

## SAMPLE PROFICIENCY TEST

### FOR PREPARATION CLASSES OF ENGLISH MEDICINE PROGRAM

#### USE OF ENGLISH SECTION

- A. Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. Circle the letter you choose. (10X1)**

#### **The mystery of the vanishing bees**

Most people are probably aware that honey, the natural sweetener that man has been using for thousands of years, is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ by bees; but perhaps fewer of us realise just how important these (2) \_\_\_\_\_ creatures are to farmers. Bees pollinate fruit and vegetable crops; it has been said that every third mouthful we eat depends (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a bee having pollinated one or more of the ingredients, but now farmers in the United States are (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a major problem. American bees are dying - and nobody knows why.

Making sure crops are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ pollinated has become big (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in the United States. Beekeepers load their hives onto huge lorries and transport them (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the country to pollinate the farmers' crops. When the bees finish their work in one state and return to their hives, they are taken on to another state. The problem became apparent when the bees (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to return to their hives, with some beekeepers losing more than 70 per cent of their insects. It soon became clear that the bees were flying off and dying in huge (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Now the race is on to find the cause and, hopefully, the solution. (10) \_\_\_\_\_, some beekeepers are importing bees from other countries in the hope that they will be resistant to whatever it is that is killing their American cousins. Only time will tell.

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|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. A manufactured     | B created      | C generated       | D produced     |
| 2. A tiny             | B miniature    | C minute          | D short        |
| 3. A from             | B to           | C on              | D about        |
| 4. A facing           | B finding      | C solving         | D meeting      |
| 5. A fairly           | B properly     | C precisely       | D distinctly   |
| 6. A business         | B industry     | C work            | D production   |
| 7. A through          | B along        | C over            | D around       |
| 8. A stopped          | B missed       | C ignored         | D failed       |
| 9. A quantities       | B levels       | C numbers         | D amounts      |
| 10. A Apart from this | B From then on | C In the meantime | D Nevertheless |

**B. 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). (10X1)**

### Blue Jeans

The story of blue jeans goes (0) back a long way. Even (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Levi Strauss started manufacturing them in San Francisco in 1850, sixteenth-century sailors in Genoa were making trousers out (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a cloth which they named “gene”, after their city. Jeans were thought to be excellent work clothes, as the material didn't wear out easily and was strong (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to allow people to carry tools in their pockets. Then in the 1950s jeans took on a new image when teenagers started to wear (4) \_\_\_\_\_ as a fashion statement.

The jeans of today have changed very (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from their original design. Cotton is still used and most jeans are still blue, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ they were in the beginning when they were dyed using indigo. Back pockets have remained a common feature, too, as (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the metal pins used to strengthen the jeans at certain points

The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ decades, however, have seen variations in style. In the 1970s, for example, wide-legged “bell-bottoms” were popular, and then more recently jeans with rips in the knees became fashionable. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ have also been times when it has been trendy for the colour of the jeans (10) \_\_\_\_\_ look faded. Designer jeans have always been popular, but of course they tend to be expensive. Arguably, lesser-known brands can be just as good quality and bought at much more reasonable prices.

**C. Look at each line carefully. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. Tick each correct line as it is shown in the example (00). If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in the space as it is shown in the example (0). (10X0,5)**

### House Sitting

00. ✓ If you do live in certain parts of inner London,  
0. to the chances are one in to four that your house  
1. \_\_\_\_\_ will be burgled in the next twelve months.  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ If you leave your house empty for any much time longer than two weeks,  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ then there is also going a good chance  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ that you will have the squatters.  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Squatters are homeless and penniless, and they take over “empty” houses.  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ They make life difficult for people who are away on their business  
7. \_\_\_\_\_ or who are selling their house and moving.  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ It is no surprise that the profession of house-sitter has so become popular.  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ This new job describes someone person who is paid to live in a house  
10. \_\_\_\_\_ while the owners are off away, to make certain no one squats in it,  
and perhaps also feed the pets and water the flowers.

**D. For the following questions, 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 two and five words, including the word given. There is an example at the beginning (0). (10X1)**

**0.** Your house needs redecorating. **SHOULD**

You should have your house redecorated.

**1.** Kelly admitted that she was not in the mood to go out that night. **LIKE**

Kelly admitted that she did not \_\_\_\_\_ out that night.

**2.** My colleagues all disliked the way I talked to the boss. **APPROVED**

None \_\_\_\_\_ the way I talked to the boss.

**3.** We were late due to an accident on the highway. **ON**

We didn't arrive \_\_\_\_\_ an accident on the highway.

**4.** In my opinion, this model of car was the best one that he could have chosen. **MADE**

In my opinion, he couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ choice of car.

**5.** Rather than walk home, we took the subway. **FOOT**

Instead \_\_\_\_\_ we took the subway.

**6.** Although he tried very hard, he couldn't stop smoking. **EVEN**

He couldn't give \_\_\_\_\_ he tried very hard.

**7.** "Excuse me, can I borrow your pen?" asked Bill. **MIND**

"Excuse me, \_\_\_\_\_ I borrowed your pen?" asked Bill.

**8.** Matthew was twenty-five before he took up acting professionally. **BECOME**

Matthew did not \_\_\_\_\_ he was twenty-five.

**9.** The last time I saw Paul was three weeks ago. **SEEN**

I \_\_\_\_\_ three weeks.

**10.** I don't want to go out tonight. **STAY**

I'd \_\_\_\_\_ tonight.

E. Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). (10X0,5)

**So you want to be Famous?**

The rise of (0) **reality** television is causing more and more teenagers to believe that they can become instantly

(1) \_\_\_\_\_. According to a recent survey, young people find the idea of fame so (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that almost one in ten would give up their (3) \_\_\_\_\_ if they had the chance to appear on TV.

I can see the (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Students see young people just like themselves becoming stars on TV shows almost (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and believe that it is possible for them, too. As someone whose parents always stressed the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the best qualifications I could, however, I find this difficult to accept.

Statistics also show that leaving school without (7) \_\_\_\_\_ qualifications will leave young people more likely to be (8) \_\_\_\_\_ or stuck in low-paid jobs. Apart from this, the chances of achieving fame through television are thirty million to one!

If making money is the main reason a young person wants fame, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a better way of increasing your future earning power is to get some (10) \_\_\_\_\_ qualifications?

**REAL**

**FAME**

**ATTRACT**

**EDUCATE**

**TEMPT**

**NIGHT**

**IMPORTANT**

**BASE**

**EMPLOY**

**SURE**

**USE**