English placement test

LT3 · C1 • Advanced

Name _____ Date _____

Language & reading

Choose A, B or C for each question. Circle one answer. If you are unsure, move on.

USE OF ENGLISH

1. Only after the trial ended ___ how much coordination the new system required.
A staff realised · B did staff realise · C had staff realise

2. We should distinguish changes that are ___ the policy from changes caused by seasonal demand.
A attributed by · B attributable to · C attributing for

3. ___ the figures are accurate, the comparison still overlooks differences in workload.
A Even assuming · B Provided for · C In spite that

4. The draft leaves room for exceptions, ___ that each one must be recorded.
A to stipulate of · B stipulated by · C while stipulating

5. The review ___ the assumption that fewer messages necessarily mean less work.
A takes place with · B takes issue with · C takes charge of

6. The measure has merit, ___ on a more limited scale than originally proposed.
A albeit · B whereupon · C inasmuch

READING / Read the text. Then answer the questions.

The university presents its new meeting-free mornings as a way of protecting time for concentrated work. That may be welcome news to staff who can already choose when to work alone. It is less obviously helpful to those who depend on colleagues being available to resolve a problem. A technician waiting for approval cannot always turn a delay into a productive stretch of quiet. The policy is best treated as a starting point for teams to negotiate when they need to be reachable. Its success will depend on whether people have more control over their time, rather than on the number of blank spaces in their calendars.

7. Whose situation qualifies the initial claim?
A Staff who can always work independently
B Staff who seldom use a calendar
C Staff whose progress depends on access to colleagues

8. What does the technician example illustrate?
A A delay can prevent useful work rather than create focus time.
B Technicians benefit most from working alone.
C The policy removes the need for approvals.

9. What stance does the author take?
A Reject the policy completely.
B Use it as a basis for local negotiation.
C Apply it uniformly to all teams.

10. What outcome matters most to the writer?
A More morning meetings
B More empty calendar slots
C Greater control over working time

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Listening, speaking & writing

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01 / Listen twice

Read the questions. Play the C1 recording (Canadian English) on the test page.

1. Why might the speaker doubt the anonymity in practice?

_____

2. What change does the speaker suggest?

_____

02 / Look and speak

When is quiet time useful?



Explain how the image shows two different needs. Propose a policy that protects concentration and allows urgent decisions. Explain when you would make an exception.

03 / Write

Write a 150–180 word proposal to colleagues about a meeting-free policy. Acknowledge a concern, specify an exception and propose a measure of success. Use a constructive professional tone. Use a separate sheet.

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