

CAE: CLOZE VOCABULARY

From the words listed below, choose the ones which best fit the space, A, B, C or D.

OLYMPIC GAMES

It is not so much the scandals and disputes of recent years that have (01) the Olympic Games. It is their (02) enormity, their excessive cost, their (03) of national pride. One very sensible suggestion is that future Games should be (04) to individual events in which one person clearly wins. All team games would (05) , and no one would feel any loss at the disappearance of Olympic soccer, a (06) shadow of the more professional game.

Anything which required judging would also be (07) . One reason for this is the difficulty of obtaining fair and accurate judges. An (08) example of this is the case of Jacqueline de Bief, a former (09) world figure skating champion. She revealed to the (10) that she was sometimes offered generous (11) in exchange for what one newspaper called "an amorous adventure".

If events that required judging were excluded, it would also (12) the Games of boxing, wrestling, and the boring diving competitions. It would also eliminate sailing, largely a matter of boat building, and horse jumping, largely a matter of the horse. Under (13) circumstances, the individual would be (14) to his rightful place, and a (15) size to the Games would be achieved.

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| 01. | A. warned | B. threatened | C. reproached | D. shocked |
| 02. | A. sheer | B. vast | C. heavy | D. massive |
| 03. | A. pampering | B. easing | C. indulgence | D. spoiling |
| 04. | A. held | B. restricted | C. limit | D. decided |
| 05. | A. remove | B. depart | C. leave | D. go |
| 06. | A. slight | B. dull | C. pale | D. empty |
| 07. | A. undone | B. left | C. omit | D. excluded |
| 08. | A. extreme | B. outside | C. upset | D. unlimited |
| 09. | A. former | B. ex | C. passed | D. formerly |
| 10. | A. paper | B. press | C. journal | D. magazine |
| 11. | A. awards | B. marks | C. numbers | D. odds |
| 12. | A. remove | B. take | C. rid | D. scratch |
| 13. | A. such | B. this | C. most | D. normal |
| 14. | A. retained | B. ascended | C. renovated | D. restored |
| 15. | A. sane | B. approximate | C. accepted | D. sensible |

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