it has often found (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the right place, at the right time. Since the 1960s, two major developments have contributed to strengthening this global status. Firstly, in a number of countries, English is now used in addition to national or regional languages. As (9) \_\_\_\_\_ as this, an electronic revolution has taken place. It is estimated that (10) \_\_\_\_\_ the region of 80% of worldwide electronic communication is now in English.

*(Source: Adapted from (Pre-2013 Revision) CPE Handbook)*

**Task 2. Vocabulary (1 point)**

**Choose the word or phrase which best completes each sentence. For each question, indicate on your answer sheet *the letter A, B, C or D* against the number of the question.**

1-The stuntman seemed to show a total disregard \_\_\_\_\_ fear as he performed his daredevil tricks.



A) of                      B) over                      C) for                      D) about

2-Police have \_\_\_\_\_ to the public to come forward with any information which might help them in their enquiries.

A) urged                      B) claimed                      C) appealed                      D) called

3-I think my fear of spiders must \_\_\_\_\_ from a horror film which I saw as a child.

A) lead                      B) rise                      C) start                      D) stem

4-My hopes of becoming a lawyer \_\_\_\_\_ when I failed my A levels.

A) cracked                      B) crumbled                      C) crashed                      D) smashed

5-I should like to point out that two months have \_\_\_\_\_ since you promised to come and repair my washing machine.

A) expired                      B) lapsed                      C) transpired                      D) elapsed

6-Since we had only one day left, we decided to make an \_\_\_\_\_ effort to finish the run in record time.

A) all-in                      B) all-out                      C) overall                      D) all-round

7-His jokes seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ very well with his audience, if their laughter was any indication.

A) go off                      B) go down                      C) go along                      D) go by

8-He was \_\_\_\_\_ a mile of the hotel when he ran out of petrol.

A) within                      B) inside                      C) only                      D) hardly

9-Why don't you have a night out? It would take your \_\_\_\_\_ off your worries.

A) thoughts                      B) heart                      C) head                      D) mind

10-The newspaper was ordered to pay him €1,500 \_\_\_\_\_ for printing the libellous story about him.

A) damages                      B) refund                      C) penalty                      D) restitution



**Task 3. Word formation (1 point)**

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space. Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

**Musical Greatness**

Like all artists, musicians are often astonishingly precocious. It is well known, for example, that Mozart's first public performance took place when he was only six. Chopin, a skilled concert (1) ..... (PIANO) as well as composer, wrote his first work for piano when he was seven. In both cases, of course, indications of (2)..... (ORDINARY) musical skill were recognised during childhood and encouraged. Had their talents gone (3).....(NOTICE), however, they would not have had the opportunity to utilise their skill and would never have developed their greatness. It is a (4).....(SOBER) thought that thousands of potentially (5) ..... (STAND) artists may have lived or died without ever knowing that they had an inherent ability to become great.

For a reason which is (6) .....(DOUBT) associated with the unusual development of a special part of the brain, brilliant artists frequently possess an awareness of their own importance and a (7)..... (CLEAR) of purpose lacking in most other people. They may also feel a tremendous (8) .....(COMPEL) to utilise their gifts to the full, (9)..... (REGARD) of the consequences to them or to anyone else. Beethoven, who died from illness and exhaustion, was said to have been (10).....(WILL) to give up work until lying on his deathbed. "I shall hear music in heaven" were his final words.

**Task 4. Keyword transformation (1 point)**

**Keyword Transformation. Complete the second sentence so that its meaning is as similar as possible to the first sentence. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given. Copy the **COMPLETE SENTENCE** in your answer sheet.**

- I was just about to call you to tell you about the rearranged meeting.

**POINT**

I was \_\_\_\_\_ you to tell you about the rearranged meeting.

- Staying another night would have meant paying more.

**IF**

I would have had to \_\_\_\_\_ another night.

- It's the first time I've seen such a beautiful painting.

**BEFORE**

Never \_\_\_\_\_ such a beautiful painting.



4. The irate customer refused to speak to anyone other than the store manager.  
**ON**  
The irate customer \_\_\_\_\_ to the store manager and no one else.
5. I managed to answer all the questions before the time was up!  
**SUCCEEDED**  
I \_\_\_\_\_ all the questions before the time was up!
6. It's true that the company might go into liquidation if it's not careful.  
**DANGER**  
It's true that the company \_\_\_\_\_ into liquidation if it's not careful.
7. My application for the job was turned down because I didn't have the right qualifications.  
**GROUND**  
My application for the job was turned down \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't have the right qualifications.
8. The high valuation really took the art collector by surprise.  
**ABACK**  
The art collector \_\_\_\_\_ the high valuation.
9. This was Anna's biggest challenge to date.  
**FACED**  
Anna \_\_\_\_\_ challenge before.
10. It doesn't matter if you think you know the subject well, you must revise for the exam.  
**HOWEVER**  
You must revise for the exam, \_\_\_\_\_ you know the subject.

#### Task 5. Family words (1 point)

Choose the word which best completes each sentence. For each question, indicate on your answer sheet *the letter A, B, C or D* against the number of the question.

1. Buying in bulk \_\_\_\_\_ one to make substantial savings.  
A) enables      B) facilitates      C) means      D) empowers
2. This village is only \_\_\_\_\_ by river.  
A) attainable      B) available      C) accessible      D) achievable
3. One can become a member of this club only on paying the \_\_\_\_\_ fee.  
A) enrolled      B) regulated      C) requisite      D) subscribed



4. After the rain, a builder was called to repair the roof, which was \_\_\_\_\_  
A) oozing      B) leaking      C) trickling      D) dripping
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ wind in this area is from the south-west.  
A) controlling      B) prevailing      C) persisting      D) continuous
6. The success of the film shows that the reviewers' fears were completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) fallacious      B) misguided      C) misfired      D) unjustified
7. The curator of the Museum was most \_\_\_\_\_ and let me actually examine the ancient manuscript.  
A) favourable      B) gratifying      C) obliging      D) promising
8. The man's face was \_\_\_\_\_ from his infected tooth  
A) swollen      B) dilated      C) expanded      D) bulging
9. The drunken couple did nothing to keep the flat clean and tidy and lived in the utmost \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) pollution      B) decay      C) corruption      D) squalor
10. The accused man was able to prove his innocence at the trial and was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) forgiven      B) pardoned      C) acquitted      D) absolved

#### Task 6. Phonetics.

**A- Transcribe the following words phonetically using IPA. Only standard American English or standard British English will be accepted. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. (0'5 points)**

1. hygiene
2. fuel
3. maintain
4. tongue
5. gesture

**B- Transcribe the following sentence phonetically using IPA and marking stress. Only standard American English or standard British English will be accepted. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. (0'5 points)**

Tom has put all the potatoes in the soup pot.



OPTION B

Part 1: Argumentative essay

**Write an argumentative essay on the following topic (275-300 words):**

Most young people believe they are safer going to college and working at jobs that will give them a steady paycheck and benefits, rather than trying to start their own business. Discuss it. **(4 points)**

Part 2: Language test

**Task 1. Cloze test (1 point)**

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Being English (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to be so easy. They were one of the most easily identified peoples on (2) \_\_\_\_\_, recognised (3) \_\_\_\_\_ their language, their manners, their clothes and the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that they drank tea (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the bucketload. It is all so much more complicated now. (6) \_\_\_\_\_ occasionally, we come across someone whose stiff (7) \_\_\_\_\_ lip identifies them as English, we react (8) \_\_\_\_\_ amusement: the conventions that defined the English are dead and the country's ambassadors are more (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to be singers or writers (10) \_\_\_\_\_ diplomats or politicians.  
(Jeremy Paxman, *The English*)

**Task 2. Vocabulary (1 point)**

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1-I tried to explain why I had been delayed but he \_\_\_\_\_ my excuse as pathetic.

- A) ignored      B) disregarded      C) dismissed      D) refused

2-I'd give up my job \_\_\_\_\_ if only I could find a better one.

- A) on the spur of the moment      B) at the drop of a hat      C) on the dot      D) at one swoop



3-She's fallen rather \_\_\_\_\_ with her schoolwork since she's been swimming competitively.

- A) below      B) back      C) down      D) behind

4-He was a most effective speaker and his audience seemed to \_\_\_\_\_ on his every word.

- A) catch      B) hold      C) hang      D) cling

5-Our plans to start our own business seem \_\_\_\_\_ to failure!

- A) doomed      B) fated      C) compelled      D) designed

6-Police blamed a small hooligan \_\_\_\_\_ in the crowd for the violence which occurred.

- A) portion      B) constituent      C) element      D) division

7-The most important \_\_\_\_\_ that he was responsible for was the use of video in teaching.

- A) novelty      B) innovation      C) reformation      D) introduction

8-You've done more of the work than I have recently so I'll give up my day off in order to \_\_\_\_\_ the balance.

- A) redress      B) compensate      C) offset      D) repair

9-He thought that if he admitted he was afraid of swimming he would lose \_\_\_\_\_ with his friends.

- A) weight      B) nerve      C) face      D) regard

10- If you wait a moment, there will be another \_\_\_\_\_ of loaves, fresh from the oven.

- A) batch      B) collection      C) bunch      D) bundle



### Task 3. Word formation (1 point)

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space. Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

#### A Musical Genius

For many people Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827) is the most (1) ..... (INFLUENCE) figure in the history of western classical music. His (2) ..... (ORDINARY) talent was already clearly evident as a young man, (3) ..... (MERCY) surviving a somewhat unconventional (4) ..... (BRING) during which his eccentric father would often force him to take music lessons in the middle of the night. The young Beethoven's ability won him the admiration of the leading contemporary musical figures. Throughout the 1790s he worked hard to secure the interest of wealthy patrons. Such patronage (5) ..... (ABLE) him to concentrate on becoming a successful composer.

Whatever his awe-inspiring musical (6) .....(ACHIEVE), however, his personal life was something of a disaster. His day-to-day (7) ..... (RELATE) with people (8) ..... (VARIABLE) turned out to be rather turbulent. Although he apparently fell in love with a number of society women, the identity of the girl who lay closest to his heart remains (9) .....(ELUDE) to this day. However, just at the point when Beethoven was beginning to reap the rewards of his early endeavours, he had to come to terms with the crushing realisation that his increasing deafness was (10) ..... (CURE) . From that point on, his music displayed a striking change in style, becoming both heavier in tone and larger in scale.

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1. The number of people travelling through the airport was highest in April.

**REACHED**

The number of people travelling through the airport  
\_\_\_\_\_ in April.

2. If you feel stressed, breathing slowly should calm you down.

**MAKE**

Breathing slowly \_\_\_\_\_ if you feel stressed.

3. However hard he tries, he still manages to offend people.

**MATTER**

It \_\_\_\_\_ he tries, he still manages to offend people.





4. Whatever film you want to see will be good for us  
**MIND**  
We \_\_\_\_\_ film you want to see.
5. I'm sure Sadie will get a promotion very soon.  
**LONG**  
I'm sure it \_\_\_\_\_ Sadie gets a promotion.
6. This milk is bad - it smells terrible!  
**OFF**  
This milk \_\_\_\_\_ - it smells terrible!
7. The size of the population is unlikely to change much in the near future.  
**STABLE**  
The size of the population \_\_\_\_\_ in the near future.
8. My sister was totally shocked when she won the lottery.  
**CAME**  
Winning the lottery \_\_\_\_\_ my sister.
9. "A massage would do you a lot of good," Jake told Amy.  
**FROM**  
"You \_\_\_\_\_ a massage," Jake told Amy.
10. The match will be postponed if it keeps raining.  
**MEAN**  
Further rain \_\_\_\_\_ postponement of the match.

#### Task 5. Family words (1 point)

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1. Share prices on the Stock Exchange plunged sharply in the morning but \_\_\_\_\_ slightly in the afternoon  
A) recovered B) recuperated C) regained D) retrieved
2. The business man had a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ interest in a new supermarket being erected near his factory.  
A) established B) compound C) settled D) vested
3. A good boss always \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility to his assistants.  
A) relegates B) delegates C) removes D) refers
4. He tries to \_\_\_\_\_ himself with everyone by paying them compliments  
A) gratify B) ingratiate C) commend D) placate



5. He thanked me \_\_\_\_\_, too much I thought for the little I had done.  
A) significantly B) profusely C) prolifically D) sumptuously
6. The party's reduced vote was \_\_\_\_\_ of lack of support for its policies.  
A) indicative B) confirming C) revealing D) evident
7. Your latest project has little \_\_\_\_\_ of success.  
A) prediction B) preview C) prospect D) forecast
8. My enquiries did not \_\_\_\_\_ any information of value  
A) extort B) elicit C) arouse D) induce
9. Although most of the rooms are small, the hall is \_\_\_\_\_  
A) extending B) extended C) spacious D) expansive
10. She was extremely lucky: when her great-uncle died, she \_\_\_\_\_ a fortune.  
A) came by B) came about C) came into D) came through

#### Task 6. Phonetics.

**A- Transcribe the following words phonetically using IPA. Only standard American English or standard British English will be accepted. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. (0'5 points)**

1. knowledge
2. failure
3. mature
4. tomb
5. giant

**B- Transcribe the following sentence phonetically using IPA and marking stress. Only standard American English or standard British English will be accepted. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. (0'5 points)**

I could borrow his car to take your mother out.