**OPEN CLOZE**

***Cloze Test: Fill in the blanks and insert the word which best fits each space. Use only ONE word in each space***

**World Views**

If your view of the world comes from watching the news and reading newspapers, you 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be forgiven for lying awake 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ night worrying about the future. Apparently, rising violence and population rates mean humans are both killing each other in ever larger numbers and 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ born at rates the world's resources can't sustain. To make matters worse, all the wealth is concentrated on a handful of people in the world's richest countries. People in low-income countries live in poverty 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the West gets richer. Depressing, isn't it?

But 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the statistics support our negative world view or is the world actually improving?

Let's take global population first. It's around 7 billion now, in line with figures predicted by the UN in 1958. By the year 2100, the same experts predict it will be around 11 billion. But did you know that 11 billion is probably 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ high as that number will get? The rate of increase will slow down in the second half of this century thanks 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ falling birth rates today.

Falling birth rates? Yes, that's right. In the last two centuries, improvements in technology and health meant 8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ children died young, fuelling rapid population growth. These large families produced even more children 9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ survived into adulthood and had their own children. But with the wider availability of contraception in the 1960s, the global average number of babies per woman has declined from six babies per woman to as low as two.

The biggest factor in child mortality is poverty. And while it's still true that only 20 per cent of the world takes about 74 per cent of the world's income, 60 per cent of the world now falls into a middle-income group, with 11.6 per cent – the smallest amount of people in history – still living in conditions of extreme poverty. If the majority of the world's people have money, international aid could realistically achieve the UN target of eradicating poverty 10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2030. As poverty goes down, life expectancy goes up, birth rates go down because parents can expect their existing children to survive, and the global population stabilises.

As for news stories that 11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us think the world is an increasingly violent place, there is cause for some optimism too. Between the end of World War II and 1990, there were 30 wars that killed more than 100,000 people. Today there are still civil wars, but countries are mostly co-existing 12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peacefully than in the past. However, terrorism has shot 13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the last few years and, since World War II, wars have killed many more civilians than soldiers. Even for civilians, though, the statistics are not all bad. 14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ deaths are nine times more likely to be a result of violent crime than political conflict, the global murder rate fell slightly, from 8 per 100,000 people in 2000 to about 5.3 in 2015.

Of course, none of this means the world is perfect, and whether you personally are affected by war and poverty is often 15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the lottery of where you're born. Also, we still face huge problems of our own making, particularly environmental 16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like global warming, and wealth and natural resources need to be distributed more fairly. But not all the news is bad news, whatever the TV and newspapers might say.

**Moscow Metro**

The Moscow metro system is over eighty years old. Sometimes called ‘the people’s underground palace’, it has stood 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ well to the passing of time. It carries seven million passengers a day at an average speed of 42 k.p.h., and now, even though it has 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of money, it still offers impressive examples of past splendour. Tourists from all over the world come to look 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the stations lined with granite and marble and decorated with mosaics and chandeliers. Some of the names have changed: for example, Marx Prospekt has turned 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hunter’s Row. Some Muscovites find it hard to get 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the changes, but they are justly proud of their underground and want to 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ after it.

The Moscow metro used to 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out among its international competitors for being almost completely free of advertising, although has now changed. Wherever you go in the world, you won’t come 8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a grander or more impressive underground system. Whether you’re a local, 9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ off for work, or a tourist visiting Moscow for the first time, spare a moment to appreciate the works of art all around you, before 10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on with your journey.

**Health and Cigarettes**

In many Western countries, girls are more (01) ............. to smoke than boys. It's the girls who want to look "tough and grown-up." The result is that (02) ............. lung cancer in American men has fallen (03) ............. the first time in 50 years, the disease is (04) ............. in women. The decrease in the disease among men is attributed to a decrease in smoking among men (05) ............. the government's first warning of a (06) ............. between cigarettes and disease in 1964. On the other hand, lung cancer is now expected to overtake breast cancer (07) ............. the principal fatal cancer among women. (08) ............. your son or daughter is a non-smoker, there is another good (09) ............. for rejecting a smoker as a life-long mate. Smokers don't just ruin their own health by (10) ............. up. They are a menace to (11) ............. Second-hand smoke is lethal. As the 18th report on smoking by the United States Surgeon General (12) ............. it: "Involuntary smoking is a (13) ............. of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy non-smokers." (14) ............. to the report, at home, the children of parents who smoke (15) ............. the effects in their respiratory systems. Smokers make their own kids sick.

***Useful Links:***

<https://www.flo-joe.co.uk/cae/students/strategy/cae_open_cloze.htm>

<https://www.englishrevealed.co.uk/CAE/Part2/cae_open_cloze_2.php>

<https://www.examenglish.com/FCE/fce_use_of_english_part2.htm>

**OPEN CLOZE KEY**

World Views

1. could
2. at
3. being
4. while
5. do
6. as
7. to
8. fewer
9. who
10. by
11. make
12. more
13. up
14. although
15. down
16. ones

Moscow Metro

1. up
2. run
3. at
4. into
5. used
6. look
7. stands
8. across
9. setting
10. going/getting/carrying

Health and Cigarettes

1. likely
2. although
3. for
4. increasing/rising
5. since
6. link/connection
7. as
8. if
9. reason
10. lighting
11. society/others
12. puts
13. cause
14. according
15. show/suffer