**TEST 04 – PASSAGE 1**

**Exercise 1: Fill in the blank with the suitable word**

1. He died of liver cancer.
2. Australia and New Zealand are former British colonies.
3. The prime minister is to meet his European counterparts to discuss the war against drugs.
4. Government sources estimate a long-term 50 percent increase in rail fares.
5. The hounds had lost the scent of the fox near the river.
6. There were only a few isolated cases of violent behaviour.
7. His sense of humour is one of his better traits.
8. There are a lot of complexities surrounding this issue..
9. His work was reproduced on leaflets and magazines..
10. The priest said he was endangering his immortal soul.

**Exercise 2: Match the word with their correct meaning**

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| 1. Caretakers | 1. Particular, certain, exclusive #general |
| 1. Counterpart | 1. Constitute, construct, form |
| 1. Counterpart | 1. Someone who looks after other people, especially a teacher, parent, nurse etc |
| 1. Identify | 1. Purpose, role, job |
| 1. Specific | 1. Equivalent, colleague, equal |
| 1. Function | 1. To make a physical or electronic connection between one object, machine, place, etc. and another |
| 1. Structure | 1. To happen at the same time as something else, especially by chance |
| 1. Density | 1. Intensity, concentration, extent, degree |
| 1. Decline | 1. Comprehensively, completely, carefully, meticulously |
| 1. Coincide with | 1. Violently, hostilely, forcefully #mildly |
| 1. Link to | 1. To become smaller, fewer, weaker, etc. |
| 1. Thoroughly | 1. Find, recognize, classify |

**11-c, 12- e, 13- j, 14-l, 15-a, 16-d, 17-b, 18-h, 19-k, 20-g, 21-f, 22-i**

**Exercise 3: Write the SYNONYMS that CAN be used to replace the highlighted word in each of the sentence below:**

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| 'This is the first time anyone has looked at both behavioral and neural changes in these ants so **thoroughly**,' says Giraldo, who recently **published** the **findings** in the **Proceedings** of the Royal Society B. Scientists have looked at some similar aspects in bees, but the results of recent bee studies were mixed-some studies showed age-related declines, which **biologists** call senescence, and others didn't. 'For now, the study raises more questions than it answers,' Giraldo says, 'including how P. dentata stays in such good shape.'  Also, if the ants don't **deteriorate** with age, why do they die at all? Out in the wild, the ants probably don't live for a full 140 days thanks to **predators**, disease and just being in an environment that's much harsher than the comforts of the lab. 'The lucky ants that do live into old age may suffer a steep decline just before dying,' Giraldo says, but she can't say for sure because her study wasn't designed to follow an ant's final moments.  'It will be important to **extend** these findings to other species of social **insects**,' says Gene E. Robinson, an entomologist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This ant might be **unique**, or it might **represent** a broader pattern among other social bugs with possible **clues** to the science of aging in larger animals. Either way, it seems that for these ants, age really doesn't matter. | thoroughly= comprehensively, completely, carefully, meticulously  publish = issue, print, distribute  finding = discovery, conclusion, result  biologist= a scientist who studies or works in biology  deteriorate = get worse, go down, degenerate, decline  predator= an animal that kills and eats other animals #prey  extend= spread, broaden, expand  insect = bug, pest, creature  unique= sole, exclusive, distinctive #common  represent = signify, characterize, denote, symbolize  clue= sign, hint, cue, evidence |