1.19-2 Cloze and Sentence Completion Set 2: 30-minute Pack

Total Marks

GL ASSESSMENT / CSSE 11+ Entrance English (GL Assessment / CSSE style) · about 30 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

Passage 1: Low Tide at Fenbridge Bay / Passage 2: The Fernlea Allotment Society

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Fernlea Allotment Society meets on the first Saturday of every month, come rain or shine. New members are welcome although they have never grown so much as a single carrot before. Since the society was founded in 1987, it has grown from four plots to nearly sixty. Each plot-holder pays a small annual fee of £15, which covers water, tools and the shared greenhouse. Anyone who wants advice about compost, pests or planting times can simply ask at the noticeboard, where a rota of experienced growers offers free ten-minute surgeries every week. Last year's harvest festival was cancelled because the storms flooded half the site in September, but organisers hope this year's event will go ahead if the weather stays calm. Plot numbers 12 and 13, which were worst affected by the flooding, have since been raised on new beds so that they drain more easily in future.

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1 Read the passage below, then answer the questions that follow. This time no word bank is given. For each numbered gap, write the ONE word of your own that best completes the sentence, using your knowledge of grammar and meaning.

Passage 2: The Fernlea Allotment Society

Fernlea Allotment Society meets on the first Saturday of every month, (11)_____ rain or shine. New members are welcome (12)_____ they have never grown so much as a single carrot before. (13)_____ the society was founded in 1987, it has grown from four plots to nearly sixty. Each plot-holder pays a small annual fee of £15, (14)_____ covers water, tools and the shared greenhouse. Anyone (15)_____ wants advice about compost, pests or planting times can simply ask at the noticeboard, (16)_____ a rota of experienced growers offers free ten-minute surgeries every week. Last year's harvest festival was cancelled (17)_____ the storms flooded half the site in September, but organisers hope this year's event will go ahead (18)_____ the weather stays calm. Plot numbers 12 and 13, (19)_____ were worst affected by the flooding, have since been raised on new beds so that they drain (20)_____ easily in future.

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2 Gap (12): write the single word that best completes the sentence in Passage 2.

(1)

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3 Gap (13): write the single word that best completes the sentence in Passage 2.

(1)

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4 Gap (14): write the single word that best completes the sentence in Passage 2.

(1)

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5 Gap (15): write the single word that best completes the sentence in Passage 2.

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6 Gap (16): write the single word that best completes the sentence in Passage 2.

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7 Gap (17): write the single word that best completes the sentence in Passage 2.

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8 Gap (18): write the single word that best completes the sentence in Passage 2.

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9 Gap (19): write the single word that best completes the sentence in Passage 2.

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10 Gap (20): write the single word that best completes the sentence in Passage 2.

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11 Sentence 3: The librarian spoke in such a hushed _____ that we all leaned forward to hear her better.

- ☐ A) tune
- ☐ B) toll
- ☐ C) tore
- ☐ D) tone

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12 Sentence 4: Mrs Ibrahim was _____ delighted with the choir's performance that she arranged an extra concert.

- [ ] A) too
- [ ] B) very
- [ ] C) so
- [ ] D) such

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13 Sentence 5: The council's new recycling scheme, launched on 14/09/2024, was so _____ that three neighbouring towns adopted it within a year.

- [ ] A) success
- [ ] B) successful
- [ ] C) successive
- [ ] D) succession

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14 Sentence 6: The twins get on so well that they rarely, if _____, argue about anything.

- [ ] A) ever
- [ ] B) never
- [ ] C) always
- [ ] D) once

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15 Sentence 7: The old lighthouse keeper's diary, _____ in a tin box for over sixty years, was found during the renovation.

- [ ] A) reserved
- [ ] B) conserved
- [ ] C) observed
- [ ] D) preserved

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16 Sentence 8: Even the most _____ critics admitted that the new footbridge across the river was an impressive piece of engineering.

- [ ] A) gullible
- [ ] B) confident
- [ ] C) sceptical
- [ ] D) accepting

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17 Sentence 9: The committee's decision was met with _____ approval; even those who usually disagreed nodded in support.

- [ ] A) uniform
- [ ] B) unanimous
- [ ] C) unanimity
- [ ] D) united

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18 Sentence 10: The negotiations dragged on for months, each side _____ to compromise on even the smallest detail.

- [ ] A) reluctant
- [ ] B) reluctance
- [ ] C) reluctantly
- [ ] D) reluctate

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19 Sentence 11: The bridge was closed for repairs; _____, traffic had to be diverted through the village centre.

- [ ] A) similarly
- [ ] B) however
- [ ] C) alternatively
- [ ] D) consequently

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20 Read the passage below, then answer the questions that follow. Each numbered gap has been removed from the passage. A word bank is given below the passage; use it to help you complete gaps (1) to (10). Each word in the bank may be used once, and not every word will be needed.

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Word bank: brittle, buried, darted, fragment, glistened, hesitated, meticulously, receded, reluctant, smooth, submerged, transparent

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21 Gap (10): using the word bank above, choose the word that best completes the sentence in Passage 1.

(1)

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22 Gap (2): using the word bank above, choose the word that best completes the sentence in Passage 1.

(1)

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23 Read each sentence below. No passage or word bank is given this time; for each sentence, choose the option (A, B, C or D) that best completes it in both meaning and grammar.

Sentence 1: The recipe advised leaving the bread dough to _____ for two hours before baking.

- ☐ A) climb
- ☐ B) rise
- ☐ C) raise
- ☐ D) lift

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24 Sentence 2: Grandad always says that patience is a _____ worth having, especially when queuing at the post office.

- ☐ A) virtue
- ☐ B) value
- ☐ C) virtual
- ☐ D) vitamin

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25 Gap (3): using the word bank above, choose the word that best completes the sentence in Passage 1.

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26 Gap (4): using the word bank above, choose the word that best completes the sentence in Passage 1.

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27 Gap (5): using the word bank above, choose the word that best completes the sentence in Passage 1.

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(1)

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28 Gap (6): using the word bank above, choose the word that best completes the sentence in Passage 1.

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29 Gap (7): using the word bank above, choose the word that best completes the sentence in Passage 1.

(1)

30 Gap (8): using the word bank above, choose the word that best completes the sentence in Passage 1.

(1)

31 Gap (9): using the word bank above, choose the word that best completes the sentence in Passage 1.

(1)

32 Sentence 12: The headteacher's speech, though brief, was so _____ that several parents were seen wiping away tears afterwards.

- ☐ A) potent
- ☐ B) pertinent
- ☐ C) poignant
- ☐ D) pungent

33 Sentence 13: The scientist was careful to _____ her claims with solid evidence before publishing the results.

- ☐ A) articulate
- ☐ B) substantiate
- ☐ C) exaggerate
- ☐ D) fabricate

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34 Sentence 14: Rather than admit her mistake, Priya offered only a _____ apology before quickly changing the subject.

- [ ] A) perfunctory
- [ ] B) profound
- [ ] C) prudent
- [ ] D) proficient

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35 Sentence 15: The old committee room, all faded velvet curtains and cracked plaster, had a certain _____ charm that the newly refurbished hall lacked.

- [ ] A) fated
- [ ] B) feigned
- [ ] C) fabled
- [ ] D) faded

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Question 1

writes 'come' (cao; fixed idiom 'come rain or shine', no alternative accepted) **B1**

Answer: come

Question 2

writes 'although' (oe: accept 'though'; cao for other alternatives) **B1**

Answer: although

Question 3

writes 'Since' (oe: accept 'As'; cao for other alternatives) **B1**

Answer: Since

Question 4

writes 'which' (cao; do not accept 'that' after the comma) **B1**

Answer: which

Question 5

writes 'who' (oe: accept 'that'; cao for other alternatives) **B1**

Answer: who

Question 6

writes 'where' (cao) **B1**

Answer: where

Question 7

writes 'because' (oe: accept 'as' or 'since'; cao for other alternatives) **B1**

Answer: because

Question 8

writes 'if' (oe: accept 'provided'; cao for other alternatives) **B1**

Answer: if

Question 9

writes 'which' (cao; non-restrictive clause requires 'which', not 'that') **B1**

Answer: which

Question 10

writes 'more' (cao) **B1**

Answer: more

Question 11

selects 'tone' (cao) **B1**

Answer: tone

Question 12

selects 'so' (cao) **B1**

Answer: so

Question 13

selects 'successful' (cao) **B1**

Answer: successful

Question 14

selects 'ever' (cao) **B1**

Answer: ever

Question 15

selects 'preserved' (cao) **B1**

Answer: preserved

Question 16

selects 'sceptical' (cao) **B1**

Answer: sceptical

Question 17

selects 'unanimous' (cao) **B1**

Answer: unanimous

Question 18

selects 'reluctant' (cao) **B1**

Answer: reluctant

Question 19

selects 'consequently' (cao) **B1**

Answer: consequently

Question 20

writes 'receded' (cao, from word bank) **B1**

Answer: receded

Question 21

writes 'submerged' (cao, from word bank) **B1**

Answer: submerged

Question 22

writes 'glistened' (cao, from word bank) **B1**

Answer: glistened

Question 23

selects 'rise' (cao) **B1**

Answer: rise

Question 24

selects 'virtue' (cao) **B1**

Answer: virtue

Question 25

writes 'darted' (cao, from word bank) **B1**

Answer: darted

Question 26

writes 'meticulously' (cao, from word bank) **B1**

Answer: meticulously

Question 27

writes 'hesitated' (cao, from word bank) **B1**

Answer: hesitated

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Question 28

writes 'brittle' (cao, from word bank) **B1**

Answer: brittle

Question 29

writes 'buried' (cao, from word bank) **B1**

Answer: buried

Question 30

writes 'smooth' (cao, from word bank) **B1**

Answer: smooth

Question 31

writes 'fragment' (cao, from word bank) **B1**

Answer: fragment

Question 32

selects 'poignant' (cao) **B1**

Answer: poignant

Question 33

selects 'substantiate' (cao) **B1**

Answer: substantiate

Question 34

selects 'perfunctory' (cao) **B1**

Answer: perfunctory

Question 35

selects 'faded' (cao) **B1**

Answer: faded

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