

## SECTION 1 (FCE format)

## PART 1

For questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

→ Example: 0

A far

B individual

C remote

D separate

## PAST MEMORIES

I was raised on a farm in a(n) (0) remote village in the 1950s. The winter months were endless and everything was covered in snow. I was always (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for the warmer weather to come.

When spring (2) \_\_\_\_\_, everything came alive - flowers would bloom and the animals would come out of hibernation. I'd follow the bear tracks and search for them. Once, however, I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ an angry mother bear who saw me (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a threat. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the sight of the bear I did what my father had told me. I stood still until she stopped growling and walked away. The trick was effective, but looking back now, I realise that the situation was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ more serious than I thought at the time.

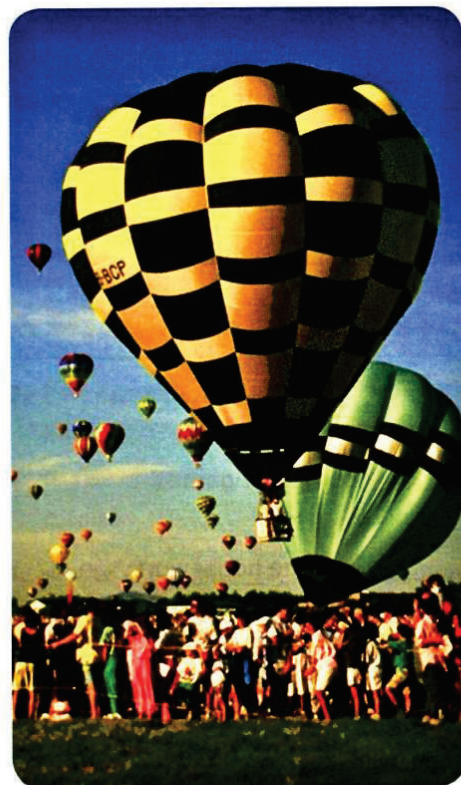
By the age of twelve, I had lots of camping (7) \_\_\_\_\_, as I used to go camping with my dog on my school holidays. We would spend days (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the forest, catching fish for dinner, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ at the frogs and the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of birds and the insects hopping up and down on the surface of the water.

Of course, this was possible only during the warm months. When autumn came, everything went quiet, which was quite (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in those parts. It wasn't long (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the animals disappeared, the birds flew south and the snow took over. The place became deserted once again.

1	A keen	B eager	C willing	D enthusiastic
2	A approached	B reached	C appeared	D arrived
3	A dealt with	B came across	C reached	D found out
4	A like	B as	C same as	D such as
5	A In	B By	C At	D On
6	A very	B quite	C so	D far
7	A qualifications	B skills	C qualities	D experience
8	A exploring	B detecting	C researching	D investigating
9	A looking	B noticing	C watching	D observing
10	A swarms	B bunches	C flocks	D sets
11	A ordinary	B usual	C familiar	D regular
12	A until	B after	C since	D before

## PART 2

For questions 13-24, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).



## BALLOONING

Nowadays the (0) most common balloon flights are usually for pleasure or sport, but did you know that ballooning began (13) \_\_\_\_\_ a science in the 18th century?

It all started in 1783, (14) \_\_\_\_\_ the Montgolfier brothers were looking (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the properties of smoke. What (16) \_\_\_\_\_ their attention was the fact that smoke could make things rise. They experimented for a year or so (17) \_\_\_\_\_ they were ready to show their invention to everyone. On their first attempt, they filled a silk bag (18) \_\_\_\_\_ hot air from a fire. The balloon rose more than 1.5 km into the (19) \_\_\_\_\_. Five months later, in November 1783, history was made once more when the first flight carrying passengers left the ground. The volunteers took off from Paris and remained in the air for over twenty minutes.

Soon afterwards, scientists all over Europe became interested (20) \_\_\_\_\_ the potential of ballooning, and it wasn't long before the activity became very popular. (21) \_\_\_\_\_ of enthusiastic fans also experimented with ballooning and contributed to its development. In the 19th century, gas balloons were used for many (22) \_\_\_\_\_ purposes, the most important one being polar exploration.

In the twentieth century, hot-air ballooning was re-introduced, due to a much improved propane burner. This has (23) \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for a whole new generation becoming interested in ballooning either for scientific (24) \_\_\_\_\_ sporting reasons.