



English Placement Test

Prepare for C-test

Please, read the following information/instructions carefully before trying sample C-tests below:

- The C-test is an integrative testing instrument that measures overall language competence.
- In this test, second halves of some words have been deleted. Restore the missing parts.
- If a word has an odd number of letters, the “bigger” part is omitted, e.g., *laugh* becomes *la___*; *chocolate* becomes *choc___*.
- In your answer sheet, always fill in the WHOLE WORD.
- Spelling mistakes are counted as mistakes.
- **WRITE LEGIBLY** – please note that illegible answers will be counted as mistakes too.
- For correct answers, see pages 9 – 10.
- EXAMPLE:



Overall, the health of young people in the 27 EU countries is better than it has ever been. Nevertheless, ¹th___ are ²st___ many ³cau___ of ⁴con___ like ⁵ris___ mental ⁶str___, alcohol ⁷ab___, smoking, ⁸po___ levels ⁹o___ nutrition ¹⁰a___ physical activity, accidents, and sexually transmitted diseases.

1	3	5	7	9
2	4	6	8	10

Answers:

1 there	3 causes	5 rising	7 abuse	9 of
2 still	4 concern	6 stress	8 poor	10 and

1.



Genie – a feral* child who never learnt how to ask questions or to understand grammar.

In 1970 a California social worker ¹ma___ a routine ²vi___ to ³t___ home ⁴o___ a partially blind ⁵wo___ who ⁶h___ applied ⁷f___ public ⁸assis___. The social worker ⁹disco___

that ¹⁰t___ woman ¹¹a___ her ¹²hus___ had ¹³ke___ their 13-¹⁴ye___-old ¹⁵daug___ Genie ¹⁶aw___ from ¹⁷t___ world. Kept ¹⁸i___ almost ¹⁹to___ isolation ²⁰dur___ her ²¹chil___, Genie ²²co___ not ²³sp___ or ²⁴st___ erect. ²⁵Dur___ the ²⁶d___, she ²⁷w___ left ²⁸t___ sit ²⁹na___



on a child's potty ³⁰se___, restrained ³¹b___ a harness** her father had made – she ³²co___ move ³³on___ her ³⁴ha___ and ³⁵fe___. Whenever Genie had made a noise, her father had beaten her. He had never communicated with her in words; he had growled*** and barked at her instead.

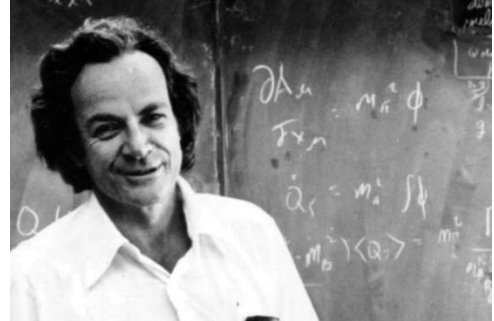
* vlčí, **kšíry, ***vrčel

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2.

The key anecdote from Richard Feynman's early childhood concerns the occasion when he noticed the odd behaviour of a ball left lying in his little wagon when he pulled the wagon forward.

The ball rolled to the back of the wagon, ¹th____, when ²t____ wagon ³sto____ the ⁴ba____ rolled ⁵t____ the ⁶fr____. He ⁷as____ his ⁸fat____ why ⁹th____ happened, and ¹⁰g____ this ¹¹re____:



“That, ¹²nob____ knows. The ¹³gen____ principle ¹⁴j____ that ¹⁵thi____ which ¹⁶a____ moving tend to ¹⁷ke____ on ¹⁸mov____, and ¹⁹thi____ which ²⁰a____ standing still tend to stand still, ²¹unl____ you push ²²th____ hard. This ²³tend____ is ²⁴cal____ ‘inertia’, ²⁵b____ nobody knows why it’s true.”* That represents a deep insight into the nature of physics and the nature of the world, and it was examples like this that encouraged Richard Feynman, in later years, to question everything and to search for underlying truths.

**setrvačnost*

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3.

Public relations is about creating and maintaining goodwill and understanding between a company and its public. For a charity shop this can have



tremendous benefits. Who are your charity's 'publics' with whom you should communicate?

The key ¹gro___ can ²b___ identified ³a___ your ⁴cust___, your donors, ⁵pote___ volunteers, ⁶cur___ staff and volunteers, the local community and the general public as a whole. The key part of

PR is media relations – ⁷beco___ friends ⁸wi___

your local ⁹me___ – be ¹⁰i___ local ¹¹newsp___, local ¹²ra___ or even ¹³regi___ TV. Find ¹⁴o___ the ¹⁵be___ contacts ¹⁶i___ all of ¹⁷th___ areas ¹⁸a___ start ¹⁹tal___ to ²⁰th___ . Charity shops are full of interesting stories! Anything ²¹fr___ unusual ²²o___ valuable ²³dona___, to heart-warming ²⁴sto___ about your volunteers, events, promotions or ²⁵parti___ campaigns – all of these will make great stories for local press or radio.

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4.

Natural disasters such as floods, drought and earthquakes and man-made disasters such as civil conflicts and political and economic turmoil inevitably affect all the people in the area. However,

¹th___ effect ²o___ the ³po___ is ⁴of___ disproportionate, ⁵d___ to their ⁶lim___ reserves ⁷o___ savings ⁸o___ even the ⁹la___ of ¹⁰fri___ and relatives ¹¹w___ can ¹²thems___ afford ¹³t___ help. ¹⁴l___ such ¹⁵ca___, relief and rehabilitation



assistance are an essential part of the EC strategy in its fight against poverty.

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5.

What is it like to be a child bride?

Millions of girls across the world end up as child brides, despite the practice being outlawed in many countries. Some 10 ¹mil_____



girls a ²ye_____ are ³mar_____ off ⁴bef_____ the ⁵a_____ of 18 ⁶acr_____ the ⁷wo_____, according ⁸t_____ a Unicef ⁹rep_____ released ¹⁰th_____ year. ¹¹I_____ Bangladesh, ¹²yo_____ girls ¹³a_____ married ¹⁴o_____ soon ¹⁵af_____ reaching ¹⁶pub_____ and ¹⁷usu_____ move ¹⁸i_____ with ¹⁹th_____ husbands ²⁰stra_____ away. Seema, aged 14, married and moved in with her 19-year-old



This girl was 14 when she married her 19-year-old husband.

husband a year ago. Her life now is radically different to her carefree childhood. *"After marriage, what is my work now? Washing dishes, cleaning the floor, washing clothes and cooking," she said.*

Seema is ²¹n_____ four ²²mon_____ pregnant ²³a_____ overwhelmed. ²⁴Bef_____ I ²⁵w_____ a ²⁶k_____, and ²⁷n_____ I'm ²⁸hav_____ a ²⁹k_____. Of

³⁰cou_____ it's scary." There are at least 50 million married child couples around the world and this will double by the end of the decade.

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6.

How did al-Qaeda start? Al-Qaeda, means ' the base '. The organisation was set up in 1989 when the Russian Army left Afghanistan. Many ¹volun___ from ²Ar___ countries ³h___ gone ⁴t___ Afghanistan ⁵dur___ the 1980s. ⁶Th___ wanted ⁷t___ help ⁸t___ Afghans ⁹fi___ the ¹⁰inva___ Russian ¹¹ar___. They ¹²supp___ the ¹³Afg___ as ¹⁴th___ were ¹⁵al___ followers ¹⁶o___ Islam. ¹⁷F___ the ¹⁸Ar___ volunteers ¹⁹t___ battle ²⁰w___ a Jihad ²¹o___ holy ²²w___. When ²³t___ Russian ²⁴ar___ was ²⁵defe___ , al-Qaeda was set up to continue the Jihad against people the volunteers thought were enemies of Islam. Al-Qaeda now operate in 40 to 50 countries around the world.



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7.

New media refers to on-demand access to content anytime, anywhere, on any digital device, as well as interactive user feedback and creative participation.

Most ¹techno___ described ²a___ "new media" ³a___ digital, often ⁴hav___ characteristics ⁵o___ being ⁶inter___ and networkable. ⁷So___ examples ⁸m___ be ⁹t___ Internet, ¹⁰webs___, video games, CD-ROMs, and DVDs. New media does not include television programs, feature films, magazines, books, or paper-based publications – unless they contain technologies that enable digital interactivity.



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8.

Banged Up Abroad is a British documentary/docudrama television series in

which ¹mo___ episodes ²fea___ stories ³o___ people ⁴w___ have ⁵be___



arrested ⁶wh___ travelling ⁷abr___, usually ⁸f___ trying ⁹t___ smuggle ¹⁰ille___ drugs, ¹¹alth___ some ¹²epis___ feature ¹³peo___ who ¹⁴we___ kidnapped ¹⁵o___ captured.

Seven series have been broadcasted so far,

between 2006 and 2012.

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KEY 1

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| 1 made | 10 the | 19 total | 28 to |
| 2 visit | 11 and | 20 during | 29 naked |
| 3 the | 12 husband | 21 childhood | 30 seat |
| 4 of | 13 kept | 22 could | 31 by |
| 5 woman | 14 year | 23 speak | 32 could |
| 6 had | 15 daughter | 24 stand | 33 only |
| 7 for | 16 away | 25 During | 34 hands |
| 8 assistance | 17 the | 26 day | 35 feet |
| 9 discovered | 18 in | 27 was | |

KEY 2

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| 1 then | 8 father | 15 things | 22 them |
| 2 the | 9 this | 16 are | 23 tendency |
| 3 stopped | 10 got | 17 keep | 24 called |
| 4 ball | 11 reply | 18 moving | 25 but |
| 5 to | 12 nobody | 19 things | |
| 6 front | 13 general | 20 are | |
| 7 asked | 14 is | 21 unless | |

KEY 3

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| 1 groups | 8 with | 15 best | 22 or |
| 2 be | 9 media | 16 in | 23 donations |
| 3 as | 10 it | 17 these | 24 stories |
| 4 customers | 11 newspapers | 18 and | 25 particular |
| 5 potential | 12 radio | 19 talking | |
| 6 current | 13 regional | 20 them | |
| 7 becoming | 14 out | 21 from | |

KEY 4

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| 1 their | 5 due | 9 lack | 13 to |
| 2 on | 6 limited | 10 friends | 14 In |
| 3 poor | 7 of | 11 who | 15 cases |
| 4 often | 8 or | 12 themselves | |

KEY 5

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| 1 million | 9 report | 17 usually | 25 was |
| 2 year | 10 this | 18 in | 26 kid |
| 3 married | 11 In | 19 their | 27 now |
| 4 before | 12 young | 20 straight | 28 having |
| 5 age | 13 are | 21 now | 29 kid |
| 6 across | 14 off | 22 months | 30 course |
| 7 world | 15 after | 23 and | |
| 8 to | 16 puberty | 24 Before | |

KEY 6

1 volunteers	8 the	15 also	22 war
2 Arab	9 fight	16 of	23 the
3 had	10 invading	17 For	24 army
4 to	11 army	18 Arab	25 defeated
5 during	12 supported	19 the	
6 they	13 Afghans	20 was	
7 to	14 they	21 or	

KEY 7

1 technologies	4 having	7 Some	10 websites
2 as	5 of	8 may	
3 are	6 interactive	9 the	

KEY 8

1 most	5 been	9 to	13 people
2 feature	6 while/when	10 illegal	14 were
3 of	7 abroad	11 although	15 or
4 who	8 for	12 episodes	