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Level: C1

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Vocabulary (10pts total) 10/10

Task – False friends (1pts for each correct answer)

Please take a look at the following sentences. Each of them contains words in **BOLD** letters, where you must replace them with the correct ones. Please correct the mistakes indicating which word/s should have been used instead.

Example: The company was **IGNORING** the safety concerns of its workers to save on costs.

Correct: **Neglecting**

Word list: roll out – fearmonger – let go of – make a mountain out of a molehill – came to fruition – the floor price – boundaries – let go of – a saturation point – cover your bases

1. The company will **introduce** the new system across all departments.
Answer: **roll out**
2. In any professional relationship, it's important to establish **clear limits** about acceptable behavior.
Answer: **boundaries**
3. He tends to **react to small problems as if they were major disasters**.
Answer: **make a mountain out of a molehill**
4. You should **prepare for every possible situation so nothing unexpected happens**.
Answer: **cover your bases**
5. After years of effort and setbacks, the plan finally **became a real success**.
Answer: **came to fruition**
6. Due to restructuring, the company had to **dismiss several employees**.
Answer: **let go of**
7. The construction project was **handled badly** and resulted in serious problems.
Answer: **botched**
8. The housing market is approaching **the point where demand can no longer increase**.
Answer: **a saturation point**
9. The seller refused to accept anything below **the minimum agreed value**.
Answer: **the floor price**

10. Some media coverage deliberately **exaggerates danger** to influence public opinion.

Answer: **fearmongers**

Grammar (20pts total) 18.75/20

Task – fill the blank (2,5pts for each correct answer)

Please look at the exercise below and fill in the blank with either quantifiers, tenses or future forms (will / going to). There are two tenses, two future forms, and four quantifiers.

Example: She **saw** (see) how the cars were passing by.

1. By the time the board meets next Friday, the finance department **will have prepared** (prepare) a revised budget proposal.
2. The meeting room is already booked, and all the invitations have been sent. We **are going to** (will/going to) hold the conference call at 3 p.m. tomorrow.
3. Look at the queue outside the stadium! The fans **are not going to get** (will or going to - not/get) inside before the concert starts.
4. While the guests **were enjoying** (enjoy) dessert, the organizers announced the winner.
5. The workshop was open to everyone, and at least **a few** participants signed up for the advanced session.
6. We don't have **much** evidence to support that conclusion, so further investigation is required.
7. We have very **little** time left before the submission deadline, so we need to prioritize the most important tasks.
8. The company received **a lot of** complaints after the new policy was introduced, so they decided to review it immediately.

Reading (15pts total) 15/15

Task – Read the following article about plastic surgeries. After reading, continue with the reading comprehension task down below.

The Rise and Complexity of Plastic Surgery

Plastic surgery has become increasingly common in modern society, moving from a niche medical field to a widely discussed cultural phenomenon. Once associated primarily with reconstructive procedures following accidents or illness, it is now also closely linked to aesthetic enhancement. This shift reflects broader changes in how beauty, identity, and self-image are perceived in the 21st century.

One of the main drivers behind the popularity of cosmetic procedures is the growing influence of visual culture. Social media platforms, advertising, and celebrity culture constantly present curated and often idealized images of physical appearance. As a result, many individuals begin to internalize these standards, sometimes developing dissatisfaction with their own looks. In this context, plastic surgery is often seen as a way to align external appearance with internal identity or desired self-image.

However, the decision to undergo surgery is rarely straightforward. While some patients report increased confidence and satisfaction, others experience regret or disappointment when results do not meet expectations. Medical professionals emphasize that psychological readiness is as important as physical suitability, yet this aspect is sometimes overlooked in the enthusiasm for quick transformation. The permanence of surgical alterations adds further weight to what may already be an emotionally charged decision.

Ethical concerns also play a significant role in the debate. Critics argue that the normalization of cosmetic surgery can reinforce unrealistic beauty standards and increase social pressure, particularly among younger individuals. There is also concern about the commercialization of the industry, where profit motives may sometimes overshadow patient wellbeing. On the other hand, supporters highlight the importance of personal autonomy, arguing that individuals should have the right to modify their bodies as they choose.

From a medical perspective, plastic surgery has advanced significantly in recent decades. Techniques have become safer, recovery times shorter, and outcomes more predictable. Nevertheless, all surgical procedures carry inherent risks, including complications from anesthesia, infection, and unsatisfactory results. For this reason, thorough consultation and informed consent remain essential components of responsible practice.

Ultimately, plastic surgery sits at the intersection of medicine, psychology, and culture. It raises complex questions about identity, self-determination, and societal expectations. Whether viewed as empowering or problematic, it undeniably reflects deeper anxieties about appearance and belonging in contemporary life.

Reading comprehension task (3pts for each correct answer)

Please, highlight (with any color that isn't red or green) the correct answer for each of the following questions

1. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?

- A) Plastic surgery is only used for medical emergencies
- B) Plastic surgery has become more common and culturally significant over time
- C) Plastic surgery is a new invention of the 21st century

2. According to the text, why do many people consider cosmetic surgery?

- A) To copy medical procedures used in hospitals
- B) To match their appearance with idealized images in media and social platforms
- C) To avoid ageing completely

3. What does the text suggest about patient outcomes?

- A) Most patients regret having surgery
- B) Outcomes are always predictable due to advanced technology
- C) Results can lead to satisfaction or disappointment depending on expectations

4. What ethical concern is mentioned in the text?

- A) Cosmetic surgery may reinforce unrealistic beauty standards and social pressure
- B) Surgery is too expensive for most people
- C) Doctors are not properly trained in modern techniques

5. What is the overall message of the text?





- A) Plastic surgery should be banned worldwide
- B) Plastic surgery is purely a medical issue with no cultural impact
- C) Plastic surgery is a complex phenomenon involving medical, psychological, and cultural factors

Listening (15pts total)13/15

Listening comprehension task (1.9pts for each correct answer)

You will hear a short extract where you will hear a conversation between two people. You need to figure out which preposition fits in the blank as you hear the conversation. Below you will see the list of prepositions that you will hear; these prepositions can repeat themselves.

Of - with - in - to - up - into

1. Inspire the creation  real values
2. Unite us  a common cause
3. Turn dreams  reality
4. Support the development  our people
5. Open  broader opportunities
6. Take pride  our track record
7. Make a significant contribution  maintaining our position
8. Provide us  a wider range of customers

Writing (20pts total) 19/20**Context:**

Your company has decided to invest part of this year's profits to promote *ethical consumption* within the organization and among employees. The aim is to encourage more responsible purchasing habits and reduce the company's environmental and social impact.

The three possible initiatives under consideration are:

- Introducing a company-wide ethical purchasing policy (e.g. sustainable suppliers, fair-trade products)
- Organizing educational workshops on ethical consumption and sustainability
- Providing incentives for employees who choose environmentally friendly transport and products

Task:

You have been asked to write an email recommending how the profits should be invested and explaining the benefits of your proposal.

Write between **150–200 words**.

Your email should:

- Clearly state your recommendation
- Explain why you have chosen this option
- Describe the benefits for the company and employees
- Use a formal or semi-formal tone

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Hello Mrs. Julie,

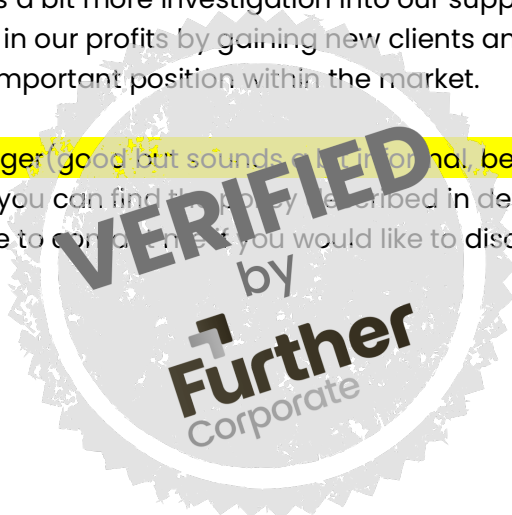
I hope you are doing well. My name is Cecilia and I am responsible for the Policies and Procedures team. I am writing to you because I would like to make a proposal on how the profits could be invested to promote ethical consumption within the organization and among employees.

As you may know, ethical consumption has become a recognized concept and is becoming increasingly popular among the company's CEOs ("companies" since otherwise sounds like multiple CEOs in the company). Nowadays, companies aim to reduce their environmental and social impact by encouraging more responsible purchasing habits. Due to my role in the company, I feel the responsibility to take action regarding our ethical consumption to improve our company's position as well.

In this case, I am designing a new purchasing policy that includes a clause to only buy from sustainable suppliers. I understand that this could be a complex process in the beginning since it requires a bit more investigation into our suppliers; however the result could lead to an increase in our profits by gaining new clients and stakeholders, and the company would take an important position within the market.

I don't want to make it longer (good but sounds a bit informal, better to say "To keep this email concise/short"), so you can find the policy described in detail in the attached document. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss it further.

Best regards,
Cecilia



Speaking (20pts total) 18/20**Task – Speaking**

Instructions – You will tell me about your topic of choice for around 2–5 minutes

1. Your ideal vacation

Describe your perfect holiday. Where would you go, who would you go with, how long would it be, and what activities would you do? Explain why this type of vacation appeals to you.

2. A memorable vacation experience

Talk about a vacation you have already had. Where did you go, what did you do, and what made it memorable? You can include both positive and negative experiences.

3. Comparing types of vacations

Compare different kinds of holidays (e.g. beach holidays, city breaks, adventure trips, or staying at home). Which type do you prefer and why? Have your preferences changed over time?

