**English Placement Test – C1 (Advanced)**

**‎Part 1 – Grammar & Vocabulary**

‎1. The manager was impressed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her ability to handle pressure.

a) by b) with c) of d) at

2. His explanation lacked sufficient \_\_\_\_\_\_ to convince the board.

a) clarity b) clarify c) clear d) clearance

3. She remained \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ despite the criticism.

a) calm b) calmly c) calming d) calmed

4. The committee agreed to postpone the meeting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ further notice.

a) until b) by c) for d) without

5. The results were entirely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expectations.

a) beyond b) under c) over d) across

6. He was praised for his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ approach to conflict resolution.

a) strategic b) strategy c) strategically d) strategist

7. The report was submitted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the deadline.

a) within b) under c) beneath d) inside

8. Her comments were completely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of context.

a) out b) off c) away d) aside

9. The speaker emphasized the importance of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thinking.

a) critical b) critique c) criticize d) critically

10. The company is committed to reducing its environmental \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) footprint b) footstep c) footnote d) footing

11. He was reluctant to take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the mistake.

a) responsibility b) responsible c) respond d) responsive

12. The proposal was rejected due to its lack of financial \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) viability b) variable c) variation d) value

13. She spoke so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that everyone paid attention.

a) persuasively b) persuasive c) persuade d) persuasion

14. The team worked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to meet the tight deadline.

a) tirelessly b) tiring c) tired d) tireless

15. The decision was made in accordance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ company policy.

a) with b) to c) for d) by

16. His argument was based on a false \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) assumption b) assume c) assumed d) assuming

17. The new policy aims to promote greater social \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) inclusion b) inclusive c) include d) including

18. She was known for her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to detail.

a) attention b) attentive c) attend d) attentiveness

19. The results were consistent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ previous studies.

a) with b) to c) of d) in

20. The project was delayed due to unforeseen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) circumstances b) circumstantial c) circumstance d) circumspect‎

**‎Part 2 – Reading**

‎Text:

‎Recent studies suggest that working from home can significantly increase productivity, especially among employees who value autonomy and flexibility. Without the distractions of a traditional office environment—such as frequent meetings, commuting stress, and social interruptions—many individuals report being able to focus more deeply and manage their time more effectively. Additionally, remote work often allows for a better alignment between professional tasks and personal rhythms, leading to improved job satisfaction and mental well-being.

However, this shift also presents complex challenges. One major concern is the blurring of boundaries between work and personal life. When the home becomes the workplace, it can be difficult to disconnect, resulting in longer working hours, increased stress, and potential burnout. Employees may feel pressure to be constantly available, while managers struggle to monitor performance without micromanaging.

In response, companies are rethinking how to manage remote teams. Some are investing in digital tools that facilitate collaboration and track progress without being intrusive. Others are redesigning policies to support work-life balance, such as setting clear expectations around availability, encouraging regular breaks, and promoting asynchronous communication. There is also a growing emphasis on outcome-based evaluation, where success is measured by results rather than hours logged.

Ultimately, the rise of remote work is reshaping workplace culture. It demands a new kind of leadership—one that prioritizes trust, empathy, and adaptability. As organizations navigate this transformation, they must balance productivity gains with the human need for connection, boundaries, and psychological safety.

**Comprehension Questions :**

1. What are some reasons remote work may lead to increased productivity?

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2. How does working from home affect employees’ ability to focus?

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3. What are the psychological benefits mentioned in the passage?

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4. What challenges arise when the home becomes the workplace?

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5. How might blurred boundaries impact employee well-being?

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6. What strategies are companies using to manage remote teams effectively?

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7. What is meant by “outcome-based evaluation” in this context?

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8. Why is asynchronous communication encouraged in remote work settings?

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9. What qualities are essential for leadership in a remote work culture?

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10. How does the passage suggest companies should balance productivity with employee well-being?

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**Part 3 – Listening**

**‎Transcript:**

**‎"Welcome to today’s business podcast. We’re discussing how artificial intelligence is changing the workplace. While AI can improve efficiency, it may also replace certain jobs. Experts believe retraining workers will be essential.”**

‎Questions:

‎1. What is the podcast topic?

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‎2. How can AI improve work?

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‎3. What is a potential risk?

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‎4. What do experts suggest?‎

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**Part 4 – Writing**

‎Write a report (150–180 words) on the pros and cons of remote work, and suggest solutions for companies.

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**Part 5 – Speaking**

‎1. Discuss the impact of globalization on culture.

‎2. Should governments regulate social media? Why/Why not?

‎3. What are the benefits and risks of artificial intelligence?

CORRECTION

**Part 1 – Grammar & Vocabulary**

1. a) by

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4. d) without

5. a) beyond

6. a) strategic

7. a) within

8. a) out

9. a) critical

10. a) footprint

11. a) responsibility

12. a) viability

13. a) persuasively

14. a) tirelessly

15. a) with

16. a) assumption

17. a) inclusion

18. a) attention

19. a) with

20. a) circumstances

**Part 2 – Reading**

1. Fewer distractions, better time management, alignment with personal rhythms

2. It helps them focus more deeply without office interruptions

3. Improved job satisfaction and mental well-being

4. Difficulty disconnecting, longer hours, stress, burnout

5. It can lead to constant availability and increased stress

6. Using digital tools, setting expectations, encouraging breaks, promoting asynchronous communication

7. Measuring success by results rather than hours worked

8. It allows flexibility and reduces pressure to respond immediately

9. Trust, empathy, and adaptability

10. By supporting connection, boundaries, and psychological safety

**Part 3 – Listening**

1. How artificial intelligence is changing the workplace

2. By improving efficiency

3. It may replace certain jobs

4. Retraining workers

**Part 4 – Writing (Sample Report)**

**Report: Pros and Cons of Remote Work**

Remote work offers several advantages. It increases productivity by reducing distractions and allows employees to align work with personal rhythms. It also improves job satisfaction and mental health. However, challenges include blurred boundaries between work and personal life, longer hours, and burnout.

To address these issues, companies should set clear expectations, promote regular breaks, and encourage asynchronous communication. Investing in digital tools and outcome-based evaluation can help manage teams effectively. Balancing productivity with employee well-being is essential for long-term success.

**Part 5 – Speaking (Sample Answers)**

**1. Discuss the impact of globalization on culture:**

Globalization has connected people worldwide, leading to cultural exchange and diversity. While it promotes understanding, it can also lead to the loss of local traditions and languages.

**2. Should governments regulate social media? Why/Why not?**

Yes, to prevent misinformation, protect privacy, and ensure online safety. However, regulation must respect freedom of speech and avoid censorship.

**3. What are the benefits and risks of artificial intelligence?**

AI improves efficiency, supports innovation, and enhances decision-making. Risks include job displacement, ethical concerns, and data privacy issues. Responsible development is key.