

DAY 61. PRACTICE TEST

1 For questions 1–9, read the text below and think of the word that best fits each space. Use only ONE word in each space.

HARD ROAD TO SUCCESS

In today's music industry it is hard to (1) _____ out in the crowd but the band, Makeover Mayhem, seem to have done just that. They only got together a couple of months ago, but their first album, which was ready for downloading only a week ago, is already speeding up the charts. It looks as if they are (2) _____ to become the biggest success story of the year. If this continues, they stand (3) _____ reach number one and make their fortunes. Their music harks (4) _____ to the early rock and roll of the fifties and the reason (5) _____ their success is probably due to two main things: first, the modern twist which they have put on rock and roll music and, secondly, the wave of nostalgia that seems to be sweeping through the music-buying public.

(6) _____ sharp contrast to the band, Josh Logan is an actor who has been struggling for years to make a name for himself. But, finally, he has just finished his first lead role in a film at the age of 32. Although he loves working on films, he finds it difficult to tap into the emotional (7) _____ required when the scenes do not follow on from each other as they do in a stage play. The film (8) _____ to have been released in spring next year, but that has now changed to the autumn, mainly because of the director's pedantic obsession with a perfection that only exists in his head. However, Josh knows that tenacity and belief in what you are doing is a prerequisite (9) _____ an actor and he is prepared to work long hours to be the best he can be.

2 For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

AN AUTHOR'S LIFE

Mark Stringly, widely acclaimed as one of the decade's most successful young authors, is (1) _____ writing his tenth novel. It is based on an old family myth that his great-grandfather had discovered hidden treasure on his plantation in the West Indies. Ever since Mark heard the story it was (2) _____ that one day he would write about it. Mark is rarely interviewed as he hates being in the (3) _____. As a result, people have jumped to many (4) _____ about him, most of which are incorrect. So, when he agreed to let me interview him last month for a television documentary I was doing about the origins of story writing, I (5) _____ at the chance. However, when I suggested that his great-great-grandfather might have been a pirate, he jumped down my (6) _____ and ordered me not to print any such thing as it was totally incorrect.

His last book has now been (7) _____ for the big screen although he has not written the script for it. Surprisingly, though, he has written the musical (8) _____, as he is also an accomplished musician, a secret he had managed to keep from the public until now.

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| 1 | A lately | B ever | C currently | D yet |
| 2 | A inspiring | B inevitable | C questionable | D uplifting |
| 3 | A limelight | B floodlight | C headlight | D flashlight |
| 4 | A opportunities | B interpretations | C conclusions | D ovations |
| 5 | A went | B bounded | C stood | D leapt |
| 6 | A mouth | B throat | C neck | D face |
| 7 | A adapted | B admired | C animated | D initiated |
| 8 | A notes | B script | C score | D cue |

3 For questions 1–5, read the text below. Use the word given in **CAPITALS** at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

After the play, we went (1. **STAGE**) _____ to meet the actors as we'd won a competition to meet them and join the after-show party. It was wonderful! Although the lead actor had been ill on the night we went, we met his (2. **STUDY**) _____, who was excellent in the part. His performance was quite (3. **LIFT**) _____ and the applause at the end was absolutely (4. **DEAF**) _____. In the following day's newspapers, the young actor was (5. **WIDE**) _____ acclaimed by all the critics as a rising new star.

4 For questions 1–8, underline the correct form of the verb in *italics* in the following paragraph.

Sarah (1) *has never been* / *had never been* / *was never going* _____ to a music festival before last year when she (2) *had gone* / *went* / *was going* _____ to Glastonbury for the first time. She enjoyed it so much that she still (3) *didn't get* / *hasn't got* / *isn't getting* _____ over it. She is constantly driving her friends and colleagues mad by talking about it all the time and especially how she (4) *was meeting* / *met* / *had been meeting* _____ her idols, Coldplay. In fact next week they (5) *appear* / *are appearing* / *were supposed to appear* _____ in concert in Paris. Sarah (6) *will be planning* / *was planning* / *would plan* _____ to go and see them there, but she (7) *will be working* / *was just about to work* / *might be working* _____ in New York next week and her boss says she must go because the contract is very important. As a result, she (8) *is thinking* / *thinks* / *will be thinking* _____ of quitting her job.