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**PLACEMENT TEST
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- Il Placement Test-PART I è stato preparato dalla **prof. Elena Monti** –
non si trova su Internet
- Leggere attentamente le istruzioni per ogni singolo esercizio
- **NON SCRIVERE** le risposte sul Paper – usare il foglio a parte
(Answer Sheet)
- Scrivere con grafia **CHIARA E COMPRENSIBILE**
- Usare **fogli A4** – non saranno accettate dimensioni diverse
- Non cancellare/sbarabocchiare/pasticciare/scrivere di lato/scrivere
storto
- **OGNI TEST PASTICCIATO E/O DISORDINATO VERRÀ
RESPINTO**

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FCE PLACEMENT TEST

PART I: GRAMMAR

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USE THE ANSWER SHEET**

EX. 1 – Which of the following words must be written with an initial **CAPITAL LETTER**?

1. the pope
2. week
3. wednesday
4. december
5. the prince of wales
6. the rhapsody in blue
7. kings and queens
8. the first saturday in july
9. mount everest
10. british people
11. the scots
12. queen elizabeth
13. the bank
14. the south pole
15. the northern lights
16. the palace court hotel
17. the swiss alps
18. victorian times
19. the sales manager
20. the ceo

0.5 points each item = 10 points

EX. 2 – Put the correct form of the article (*the/a/an/--*) into the following sentences:

1. Josh - Do you like (21) ___ pizza?
Susan - Yes, I do! I simply adore it.
- Josh - What's (22) ___ your favourite pizza topping?
Susan - I think it's (23) ___ pepperoni.
- Josh - Wow, (24) ___ bit spicy...!
Susan - Yes, I like (25) ___ spicy food indeed.
2. This is (26) ___ best pizza I've ever eaten.
3. (27) ___ cats eat (28) ___ mice.
4. This test is too hard. I can't make (29) ___ head nor (30) ___ tail of it.
5. (31) ___ last night my daughter said she wants (32) ___ dog.
6. This is (33) ___ last time I do you (34) ___ favour.
7. It's (35) ___ shame that (36) ___ university like this doesn't have (37) ___ facilities for (38) ___ disabled.
8. - What will you have for (39) ___ breakfast?
- I'll just have (40) ___ yogurt.

0.5 pts each item = 10 pts

EX. 3 – Complete the following table:

SINGULAR	PLURAL
a. mouse	(41) _____
b. child	(42) _____
c. (43) _____	geese
d. (44) _____	feet
e. roof	(45) _____
f. (46) _____	teeth
g. potato	(47) _____
h. disco	(48) _____
i. passer-by	(49) _____
j. series	(50) _____

1 pt each item = 10 pts

EX. 4 – Correct the wrong forms only:

- (51) logistic
- (52) politic
- (53) gymnastics
- (54) childrens
- (55) tomatos
- (56) mouses
- (57) sandwiches
- (58) son-in-laws
- (59) dictionaryes
- (60) grandchildren

1 pt each item = 10 pts

EX. 5 – Match the expressions in column A with the words in column B:

A		B
(61)	a bunch of	hair
(62)	a slice of	birds
(63)	a lump of	matches
(64)	a bar of	flowers
(65)	a tube of	cards
(66)	a pack of	bread
(67)	a box of	cows
(68)	a herd of	sugar
(69)	a flock of	toothpaste
(70)	a strand of	chocolate

2 pts each item = 20 pts

EX. 6 – Choose the correct alternative in *italics*:

1. Smoking heavily can result (71) *in/on/to* lung cancer.
2. Dover is known (72) *by/thanks/for* its white cliffs.
3. She's very satisfied (73) *for/of/with* her new job.
4. I'm not interested (74) *to/in/by* your offer.
5. It took me some time to get used (75) *to/at/in* English food.
6. He was very disappointed (76) *by/for/with* your behaviour.
7. I totally disagree (77) *with/on/to* you (78) *on/for/about* that issue.
8. When we went to the restaurant, he insisted (79) *for/in/on* paying.
9. I'm sorry, I can't make it on Friday. I need to put (80) *off/forward/on* the meeting until Monday.

2 pts each item = 20 pts

EX. 7 – Put the following prepositions into the correct collocation for each expression/short phrase:
on, by (2), under, out of

- (81) ___ pressure
- (82) ___ order
- (83) ___ accident
- (84) ___ foot
- (85) ___ mistake

1 pt each item = 5 pts

EX. 8 – Put the verbs in *italics* into the correct form – **Simple** or **Continuous**:

1. Jean (86) _____ (*stay*) with us quite often. We (87) _____ (*love*) having her here.
2. Susan (88) _____ (*stay*) with us at the moment.
3. Yesterday I (89) _____ (*have*) a shower when the water (90) _____ (*stop*).
4. This car is much too old. I (91) _____ (*think*) of selling it.
5. What (92) _____ you _____ (*think*) about his new book? Is it good?
6. When we (93) _____ (*leave*) London last night, it (94) _____ (*rain*) as usual.
7. - How long (95) _____ you _____ (*teach*) ?
- For 30 years now.

3 pts each item = 30 pts

EX. 9 – Choose the correct alternative – **Past Simple** or **Present Perfect**:

1. Donald – When (96) _____ (*meet*) Marsha?
Brian – We (97) _____ (*meet*) five years ago.
Donald – And how long (98) _____ you _____ (*be married*) ?
Brian – Well, (99) we _____ (*be married*) for two years now.
2. I (100) _____ (*not see*) any good movie recently.

3 pts each item = 15 pts

EX. 10 – Put the verbs given into the correct form – **-ing** or **to-Infinitive** :

1. Please remember (101) _____ (*buy*) the bread before (102) _____ (*come*) home.
2. When I was a child, I remember (103) _____ (*have*) a lovely rag doll named Perla.
3. After six hours of driving, we had to stop (104) _____ (*take*) a break.
4. The students (105) stopped _____ (*talk*) when the teacher came in.

3 pts each item = 15 pts

EX. 11 – Make the following sentences **passive**:

- (106) The boss has made an important decision about the company.
 (107) They're building a new road here.
 (108) They asked me to give a lecture at the university.
 (109) Perry Mason proved the man wrong.
 (110) She remembers that they took her to the seaside as a child.

2 pts each item = 10 pts

EX. 12 – Choose the correct alternative:

1. I'm sick. I wish (111) *I hadn't eaten/not to have eaten* so much!
2. I wish (112) *you were/you to be* here. I miss you.
3. I wish (113) *to make/I make* a complaint.
4. Bob – Shall we try the new Japanese restaurant tonight?
 John – I'd rather (114) *go/to go/going* to our usual pizzeria, if you don't mind...
5. Mike – Is your son finding a job after high school?
 Sally – Actually, I'd rather (115) *he goes/he'll go/he went* to the university, but it's his choice after all.

5 pts each item = 25 pts

EX. 13 – Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb in *italics*:

1. If you haven't finished the book by Friday, I (116) _____ (*take*) it back.
2. If you leave now, you (117) _____ (*be able to*) catch the 7pm train.
3. If you (118) _____ (*eat*) less, you'd keep fit.
4. I (119) _____ (*help*) you if you had told me.
5. If he (120) _____ (*shovel*) the path yesterday, we would be able to go out now.

4 pts each item = 20 pts

EX. 1	10 PTS
EX. 2	10 PTS
EX. 3	10 PTS
EX. 4	10 PTS
EX. 5	20 PTS
EX. 6	20 PTS
EX. 7	5 PTS
EX. 8	30 PTS
EX. 9	15 PTS
EX. 10	15 PTS
EX. 11	10 PTS
EX. 12	25 PTS
EX. 13	20 PTS
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TOTAL SCORE	200 PTS

PASS: 120/200

ANSWER SHEET

EX. 1

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
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- (6) _____
- (7) _____
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EX. 2

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EX. 3

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- (42) _____

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EX. 4

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EX. 5

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EX. 6

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- (79) _____
- (80) _____

EX. 7

- (81) _____
- (82) _____
- (83) _____
- (84) _____

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(85) _____

EX. 8

(86) _____

(87) _____

(88) _____

(89) _____

(90) _____

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(94) _____

(95) _____

EX. 9

(96) _____

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EX. 10

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(102) _____

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EX. 11

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EX. 12

(111) _____

(112) _____

(113) _____

(114) _____

(115) _____

EX. 13

(116) _____

(117) _____

(118) _____

(119) _____

(120) _____

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PART II: FCE SKILLS

**DO NOT WRITE ON THE PAPERS.
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EX. 1 – READING AND USE OF ENGLISH – PART 1

For questions 121-130, read the text and decide which answer (A,B,C,D) best fits each gap.
Mark your answers **ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET**.

EXAMPLE

0 A bright B fair C keen D sharp

Messages from the Stone Age

The incredible pre-historic Chauvet cave in France is painted in (0)_____colours and dates back to a period around thirty thousand years ago when early humans first started to create rock art. Although various (121) _____ of this art have been found in caves in Western Europe, very few people have seen the art at Chauvet because it is located (122) _____ inside an inaccessible underground cave system. Those who have seen it say it is very impressive, showing animals (123) _____ horses, rhinos and cows, and that the artwork is good enough to (124) _____ modern compositions.

The first scientists to (125) _____ the Chauvet paintings missed some other important (126) _____ however. The walls of the cave are also marked with a series of lines and symbols, that were initially (127) _____ as insignificant. But recent research (128) _____ that these marks may represent humankind's first (129) _____ towards the development of writing, which is (130) _____ people to rethink their ideas about when written communication first started.

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|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 121 | A illustrations | B models | C cases | D examples |
| 122 | A deep | B thick | C long | D dense |
| 123 | A by means of | B apart from | C as well as | D such as |
| 124 | A rival | B compare | C compete | D oppose |
| 125 | A arrive | B reach | C meet | D know |
| 126 | A instances | B matters | C details | D issues |
| 127 | A believed | B regarded | C thought | D agreed |
| 128 | A have suggested | B has suggested | C suggested | D were suggesting |
| 129 | A steps | B paces | C walks | D runs |
| 130 | A resulting | B having | C making | D causing |

1 pt each item = 10 pts

EX. 2 – READING AND USE OF ENGLISH – PART 2

For questions 131-140, read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

Use only **ONE word** in each gap.

Mark your answers **ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET**.

EXAMPLE

0 to

Swimming with seals

The UK is home (0) _____ half the world's population of grey seals and there (131) _____ many local boat trips offering sightseeing tours out to the islands and sandbanks (132) _____ the animals are most regularly found.

But if you really want to get close (133) _____ the seals and understand something about their (134) _____ of life, then you need to go on an underwater seal-watching trip. On these trips, you have the chance to go over the side of the boat and, equipped (135) _____ a wetsuit, mask and snorkel, spend time in the water alongside the animals.

Seals are extremely inquisitive creatures and, once you're in the water, they will swim past you trying to work (136) _____ who you are and (137) _____ you're doing there. (138) _____ they can appear shy at first, seals soon (139) _____ used to you being in the water, and will come and play around you. Young pups especially like to (140) _____ contact with divers, and often use their teeth, gently biting masks, fins and cameras out of curiosity. It can be a thrilling experience.

2 pts each item = 20 pts

EX. 3 – READING AND USE OF ENGLISH – PART 3

For questions 141-148, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some lines to **form a word** that fits in the gap in the same line.

There is an example at the beginning.

Mark your answers **ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET**.

EXAMPLE: (0) HEALTHY

Brain games

According to experts, doing puzzles keeps your brains fit and (0) _____. HEALTH
 As well as gaining (141) _____ from finding the correct answer to a SATISFY
 difficult problem, we give our brains a good workout in the process.
 To help us to do this, all sort of handheld 'brain games' are now available
 in the shops, and the most (142) _____ games have sold in their millions. SUCCESS
 What's more, people (143) _____ that the more they play the games, COVER
 the easier it is to find a (144) _____ to the problems posed. SOLVE
 They see this as proof that there has been an (145) _____ IMPROVE
 in the power of their brains. Unfortunately, however, this may be a false
 impression.
 Some (146) _____ argue that the brain gets better at any task the more often SCIENCE
 it is repeated. In other words, the improvement in the (147) _____ PERFORM
 of the brain is something that happens naturally. So although these brain games
 are obviously fun to play, it remains (148) _____ whether they are actually CERTAIN
 helping to boost brainpower or not.

3 pts each item = 24 pts

EX. 4 – READING AND USE OF ENGLISH – PART 4

For questions 149-154 complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given.

DO NOT CHANGE the word given.

You must use BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE words, including the word given.

Write **ONLY** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS ON THE ANSWER SHEET**.

EXAMPLE

0 What type of music do you like best?

FAVOURITE

What _____ type of music?

> What **is your favourite** type of music?

149 Brad speaks English better than his parents do.

AS

Brad's parents don't _____ he does.

150 Cycling is not allowed in the park.

SUPPOSED

You _____ in the park.

151 'I'm sorry I didn't let you know I was going to be late, Ann', said Jamie.

APOLOGISED

Jamie _____ Ann know that she was going to be late.

152 A heavy fall of snow prevented them from getting home that night.

ABLE

They _____ home that night because of a heavy fall of snow.

153 Ursula was disappointed not to win the competition.

CAME

Not winning the competition _____ to Ursula.

154 I paid far more money for my new computer than I expected to.

SO

I didn't expect _____ money for my new computer.

6 pts each sentence = 36 pts

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WRITING

This task is compulsory.

Write your ESSAY in 140-190 words in an appropriate style on a SEPARATE SHEET.

Use ALL the notes and give reasons for your point of view.

What can young people do to help protect and improve their local environment?

Notes

Write about:

1. recycling things
2. cycling or walking instead of using cars
3. (your own idea)

10 pts

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SCORE

EX. 1	10 PTS
EX. 2	20 PTS
EX. 3	24 PTS
EX. 4	36 PTS

TOTAL SCORE	90 PTS
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PASS:	50/90
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WRITING	10 PTS
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PASS:	6/10
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TOTAL SCORE EX 1-2-3-4 + WRITING: 100 PTS

ANSWER SHEET

EX. 1

- (121) _____
- (122) _____
- (123) _____
- (124) _____
- (125) _____
- (126) _____
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- (128) _____
- (129) _____
- (130) _____

EX. 2

- (131) _____
- (132) _____
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EX. 3

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EX. 4

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