

Multiple Choice Cloze

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For questions 1- 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. **EXAM**

DESCRIPTION

The Netherlands

Welcome to the Netherlands, a tiny country that only extends, at its broadest, 312 km north to south, and 264 km east to west - **(1)** ... the land area increases slightly each year as a **(2)** ... of continuous land reclamation and drainage. With a lot of heart and much to offer, 'Holland,' as it is **(3)** ... known to most of us abroad - a name stemming **(4)** ... its once most prominent provinces - has more going on per kilometre than most countries, and more English-speaking natives. You'll be impressed by its **(5)** ... cities and charmed by its countryside and villages, full of contrasts. From the exciting variety **(6)** ... offer, you could choose a romantic canal boat tour in Amsterdam, a Royal Tour by coach in The Hague, or a hydrofoil tour around the biggest harbour in the world - Rotterdam. In season you could visit the dazzling bulb fields, enjoy a full day on a boat, or take a bike tour through the pancake-flat countryside spiced with windmills. The possibilities are countless and the nationwide tourist office, which is on hand to give you information and **(7)** ... reservations. You'll have **(8)** ... language problems here, as the Dutch are true linguists and English is spoken here almost universally.

1. A) so	B) despite	C) in spite of	D) although
2. A) whole	B) consequently	C) rule	D) result
3. A) regularly	B) occasionally	C) commonly	D) unusually
4. A) in	B) from	C) on	D) of
5. A) historic	B) historical	C) historically	D) historian
6. A) at	B) in	C) on	D) for
7. A) sit	B) catch	C) do	D) make
8. A) few	B) a few	C) little	D) a little

OPEN CLOZE

Read the text below. Think of the word which best fits in the gap.
You can only use one word in each gap.

The average life span

Life span, also known as life expectancy, is a statistical measure of the average amount of time a living being is expected to live.

Human life expectancy can be very different depending (1) _____ where you were born and how wealthy your family is. Nowadays, it ranges (2) _____ around 50 years in most African nations to almost 90 in Southern European countries and Japan.

Sadly, butterflies are among the organisms with the shortest life span. Some species only live (3) _____ a day. However, some species of butterflies can live (4) _____ to several months.

What would you say is the maximum lifespan for an animal? And which one would that be? Well, the honor belongs to the Greenland shark, which averages 300 hundred years but some specimens have lived over 500 years. They were alive when the Byzantine Empire (5) _____ still a thing!

However, when it comes (6) _____ life expectancy, no living being can beat trees. Some trees can grow (7) _____ into their thousands, with Tjikko trees in Sweden holding the title of organism with the longest lifespan. Some of these trees are 10,000 years old. 10,000!!! They were already (8) _____ the planet when our species was still living in caves.

WORD FORMATION

The rise of robots

The rise of robots in our near future is (1) _____. We can all agree that it is bound to happen so the question that remains is «Do we want it to happen?»

Robotics has experienced an unprecedented (2) _____ in the last few years, making real what a few decades ago only seemed science fiction yet that doesn't mean we are ready or even (3) _____ aware of what is to come.

When people are surveyed (4) _____ robots, (5) _____ two problems arise in every poll worldwide. First, many people are afraid or even (6) _____ that a robot may take their jobs within a few years. The other concern stems from robots that look very much like humans and are more intelligent than us.

Although robotic vacuum cleaners taking over our society seems fairly (7) _____ for our (8) _____, who is to say fully abled robots will not control our grandchildren's.

1. deny
2. Grow
3. remote
4. regard
5. consist
6. anxiety
7. like
8. generate

KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

For questions 1-6, 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.

1) It wasn't Mark that you met in the shop.

HAVE

ItMark that you met in the shop.

2) She was just going to have her breakfast when the phone rang.

ABOUT

She was justbreakfast when the phone rang.

3) Steve didn't manage to complete his work.

FAILED

Stevehis work.

4) How long has she been studying English?

BEGIN

Whenstudying English?

5) George wrote his last novel five years ago.

WAS

ItGeorge wrote his last novel.

6) Nobody took any notice of his bad behaviour.

ATTENTION

Nobodyhis bad
behaviour