

Use of English:

CAE Part 1

Multiple-choice cloze

- 1 Read the following text quickly, ignoring the gaps for the moment. Is the writer of the text generally positive or negative about the experience of the first immigrant workers in Britain?
- 2 For questions 1–12, read the text again and then decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

CHANGING COUNTRIES

(0) _____ a new life and hoping for a significant (1) _____ in their standard of living, foreign workers began flocking into Western Europe during the 1950s. In Britain, some of the first immigrants arriving from the West Indies and the Indian subcontinent were welcomed by brass bands, but the dream of a new life soon (2) _____ sour for many.

Attracted by the promise to earn good money and learn new skills, the reality they found was often one of low wages and, in many (3) _____, unemployment. Some did not adapt (4) _____ to life in a country of cold weather, cold welcomes and discrimination. The (5) _____ of West Indian immigrants (6) _____ into the inner cities, areas that were already fraught with social tensions caused by poverty and (7) _____ housing. There were cases of open hostility towards the newcomers; in 1958, riots (8) _____ out in Notting Hill, West London, when gangs of white youths began taunting immigrants.

Yet despite the (9) _____ difficulties they encountered, many foreign workers did manage to (10) _____ to their new conditions, settling in their new adopted country and prospering. Their contribution had the effect not only of speeding up the (11) _____ of economic change in the postwar period, it also (12) _____ Western Europe into a multiracial society.



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| 0 A Searching | B Wishing | C <u>Seeking</u> | D Leading |
| 1 A switch | B change | C modification | D variation |
| 2 A turned | B converted | C switched | D changed |
| 3 A occasions | B examples | C ways | D cases |
| 4 A closely | B greatly | C easily | D normally |
| 5 A most | B percentage | C majority | D number |
| 6 A changed | B lived | C arrived | D moved |
| 7 A poor | B low | C few | D weak |
| 8 A broke | B carried | C came | D started |
| 9 A several | B high | C numerous | D heavy |
| 10 A amend | B adjust | C turn | D alter |
| 11 A growth | B motion | C pace | D step |
| 12 A transformed | B transferred | C modified | D shifted |