

# Test 6

1 Complete each sentence with expressions from the box. One of the expressions is not used.

a bit self-conscious aggressive approachable moody ~~neat~~ not threatening  
sincere thoughtful unadventurous uncharacteristically serious

- 0 I like my working area to be very .....neat..... and tidy with no mess so I can find everything I need easily.
- 1 My sister used to be so ..... , always up and down, happy one minute, angry the next.
- 2 Thank you so much for the flowers. It was very ..... of you to remember my birthday.
- 3 My parents are pretty ..... as far as holidays are concerned, always visiting the same places.
- 4 When I gave my speech, I felt ..... with everyone staring at me.
- 5 As a teacher, Juan is extremely ..... . He's always available for students with time for everyone.
- 6 Imelda has a smile and a joke for every occasion, but she became ..... when discussing the company's financial situation.
- 7 I like to think I'm a ..... person, that I mean what I say and that everyone can see that.
- 8 You sometimes get the impression that Jack's quite ..... , always ready to pick a fight, but that's not really him.

2 Give the word from the definition in the *Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary*. Some of the letters are given to help you.

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| 0 to twist the face in an ugly way as an expression of pain or strong dislike<br>= gr.....imac.....e |               |
| 1 having the ability to control your fear in a dangerous or difficult situation                      | = cour.....s  |
| 2 interested in things   | = eng.....d   |
| 3 to make something more interesting   | = enl.....n   |
| 4 strong anxiety and unhappiness, especially about personal problems                                 | = an.....t    |
| 5 an unusual part of someone's personality or an unusual habit                                       | = q.....k     |
| 6 wanting very much to do or have something, especially something interesting or enjoyable           | = ea.....r    |
| 7 having qualities that people do not recognise or appreciate  | = mis.....d   |
| 8 a wide smile   | = g.....n     |
| 9 energy   | = exu.....nce |

### 3 Complete the text with the word that best fits each gap.

Young novelist of the year, Carl Bruner, was originally planning a career in accountancy, before <sup>0</sup>.....*he*..... was persuaded to try <sup>1</sup>..... hand at writing. So far, <sup>2</sup>.....'s written two novels and both of <sup>3</sup>..... have won prizes. Despite suggestions from critics, <sup>4</sup>..... of them is autobiographical. Often when a writer is asked about where <sup>5</sup>..... get <sup>6</sup>..... ideas from, <sup>7</sup>..... are unable to say exactly, but Carl, <sup>8</sup>..... describes <sup>9</sup>..... as someone <sup>10</sup>..... is 'chaotic and disorganised', says most of <sup>11</sup>..... ideas – the <sup>12</sup>..... that have resulted in publications especially – come while out for a walk, or when doing something <sup>13</sup>..... is unrelated to writing such as doing the shopping. <sup>14</sup>..... means that <sup>15</sup>..... always carries a notebook with <sup>16</sup>..... wherever he goes. The <sup>17</sup>..... he shows me is covered in writing, with lots of crossings out and funny pictures. Several of <sup>18</sup>..... stand out: <sup>19</sup>..... is of his wife, Claudine, and <sup>20</sup>..... is an affectionate sketch of <sup>21</sup>..... children. Carl has two sons, <sup>22</sup>..... Jake is just 2 years old, and the <sup>23</sup>....., Harry is nearly six, and a baby daughter, Sophie. Carl is clearly very proud of <sup>24</sup>..... of ....., but says <sup>25</sup>..... of <sup>26</sup>..... will appear as characters in <sup>27</sup>..... writing until <sup>28</sup>..... are old enough for <sup>29</sup>..... to ask <sup>30</sup>..... permission.

### 4 Delete the incorrect collocation in each sentence.

- 0 People nowadays spend a valuable/huge/tremendous amount of time online.
- 1 Companies have to produce a wide/high/considerable range of goods to provide consumer choice.
- 2 Whether or not to change jobs is a decision of considerable/large/tremendous importance.
- 3 It's hard to believe the amazing/endless/good variety of smart phone apps available these days.
- 4 Visiting the North of Canada in the winter was a great/tremendous/considerable experience.
- 5 The students in Jacek's class have made good/satisfactory/large progress since he took it over.
- 6 Applicants for the job should have considerable/high/wide experience of teaching both adults and children.
- 7 A surprisingly high/heavy/large percentage of adults still struggle with basic mathematics.
- 8 Today's great/heavy/terrible traffic on the motorway was typical of the holiday season.

### 5 For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

#### Setting up a business

Thousands of people set (0) .....up..... their own businesses every year. Some do it because they want to work for (1) ....., others because they have a great idea and have spotted a gap in the market. And of course there are those that think they can make lots of money. (2) ..... are all valid reasons for starting a business, (3) ..... genuine commitment and motivation are vital, (4) ..... it is that drives you to make it a success. Setbacks are inevitable (5) ..... the way. There will be many of these but how you overcome them will be critical to deciding (6) ..... or not you will ultimately succeed. If you are not the sort of person who responds well to a crisis, you ought to (7) ..... yourself if you are the right person to be trying to get a business (8) ..... the ground. If, however, you are determined to make it succeed, and are prepared to work long hours, then you have most of the ingredients for success.

6 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 three and six words, including the word given.

1 Raymond is the expert cook in our house.

**COMES**

When ..... Raymond is the expert in our house.

2 After demolishing the old cinema, they replaced it with a new supermarket.

**WAY**

The old cinema ..... a new supermarket.

3 The warnings were ignored by a surprising number of people.

**NOTABLE**

It ..... people ignored the warnings.

4 The lives of the characters seemed to develop naturally throughout the book.

**OWN**

The characters in the book took on a ..... as the story progressed.

5 Politicians try gaining popularity by associating with rock stars.

**EFFORT**

Politicians often associate with rock stars ..... popularity.

6 Graffiti is the most divisive form of art ever.

**OPINION**

No other form of art has ever ..... as graffiti.

7 Complete each sentence using the correct form of the word in capitals at the end.

0 It was very ..... of you to stand up to the boss like that.

**COURAGE**

1 New ..... protection laws aim to reduce CO2 emissions.

**ENVIRONMENT**

2 Some say there was a ..... amongst the judges to award the prize to a friend.

**CONSPIRE**

3 We'll need an immediate ..... of why you decided to hire this person.

**EXPLAIN**

4 From Rio to Moscow, Banksy is ..... famous for his street art.

**NATIONAL**

5 New investment has ..... this area into a desirable neighbourhood

**FORM**

6 There seems to be an ..... demand for celebrity news these days.

**END**

7 The two companies reached a ..... agreement after days of negotiation.

**SATISFY**

8 I know it's an ..... opinion, but I do believe children should read more books.

**FASHION**

9 I think you've ..... what I was saying. I didn't mean that at all.

**UNDERSTAND**

10 Thank you for ..... what might have been a very dull discussion.

**LIVE**