

Answer Key

OBJECTIVE PROFICIENCY SECOND EDITION

Part 2

9 in

10 enough

11 out

12 it

13 Rather

14 at

15 being / getting

16 Another

Part 3

17 laboriously

18 affirmative

19 exceptionally

20 solidarity

21 alternative

22 insecurity/insecurities

23 tendency

24 confronted

Part 4

25 put paid to | any

26 so as not to | wake (up) /
(a)waken / disturb OR so
(that) they wouldn't / would
not | wake (up) / (a)waken
/ disturb OR so as to avoid
| waking (up) / (a)waking /
disturbing

27 (any) more than twenty
push-ups | before

28 crossed my mind | (that) the
supermarket would

29 cut our holiday short |
because airport workers
were

30 it off immediately | but I
couldn't / could not / didn't /
did not take

Part 6

37 C

38 F

39 H

40 D

41 G

42 A

43 E

Part 7

44 C

45 B

46 D

47 B

48 E

49 C

50 D

51 A

52 C

53 B

WRITING**Part 1***Sample answer***1**

The theme common to both texts is that humans need some risk in their lives.

In Text 1, the writer observes that the element of risk and danger in life has been greatly reduced in the modern world. To compensate for this, it argues, we actively seek risk and even invent it when it isn't really there. In my view, there is some truth in this. We do live in very safety-conscious times and our lives are very regulated. So some people seek risk in, say, virtual games and extreme sports. But I must point out that this depends very much where one lives and there are many countries in the world where the threat of violence and danger is only too real. People from these countries would not take the same view at all, so I think this writer is very insular.

The writer's own view on risk isn't really explicit in the extract, but in Text 2 there is a stronger authorial voice. Text 2 goes further, presenting a very positive view of risk as something we should all try to experience as it is beneficial to us. It seems to imply that embracing risk can lead to a richer life. It also makes the point that some people are risk-averse, because they don't like to feel out of control.

Text 2 is more psychological. It seems to be urging people to 'let go' and just see what happens to them in their lives. I am not sure whether this is really appropriate advice, but I would agree to some extent, because the times when I took a risk and did something adventurous have given me confidence in my life and good memories.

On balance, therefore, Text 2 seems more relevant to my own situation.

LISTENING

Part 2

7 sponsors

8 magician

9 (rodeo) clowns

10 medical treatment

11 prize money

12 retreat

13 pavilion

14 cones

15 ribbons

Part 3

16 C

17 D

18 A

19 B

20 D

Part 4

21 C

22 H

23 B

24 E

25 F

26 F

27 C

28 H

29 A

30 E
