WORDFORMATION EXERCISES

1. Use the right form of the words given in capitals to complete the sentences below. Write your answers in the box provided.

1. Unfortunately, many people are still worrying …… of the facts about AIDS**. (IGNORE)**

2. There are …….. versions of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, but this recording is by far the best I've heard. **(COUNT)**

3. We'll have to walk to the village – it's ……to cars. **(ACCESS)**

4. We have discussed these problems on …….. occasions and still nothing has been decided. **(NUMBER)**

5. Not …….. perhaps, sales of air conditioning systems increased considerably during the recent hot spell. **(SURPRISE)**

6. Bed of Rose, widely seen as the finest ……work about the period, was published in 1976. **(LITERATE)**

7. After several …….attempts, he finally passed his driving test in June last year. **(SUCCEED)**

8. A …….study of farming procedures in fifteen African countries has just been published. **(COMPARE)**

9. Unemployment rose ……last year. **(DRAMA)**

10. As a special ……offer, there is a 10% discount on all kitchen units in the new range. **(INTRODUCE)**

2. Choose and write the correct form of the words in the box to finish the following passage.

botany	**reveal**	**molecule**	**please**	**compare**
evolution	**pollinate**	**ordinary**	**distant**	**like**

RAFFLESIA

Rafflesia is a rare parasitic plant species found in Southeast Asia. *Rafflesia* has been (1) .....to a fungus because it lacks chlorophyll and is incapable of photosynthesis. Perhaps the only part of *Rafflesia* that is discernible as distinctly plant-like is the flower, which is said to be the world's largest.

Many (2) ..... have been keen to discover why the flower is so large, so they recently conducted (3) ..... analysis on the plant. This resulted in the (4) .....that it has evolved almost 80 times from its origin as a tiny bud to today's seven-kilo mega-bloom. Although this (5)..... transformation took tens of millions of years, such an (6) ..... spurt is still one of the most dramatic size changes ever reported. Such growth rates in humans would be (7) .....to us being 146 metres tall today.

The plant is also unusual in another way. Its smell is extremely (8) ..... but this horrible trait attracts such (9) ..... as flies. It is thought that *Rafflesia's* huge flower helps radiate the smell over long (10).....
