

PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES/ COMPOUND PREPOSITIONS

FBISE Instructions: Part B is based on the appropriate use of prepositional phrases / compound prepositions. The candidates are required to fill in the given SIX (6) blanks, using appropriate prepositional phrases/ compound prepositions. **6 Marks**

Model Question

Q. 5 B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate choice of propositional phrases/compound propositions in the following paragraph:

in front of	at the edge of	On the top of	away from	in the morning	by the side of
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Over the weekend, our family decided to go for a picnic _____ ¹ the lake. We packed our lunch _____ ² our house and set out early _____ ³ to avoid the afternoon heat. When we arrived _____ ⁴ the lake, we found a perfect spot underneath a large oak tree. My brother and I played games near the water while our parents set up a picnic _____ ⁵ a small hill within sight of the lake. It was a peaceful day spent _____ ⁶ the hustle and bustle of the city.

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PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE:

A prepositional phrase is a **group of words** that **begins with a preposition** and **ends with a noun or pronoun** (called the object of the preposition). It may include modifiers (adjectives, articles) in between. It shows relationships of place, time, direction, or manner in a sentence.

Formula: Preposition + (Modifiers) + Object (Noun/ Pronoun)

Examples:

- **in** the room
- **on** the table
- **at** my school
- **under** the big tree
- **with** great care

COMPOUND PREPOSITION (Complex Preposition):

A compound preposition is made up of **two or more words** that work together as a single preposition to show relationship between elements in a sentence.

Structure: Multiple words functioning as one preposition unit

Common Patterns:

- Preposition + Noun + Preposition (in front of, at the top of)
- Preposition + Article + Noun + Preposition (by the side of, at the edge of)
- Other combinations (because of, in spite of, according to)

Examples:

- **in front of** the house (3 words = 1 compound preposition)
- **on the top of** the mountain (4 words = 1 compound preposition)
- **by the side of** the road (4 words = 1 compound preposition)
- **because of** the rain (2 words = 1 compound preposition)
- **in spite of** difficulties (3 words = 1 compound preposition)

10 DIFFERENT CATEGORIES

No.	Categories	Where to Use?	Examples
1.	Place & Position	Shows WHERE something is located	• in front of • at the back of • on the top of • at the bottom of • by the side of • at the edge of • in the middle of • at the corner of • in the center of • next to • close to • far from • near to • opposite to • between
2.	Direction & Movement	Shows movement or direction toward/away from something	• away from • towards/toward • out of • into • up to • down from • across from • in the direction of • back to • forward to
3.	Time	Indicates WHEN something happens	• in the morning • in the afternoon • in the evening • at night • at the beginning of • at the end of • in the middle of • by the time • at the moment • for the time being • at the same time • from time to time • at present • at dawn • at midnight
4.	Cause & Reason	Explains WHY something happens	• because of • on account of • due to • owing to • thanks to • as a result of • in consequence of • on the grounds of
5.	Purpose	Shows the aim or intention	• for the sake of • in order to • with the purpose of • with a view to • for the purpose of • with the aim of • with the intention of
6.	Concession & Contrast	Shows contrast or something unexpected	• in spite of • despite • instead of • in place of • in contrast to • in opposition to • contrary to • regardless of
7.	Addition & Inclusion	Shows adding or including something	• in addition to • along with • together with • as well as • apart from • aside from • besides • not to mention
8.	Reference & Relation	Shows connection or relationship to something	• according to • in accordance with • with regard to • in relation to • with reference to • in terms of • with respect to • as for • as to • in connection with
9.	Manner & Method	Describes HOW something is done	• by means of • with the help of • in detail • with care • on purpose • by accident • in a hurry • with ease • by force • in secret
10.	Condition & Circumstance	Shows conditions or special circumstances	• in case of • in the event of • under the circumstances • in the face of • in favor of • on behalf of • for the benefit of • at the expense of • at the risk of • on condition that

PRACTICE CONTEXTS

PRACTICE 1

Prepositional phrases to use:

- in spite of
- according to
- in addition to
- due to
- instead of
- on behalf of

Our school principal made an announcement _____ 1 the recent weather forecast. _____ 2 the regular classes, there would be extra tutorial sessions. The sports day was postponed _____ 3 heavy rainfall predictions. _____ 4 outdoor activities, students would participate in indoor competitions. The head boy spoke _____ 5 all students to thank the teachers. _____ 6 the challenges, everyone remained enthusiastic about the upcoming events.

PRACTICE 2

Prepositional phrases to use:

- across from
- next to
- in between
- far from
- close to
- opposite to

The new library was built _____ 1 the town square. It stands _____ 2 the old museum and the community center. The reading area is located _____ 3 the entrance, making it easily accessible. The children's section is _____ 4 the main library hall. Parking facilities are available _____ 5 the main building. The location is _____ 6 being inconvenient; it's actually perfect for students.

PRACTICE 3

Prepositional phrases to use:

- in the evening
- during the night
- at noon

- before sunrise
- after sunset
- around midnight

The village market opens _____ 1 when the temperature is cooler. Farmers arrive _____ 2 to set up their stalls. Business is busiest _____ 3 when office workers come for lunch. The market stays open _____ 4 for late shoppers. Some vendors continue selling _____ 5 under streetlights. The cleanup crew works _____ 6 to prepare for the next day.

PRACTICE 4

Prepositional phrases to use:

- because of
- in case of
- with regard to
- in terms of
- for the sake of
- by means of

The management issued new guidelines _____ 1 workplace safety. _____ 2 emergency, all employees must follow evacuation procedures. _____ 3 recent incidents, security has been enhanced. Communication will be improved _____ 4 a new messaging system. _____ 5 efficiency, the company ranks among the top performers. These changes are being implemented _____ 6 employee well-being.

PRACTICE 5

Prepositional phrases to use:

- along with
- apart from
- out of
- into
- through
- among

Sarah walked _____ 1 the garden gate confidently. She moved _____ 2 the flower beds carefully. _____ 3 roses, she also planted tulips. She was popular _____ 4 her neighbors for her gardening skills. _____ 5 her sister, she managed the entire garden. She created beauty _____ 6 simple materials and dedication.

PRACTICE 6

Prepositional phrases to use:

- in the middle of
- at the bottom of
- toward
- underneath
- beyond
- within

The treasure map showed an X _____ 1 the forest. We walked _____ 2 the mountains for hours. The cave entrance was hidden _____ 3 thick vines. _____ 4 the cave, we found ancient pottery. The treasure chest was buried _____ 5 a pile of rocks. The discovery was _____ 6 our wildest expectations.

PRACTICE 7

Prepositional phrases to use:

- prior to
- subsequent to
- in relation to
- with respect to
- in favor of
- contrary to

_____ 1 the meeting, all documents were reviewed. _____ 2 our expectations, the results were disappointing. The committee voted _____ 3 the new proposal. _____ 4 the discussion, several changes were implemented. _____ 5 budget allocation, concerns were raised. _____ 6 popular belief, the project was actually quite simple.

PRACTICE 8

Prepositional phrases to use:

- behind
- above
- below
- beside
- against
- around

The cat sat _____ 1 the fireplace, purring contentedly. A portrait hung _____ 2 the mantelpiece. The family photo album was stored _____ 3 in the cabinet. A

comfortable armchair was placed _____ 4 the window. The curtains swayed _____ 5 the wall gently. Toys were scattered _____ 6 the living room floor.

PRACTICE 9

Prepositional phrases to use:

- in the afternoon
- by evening
- throughout the day
- at dawn
- past midnight
- until dusk

The café opens _____ 1 when the first customers arrive. It remains busy _____ 2 with constant foot traffic. Student rush hour happens _____ 3 after school ends. _____ 4, most tables are occupied. Some customers stay _____ 5 studying. The café finally closes _____ 6 when the last patron leaves.

PRACTICE 10

Prepositional phrases to use:

- on account of
- in spite of
- as well as
- in place of
- in view of
- on top of

The concert was cancelled _____ 1 bad weather. _____ 2 the disappointment, organizers rescheduled immediately. The venue offered refunds _____ 3 exchange tickets. _____ 4 the regular performers, special guests were invited. _____ 5 safety concerns, additional security was arranged. _____ 6 everything else, insurance was purchased.

PRACTICE 11

Prepositional phrases to use:

- in front of
- at the back of

- near
- between
- inside
- outside

The statue stands _____ 1 the courthouse entrance. A small garden is located _____ 2 the building. Benches are placed _____ 3 the fountain for visitors. The parking lot is _____ 4 the main building and the annex. _____ 5, the halls are decorated with historical paintings. _____ 6, food vendors set up stalls during lunch hours.

PRACTICE 12

Prepositional phrases to use:

- in search of
- in need of
- in charge of
- in honor of
- in the face of
- in the company of

The expedition set out _____ 1 rare medicinal plants. The team was _____ 2 additional supplies. Dr. Martinez was _____ 3 the research operations. A ceremony was held _____ 4 the late founder. _____ 5 many obstacles, they persevered. The scientists worked _____ 6 local guides throughout the journey.

PRACTICE 13

Prepositional phrases to use:

- from time to time
- at once
- for a while
- in a moment
- at the same time
- all at once

The teacher checks homework _____ 1 to ensure students are learning. When the alarm rang, everyone responded _____ 2. We rested _____ 3 before continuing our hike. The results will be announced _____ 4. Two students spoke _____ 5, creating confusion. The lights went out _____ 6, plunging the room into darkness.

PRACTICE 14

Prepositional phrases to use:

- by way of
- in the direction of
- with the exception of
- for the purpose of
- on the part of
- in the event of

We traveled _____ 1 the coastal route to enjoy the scenery. The hikers moved _____ 2 the summit steadily. _____ 3 one member, everyone completed the course. The meeting was called _____ 4 discussing the new policy. There was strong support _____ 5 the committee members. _____ 6 rain, the ceremony will move indoors.

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PRACTICE 15

Prepositional phrases to use:

- on the occasion of
- in connection with
- in the course of
- in the absence of
- at the expense of
- for the benefit of

A celebration was organized _____ 1 the school's anniversary. Several activities were planned _____ 2 the festivities. _____ 3 the preparations, many volunteers helped. _____ 4 the principal, the vice principal presided. No decision should be made _____ 5 student welfare. All proceeds will go _____ 6 the scholarship fund.

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