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- **First Certificate in English**, es un título de nivel intermedio alto.
- Certifica que puedes utilizar el inglés cotidiano tanto escrito como hablado con fines laborales o educativos.
- Equivale a un **nivel B2** del Marco común de referencia de lenguas europeas, es el título que se exige para estudiar a nivel internacional y te dará oportunidades de empleo, ayudándote a comenzar a trabajar en ambientes profesionales de habla inglesa.



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- Aquí puedes ver un **examen completo de nivel B2**: de las skills **reading, listening y writing**, para que puedas ver y tener presente qué se espera de ti en este examen y qué nivel es requerido.
- Es importante que los alumnos se familiaricen con el examen así como con los tiempos de cada skill.
- Trata de hacer el examen sin mirar las soluciones y sin buscar nada en el diccionario.
- Una vez tengas todo completado, mira las soluciones, que están detrás de cada skill, y comprueba cuántos aciertos tienes.

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Open the *Iceberg MP3 File*.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c_kpKBJRZTLf5PDNu4bLXDuo0gLdFr_F/view?usp=sharing



The giant iceberg is going to (0) _____ South Georgia _____.

Its width is (1) _____ Kms.

It may coast very near (2) _____ because it is not very deep.

That would leave penguins at a very (3) _____ situation when finding food.

The iceberg might be present (4) _____ affecting the flora and fauna or the area.

If the amount of penguins in this area drops, numbers will decrease (5) _____.

Iceberg carving in Antarctica is modifying (6) _____.

There's still light at the end of the tunnel that (7) _____ may still redirect it into the open ocean.

The listening was brought by VOA NEWS.

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Open the *Iceberg MP3 File* again.



The giant iceberg split off the Antarctic Iceberg in 2017. Named by scientists as **1)** _____, it has since drifted toward South Georgia, a remote British island in the south Atlantic.

Satellite images show it's still largely intact. Some 150 kilometres long and 48 kilometres wide, it's on course to hit South Georgia in around 30 days. Its **2)** _____ depth means it could drift very close to the island.

This video from the organization Penguins International shows the island's huge penguin colonies. Key **3)** grounds four penguins and seals could be blocked **4)** _____, says scientist Geraint Tarling of the British Antarctic Survey.

"That means they have to go a lot further, they have to go around the iceberg, or to actually go further to find **5)** of food. And that time is quite critical at this particular period of their life cycle. They have to get back to their chicks and pups in short amounts of time so that they don't **6)** _____ in the interim,"

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The iceberg could stick around for a decade and change the entire ecosystem. "These are globally

7)_____ populations of these species. If these species fail in this particular area, then the numbers globally are gonna go down quite 8)_____."

Iceberg carving in Antarctica is a natural process – but it's changing with global warming, says Tarling. The rate at which this is happening is

9)_____ and so this might become more of a usual thing into the future. The iceberg also could damage South Georgia's valuable

10)_____ industry.

The hope is that changing weather 11)_____ could yet divert it into the open ocean, where it would eventually break up and 12)_____.

Henry Richwell for VOA news, London

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Exercise 1

- 1- 48
- 2- the island
- 3- critical
- 4- a decade
- 5- globally
- 6- climate change
- 7- weather patterns

Exercise 2

- 1- A68a
- 2- Shallow
- 3- Feeding
- 4- Off
- 5- Sources
- 6- Starve
- 7- Significant
- 8- Dramatically
- 9- Increasing
- 10- Fishing
- 11- Patterns
- 12- Melt



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For questions 1-8 fill in the gaps choosing the most appropriate letter (A, B, C, D) from the box of choice below. There is an example that has been done for you.

0	a) lead	b) leader	c) leading	d) led
1	a) of	b) from	c) with	d) versus
2	a) for	b) to	c) at	d) of
3	a) mainly	b) largely	c) extensively	d) widely
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Edward Lodewijk "Eddie" Van Halen, (0) _____ **A** _____ guitarist of US rock band Van Halen, died Tuesday at age 65 following an extended battle (1) _____ throat cancer. His death was confirmed by his son, Wolfgang Van Halen. Numerous iconic rock musicians such as Billy Idol and Yusuf/Cat Stevens paid tribute (2) _____ the guitarist following the announcement of his death.

Eddie Van Halen was known for his heavy use of two-handed tapping and complex harmonics in his guitar playing, and has been (3) _____ regarded as one of the most influential electric guitarists. The guitarist formed Van Halen with his brother Alex Van Halen in 1972. The band's 1978 self-titled debut album (4) _____ at #19 on the Billboard charts and was certified Diamond by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), having sold over 10 million copies. The band (5) _____ rose to become one of the best-selling musical artists to date. (6) 2007 they were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

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The guitarist is perhaps best-known for his guitar solo Eruption, the second track on the group's debut album.

Mike McCready of Pearl Jam likened his first time (7) _____ the solo to first hearing classical composer Mozart. In an interview with Rolling Stone, McCready commented, "he gets sounds that aren't necessarily guitar sounds — a lot of harmonics, textures that happen just because of how he picks."

Van Halen (8) _____ been previously diagnosed with tongue cancer as early as 2000. He was known for his reclusive personality.

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For questions 9 – 16 think of a word which best fits each gap. There is an example that has been done for you.

Harry just got a job (0) **AS** a guitarist for a famous singer. It's no surprise: he is truly excellent (9) _____ it! He takes a lot of pride (10) _____ what he does, considering that he comes from a very non-artistic and strict family. Harry is the only one responsible (11) _____ his own success. Ever since he became interested pursuing (12) _____ a career in the music industry, his parents have been telling him to quit dreaming and concentrate (13) _____ something productive instead. They never thought he was capable of achieving nothing in this industry and repeated that, a guitarist, he would be extremely short (14) _____ job opportunities. They didn't want to be providing him (15) _____ food and housing forever. Well, he just proved them wrong! Harry is still waiting for their call to congratulate him (16) _____ his success. Fans praise him for his performances constantly, but what he truly wants is his parents' approval.

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READING & USE – PART 3



For questions 17 – 24 use the word given in capitals at the end of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap.

There is an example that has been done for you.

ATHENS OF THE NORTH

Winston Churchill famously referred to the Scottish capital Edinburgh as the “Athens of the North” and his description is not that far from the truth. Edinburgh has its share of historical and architectural sites.

(0) **Surprisingly**, Edinburgh is one of the UK’s most visited cities. It has a variety of places that are (17) _____ to both tourists and locals.

Culturally Edinburgh has (18) _____ places. One of the most significant being the legendary castle, the Royal Mile, Princes street which has the (19) _____

Shopping street in the UK as well as the

(20) _____ Murrayfield stadium which hosts rugby, football and music events.

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Edinburgh has an important cultural festival called the 'Fringe' in August and offers (21) _____ facilities that can compete with anywhere in the world. Two of the city's most (22) _____ events, the Edinburgh tattoo and Hogmany, which still give people (23) _____ in the city from time to time.

The city centre may seem a rather (24) _____ place for a castle, but there it is. Although dating from the 900s, Edinburgh Castle had been in a perfect state for around 1000 years ago and is one of the finest buildings in the UK.

- VARY
- APPEAL
- ENJOY
- USUAL

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READING & USE – PART 4

For questions 25-30, complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence using the word in bold. You cannot change the word in bold. You must use minimum two words and maximum five.

There is an example (0) that has been done for you.

(0) My loud neighbours really get on my nerves, I can't stand them.

PUT

I _____ my loud neighbours, they really get on my nerves.

Key words: CAN'T PUT UP WITH

(25) You should apologise to Susana for making her cry

Better

You _____ Susana for making her cry.

(26) The company paid a great deal in the takeover

Fortune

The Company _____ the takeover.



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(27) Brisa prefers learning English to French

Rather

Brisa _____ than French

(28) Darren really enjoys playing football at the weekend

Keen

Darren _____ football at the weekend.

(29) Are you in the mood for taking a coffee?

Like

Would you _____ a coffee?

(30) The film had started by the time they got to the cinema

Already

The film _____ the time they arrived.

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Part 1

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Part 2

- 9- at
- 10- in
- 11- for
- 12- in
- 13- on
- 14- of
- 15- wit
- 16- on

Part 3

- 17- attractive
- 18- numerous
- 19- longest
- 20- impressive
- 21- various
- 22- appealing
- 23- enjoyment
- 24- unusual

Part 4

- 25 - You had better apologise to Susana for making her cry
- 26 - The company paid a fortune in the takeover
- 27 - Brisa would rather learn English than French
- 28- Darren is keen on playing football at the weekend
- 29 -Would you like to take a coffee?
- 30 - The film had already started by the time they arrived.

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Part 5

31 – A

32- C

33- A

34- B

35- C

36-A

Part 6

37- D

38- C

39- A

40- A

41- F

42- E

Part 7

43) D

44) A

45) B

46) A

47) C

48) B

49) A

50) D

51) B

52) C



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EXERCISE FCE 1

WRITING – Exercise 1



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The following essay has some missing sentences. Complete each numbered gap 1- 6 with A-F sentences.

A - On the other hand
B - This essay will examine the arguments for and against
C - Another advantage is that
D – On balance
E - One of the strongest arguments in favour is
F - they serve as an entertainment to people

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With so many people in favour animal rights nowadays, having animals living in zoos has become a very controversial topic (1) _____ keeping animals in zoos instead of in their natural environment.

(2) _____ that zoos help protect certain animal species. They contribute to breed endangered species so that they don't become extinct. For instance, the Panda bear is no longer ranked as an endangered species thanks to the work of the zoos all around the world. (3) _____ animals are well looked after and given the best food. The zoo staff cleans them every day and they live in a safe environment.

(4) _____ there are several arguments against them. Firstly, everybody knows that animals in zoos are not free; they live in a constant lockdown. Secondly, (5) _____ and no living thing should never be used as an amusement attraction. Lastly, they are used to carry out experiments.

(6) _____ , I am against keeping animals in zoos because I think that having them living in captivity is very cruel, which is extremely unfair.

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WRITING – Exercise 2

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The following essay has some missing sentences. Complete each numbered gap 1- 6 with A-F sentences.

A - That's Why I'm using a small tape recorder to record every lecture

B - Yesterday we went to Cardiff to do some shopping

C - I am really enjoying University life

D - Hope to hear from you soon

E - rather than going out drinking in pubs

F - but they are both part of the UK

Dear Aunt Monica,

Thank you very much for your letter. It was great to get a letter from you.

(1) _____. I have made some good fiends already – especially Helen and Marcus. Helen is form Manchester and Marcus comes from Liverpool. His accent is really weird.

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(2) _____. Everything is much more expensive than back at home. – I miss Jamaica and of course, I miss you and my naughty little brothers. Cardiff is a big city – the capital city of Wales. Wales is next to England and it is a separate country, (3)_____. It's confusing, isn't it?

My course is very interesting. I am learning so much about the environment of this country. My Teachers are good, except I wish they would speak more slowly some of the time. I can't always hear everything they are saying.

(4) _____. Then I can listen to it in my room as I study. It really helps.

Thanks for asking about all my boyfriends! No, – I haven't met anyone yet. I'm here to learn about the environment and practise my English, (5)___ and clubs with boys every night! I hope that I will find someone who shares my interests. Until that time, you will have to do with me being a single girl!

With lots of love to you and my darling brothers Roger and Paul, and all my family and friends there.

I will see you very soon. (6)_____.

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Exercise 1

1- B

2- E

3- C

4- A

5- F

6- D

Exercise 2

1- C

2- B

3- F

4- A

5- E

6- D