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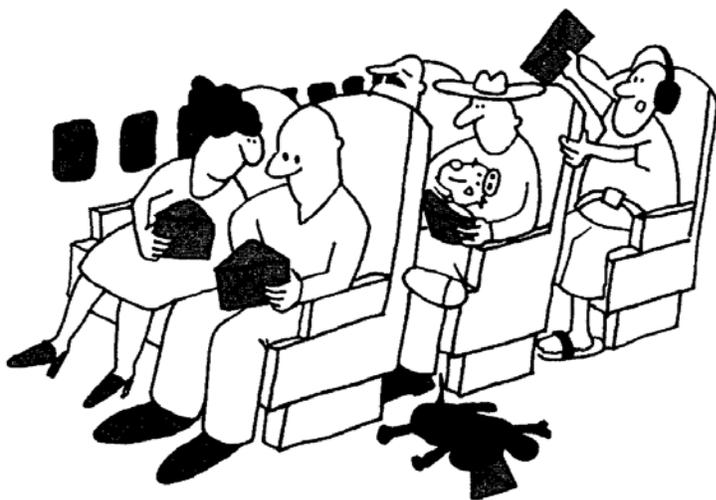
Read the text and do the following exercises.

Change for Good

Swissair Intensifies Unicef Commitment

- A** As of the beginning of October, Swissair, together with UBS, is expanding its commitment to Unicef within the framework of the program Change for Good. Whereas formerly collections for the children of the world were only carried out on long-haul flights, they will now also take place on short-haul routes.
- B** Thanks to this aid program, over 8 million dollars has been collected by 13 airlines (Swissair passengers alone contributed CHF 900,000 for two years.) The idea behind the campaign is as simple as it is obvious: experience has shown that each international passenger returns to his home country with approximately three francs worth of foreign money – coins that cannot be changed back into
- his own currency. Instead of having this change land in a drawer somewhere, it can be used to improve the quality of life of children worldwide.
- C** For this purpose, specially marked envelopes have been placed in the seat pockets on short-haul flights (on long-haul flights they are inside the plastic bag that contains your headphones). You can place any amount of small change – in any currency – in these envelopes and hand them to your flight attendant during your trip. The entire amount of the change that is collected is turned over to Unicef, which also supports the charities sponsored by the Swissair Foundation.

(Swissair Gazette)



1. Choose the best answer.

1. From this October Swiss air will
 - a) start its new program Change for Good
 - b) join the other 12 airlines in the program Change for Good
 - c) modify the program Change for Good

2. Experience has shown that people
 - a) easily give as much as 3 francs for charity
 - b) have about 3 francs in foreign currency when returning home
 - c) are happy not to take home foreign change

3. You are asked to put
 - a) Any small change in the envelopes
 - b) Minimum of 3 francs in the envelopes
 - c) Notes and coins in separate envelopes

4. Special envelopes can be found
 - a) Only on short- haul flights
 - b) Only on long-haul flights
 - c) Both short- and long- haul flights

1 point for each correct answer

Total: _____/4

2. Find the words in the text which the following words refer to. Write them in the spaces provided.

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. its (line 2) _____ | 5. his (line 18) _____ |
| 2. they (line 7) _____ | 6. it (line 19) _____ |
| 3. it (line 14) _____ | 7. they (line 25) _____ |
| 4. his (line 16) _____ | 8. them (line 2) _____ |

1 point for each correct answer

Total: _____/8

3. Find expressions in the text *Change for Good* which could replace the underlined expressions in the summary. Write the expressions in the spaces provided.

Thanks to the program Change for Good, more than (par B) 8 million dollars has been collected. The collections will be performed (par A) both on short- and long- haul flights in the future. We know from experience that each international passenger arrives home with about (par B) three francs worth of metal money (par B). Passengers are asked to place any quantity (par C) of small change in special envelopes and to give (par C) them to their steward or stewardess (par C) during the trip. The total (par C) sum of money that is collected is given to (par C) Unicef, which will use it to improve the quality of life of children all over the world (par B).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

1 point for each correct answer

Total: _____/10

4. Use the words in the list either as nouns or verbs to fill in the gaps in the following paragraphs. Change the form of the words if necessary. You will not need 2 of the words.

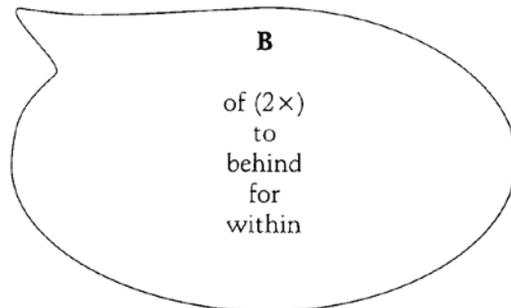
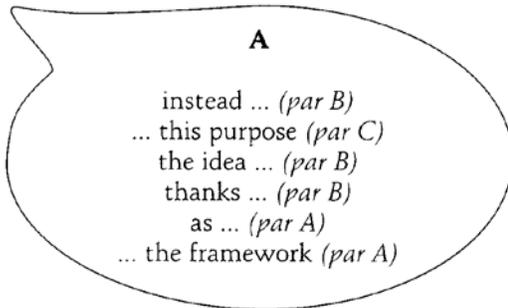
CAMPAIGN – RETURN – LAND – HANDS – TRIP – EXPERIENCE – CHANGE – PLACE – SUPPORT

I like animals, that is why I 1 _____ the Cats Protection League, which runs a very effective 2 _____ to protect the cats' rights. Of course you have to be careful to 3 _____ your money in a trust-worthy charity but they have got a lot of 4 _____ in how to use the aid in the best way. Some people say charity will not 5 _____ the world and you can never know where your money will 6 _____ or who will lay their 7 _____ on it, anyway.

1 point for each correct answer

Total: _____/7

5. Combine each expression in Box A with a preposition in Box B. Fill in the gaps with the completed expressions (they all come from the text).



1 _____ November new rules will be introduced at ten Somerset pubs 2 _____ of cultural campaign. 3 _____ the campaign is that there is too much bad language in pubs and something should be done against it 4 _____ putting up with it . 5 _____, special swear boxes will be installed and the money collected will be turned over to charity. 6 _____ the White Hart pub in Taunton, which has piloted the 'swear box' for half a year, 500 pounds has been raised for a hospital baby unit.

1 point for each correct answer

Total: _____/6

KEY
READING COMPREHENSION
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Ex. 1

1C – 2B – 3A – 4C

Ex. 2

1 SWISSAIR
2 COLLECTIONS
3 IDEA
4 PASSENGER
5 PASSENGER
6 CHANGE
7 ENVELOPES
8 ENVELOPES

Ex. 3

1 OVER
2 BE CARRIED OUT / TAKE PLACE
3 APPROXIMATELY
4 COINS
5 AMOUNT
6 HAND
7 FLIGHT ATTENDANT
8 ENTIRE
9 TURNED OVER
10 WORLDWIDE

Ex. 4

1 SUPPORT
2 CAMPAIGN
3 PLACE
4 EXPERIENCE
5 CHANGE
6 LAND
7 HANDS

Ex. 5

1 AS OF
2 WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
3 THE IDEA BEHIND
4 INSTEAD OF
5 FOR THIS PURPOSE
6 THANKS TO

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UACS, SKOPJE
USE OF ENGLISH
60 minutes

Student's Code: _____ **Total:** _____/65

1. Circle the appropriate word.

Shopping in Japan

Unlike millions of Britons, who will not know how much the Christmas turkey, child's bicycle and the January sales have __ (1) __ them until the credit card bill arrives, the Japanese __ (2) __ to settle up before they've even __ (3) __ their shopping list.

The Japanese like to improve on every idea, even if the idea is cash. So they have been __ (4) __ about the pre-paid card. It __ (5) __ the bother of banknotes and it saves the Japanese __ (6) __ the fear of being in __ (7) __ to someone else. It __ (8) __ with the convenient pre-paid telephone card and has __ (9) __ through train ticket cards, taxi cards, and supermarket cards all the way to McDonald's hamburgers cards.

Few Westerners can understand why anyone __ (10) __ want to give money to a supermarket or a department store __ (11) __ by buying a pre-paid card. But credit companies are held in some suspicion in Japan. People have traditionally preferred cash and will happily stroll the streets with quite large __ (12) __ of money in their pockets.

The fact that street crime is fairly __ (13) __ helps. Pre-paid cards are now as __ (14) __ as chopsticks and twice as convenient. About 500 million cards were sold in the first five years after they became __ (15) __.

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|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. A) lost | B) cost | C) charged | D) priced |
| 2. A) prefer | B) desire | C) enjoy | D) select |
| 3. A) written about | B) written off | C) written out | D) written up |
| 4. A) keen | B) enthusiastic | C) exciting | D) eager |
| 5. A) does away with | B) does out of | C) does without | D) does out |
| 6. A) of | B) from | C) for | D) by |
| 7. A) payment | B) bill | C) debt | D) interest |
| 8. A) opened | B) invented | C) introduced | D) started |
| 9. A) followed | B) developed | C) changed | D) turned |
| 10. A) would | B) will | C) may | D) must |
| 11. A) in time | B) in front | C) in future | D) in advance |
| 12. A) savings | B) sums | C) deposits | D) masses |
| 13. A) seldom | B) slight | C) rare | D) slow |
| 14. A) common | B) usual | C) regular | D) often |
| 15. A) prepared | B) possible | C) ready | D) available |

1 point for each correct answer

Total: _____/15

2. Circle the appropriate answer.

My wife and I went to the Airport to meet some friends. Their plane landed but they weren't on it. "___1___ if there is a message for us," my wife said. "They ___2___ the plane. Or perhaps they ___3___ from coming for some reason." After ___4___ information at the information desk without success, I had an idea "___5___ their letter?" I asked my wife. She found it in her handbag. "Here you Are," she said. "We ___6___ at 10 o'clock on the 7th and ___7___ us." "But today' s the 6th," I said. "We should have looked at the date before. If we had, we wouldn't have had this journey for nothing." "How silly!" my wife said. " I ___8___ this letter around for days without looking at it."

1.

- A) Let's see B) Let's to see C) Will we see D) We are seeing

2.

- A) can have missed B) may have missed C) can have lost D) may have lost

3.

- A) would be prevented B) would be avoided C) have been prevented D) have been avoided

4.

- A) asking for B) to ask for C) asking D) to ask

5.

- A) Do you yet have B) Do you already have
C) Have you yet got D) Have you still got

6.

- A) Are arriving B) would arrive C) will be arrive D) will be arrived

7.

- A) want you to wait B) want that you look for
C) would like you to meet D) would like that find

8.

- A) am carrying B) have been carrying C) carry D) must carry

1 point for each correct answer

Total: _____ / 8

3. Word formation. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in the space.

1. Have you taken any _____ (**DECIDE**) yet? Do you know what you're going to do about the problem?
2. Elderly people are said to have great experience and life _____ (**WISE**).
3. It's _____ (**AMAZE**) what he can do. He's a real master.
4. This is the only bank in the . _____ (**NEIGHBOUR**).
5. Don't approach the terrarium if you're _____ (**FEAR**) of snakes.
6. I'm thinking of replying to the job _____ (**ADVERTISE**) that I have seen in the daily.
7. The Thompsons' enterprise was a complete _____ (**FAIL**). They lost all the money they had invested in the business.
8. We have a strong _____ (**BELIEVE**) in you. Don't let us down.
9. Your father will be _____ (**FURY**) when he learns what you have done to his car.
10. I can't come at six. I have an _____ (**APPOINT**) with my boss.
11. This is a highly irrational _____ (**BEHAVE**). Improve yourself or you will be punished severely.

12. Sweets can be _____ (**HARM**) to health if they are eaten in huge amount.
13. He's learning English on an _____ (**INTENSIFY**) course.
14. Thank you for your _____ (**CONTRIBUTE**).
15. My teacher wrote on my test: 'This is a great _____ (**IMPROVE**).'
16. He has got a fine _____ (**COLLECT**) of paintings.

1 point for each correct answer

Total: _____ / 16

4. **Sentence transformation.** 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 to five words, including the word given.**

- a) It was very kind of them to help us. **GRATEFUL**
We _____ for their help.
- b) Take a jumper with you because it might get colder later on. **CASE**
Take a jumper with you _____ cold later on.
- c) We started eating when all the guests had arrived. **UNTIL**
We _____ all the guests had arrived.
- d) David lives quite near the station. **FAR**
David _____ the station.
- e) She doesn't find this course very interesting. **BORED**
She _____ this course.
- f) This form must be completed before you leave. **FILL**
You _____ this form before you leave.
- g) They say that caviar tastes nice. **SUPPOSED**
Caviar _____ nice.

1 point for each correct answer

Total: _____ / 7

5. Read the text carefully. After each line put a tick (✓) if it correct and if a line has a word which should not be there, write down that word.

A Meal To Remember

A German couple who went to the Hong Kong for a holiday have returned without their pet poodle, Greta, following after a very traumatic experience in a Chinese restaurant there. They were out dining one evening and, as so usual, had their pet poodle with them. Just after when they had ordered their meal the dog started to whine, so that they asked a waiter come over to their table and pointed to the poodle while they made an eating motions to

- 1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____
6 _____
7 _____
8 _____
9 _____
10 _____

to show they wanted it to be fed.
Eventually as the waiter appeared to understand and took Greta off into the kitchen. About after an hour later he came back with their main dish and when they picked up inside the silver lid they found out their poodle roasted inside, garnished with pepper, sauce and bamboo shoots. The couple, suffering from emotional shock, have decided for to return to Hamburg immediately.

- 11 _____
- 12 _____
- 13 _____
- 14 _____
- 15 _____
- 16 _____
- 17 _____
- 18 _____
- 19 _____

1 point for each correct answer

Total: _____ / 19

KEY - USE OF ENGLISH

Ex. 1 1-B 2-A 3-C 4-B 5-A 6-B 7-C 8-D 9-B 10-A 11-D 12-B 13-C 14-A 15-D

Ex. 2 1-A 2-B 3-C 4-A 5-D 6-A 7-C 8-B

Ex. 3

- 1 DECISION
- 2 WISDOM
- 3 AMAZING
- 4 NEIGHBOURHOOD/NEIGHBORHOOD
- 5 FEARFUL/AFRAID
- 6 ADVERTISEMENT
- 7 FAILURE
- 8 BELIEF
- 9 FURIOUS
- 10 APPOINTMENT
- 11 BEHAVIOUR / BEHAVIOR
- 12 HARMFUL
- 13 INTENSIVE
- 14 CONTRIBUTION
- 15 IMPROVEMENT
- 16 COLLECTION

Ex. 4

- a) were (very) grateful to them;
- b) in case it gets;
- c) did not/didn't start eating until ;
- d) doesn't live (very) far from / lives not very far from ;
- e) is bored by / with ;
- f) must fill in ;
- g) is supposed to taste

Ex. 5

- 1 THE
- 2 ✓
- 3 FOLLOWING
- 4 ✓
- 5 SO
- 6 ✓
- 7 WHEN
- 8 THAT
- 9 COME
- 10 AN
- 11 ✓
- 12 AS
- 13 AFTER
- 14 ✓
- 15 INSIDE
- 16 OUT
- 17 ✓
- 18 HAVE

19 FOR