



EnglishiExcel Foundation Exam Intensive

Please provide answers to the corresponding sections and question numbers as follows:

Section B Vocabulary

- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.

Please provide answers to the other sections in the same way. You do not have to submit your answers. Keep your answers with you for discussion at the iChat

Section B – Vocabulary (5 x 1mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS)

11. Judy was _____ not to follow the ill advice of her foolish friends but to do what is right.
- (1) apt
 - (2) adamant
 - (3) competent
 - (4) complacent
12. This math puzzle completely _____ me. I have been working on it for hours but I just cannot solve it.
- (1) baffles
 - (2) haunts
 - (3) astounds
 - (4) fascinates
13. Since the police had _____ a rise in the number of theft during the festive season, they put up notices reminding shoppers to be alert while shopping.
- (1) believed
 - (2) imagined
 - (3) calculated
 - (4) anticipated
14. The government evacuated the residents staying near the spewing volcano to prevent a/an _____.
- (1) calamity
 - (2) retribution
 - (3) emergency
 - (4) destruction
15. The escalator broke down and I needed to climb the stairs. Perhaps it was _____ because I needed to exercise badly.
- (1) the last straw
 - (2) a blessing in disguise
 - (3) the best of both worlds
 - (4) killing two birds with one stone

Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s).
Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Have you wondered what happens to our body when we are stressed? Well, in the face of a challenging (16) situation, our body releases a mix of chemicals to prepare us to run or fight. We gain a boost in (17) energy when our blood flows to our muscles, enabling us to physically react to the situation swiftly. However, that would deprive (18) our brain of regular blood flow. Our brain function reduces, posing a hindrance (19) to our daily lives. When we are stressed, we may also feel aggressive towards others. This can adversely (20) affect relationships and ruin reputation. It can also be damaging to our health if we are stressed for a prolonged period.

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16. (1) painful
(2) depressing
(3) demanding
(4) threatening
17. (1) an advance of
(2) an increase of
(3) an extension of
(4) an explosion of
18. (1) deny
(2) defer
(3) delay
(4) disallow
19. (1) a hazard
(2) an obstacle
(3) a discomfort
(4) an awkwardness
20. (1) surely
(2) obviously
(3) negatively
(4) unintentionally

Section F – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 x 1mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

A vessel was carrying a team of researchers from Argentina. They were on an

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expidition to Antarctica. One September night, the winds raged and waves mounted,

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drove the vessel onto a dangerous ledge of rocks. Everyone on board was washed off

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the deck and swept unkoncious onto the rocks.

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Not far away stood a lighthouse, watched by the faithful keeper. When the

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keeper saw the prikarious state the men were in, he went out alone in his little boat

(44)

tossed like an eggshell on the heavy sea. There was no guarunty the keeper was going

(45)

to make it to the rocks, but he pressed against and steered his boat around the

dangerous, sharp rocks.

(46)

He was thankful to saving the lives of the ten men who were growing weaker by

the moment and less able to hold on to a place of safety

(47)

It was not long before the media heard of the hero deed and many letters and

(48)

beautiful medals of commendation were sent to him. He received them humbly, saying

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that it was unnecessary to broadcast the event as he had only done why he ought to.

He quipped that anyone would have done the same.

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