



Extra training

Reading Task 232

Questions 1-10 are incomplete sentences or forms. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases 1-4.

Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence or the form.

1. When Regie entered the room she saw a few people who were unknown to her. The bald man in the corner who was talking to Svetlana _____, but something in his appearance was disgusting.
 1. looked interested
 2. looked pleasant at first
 3. understood everything
 4. was her father
2. While travelling in France we tried to see as many sights as possible _____. It was quite natural for a two days' tour.
 1. but failed to see everything.
 2. and succeeded to visit all the places.
 3. shall I explain why
 4. and enough to drive a car.
3. She has been living in France for twenty years now. When she first came to the country she didn't know the language _____, but it happened to be enough to find a husband in a few weeks' time.
 1. except for a few words not to get lost
 2. at all
 3. of the region of Bordeaux
 4. but she was so beautiful
4. _____ and most of the work was done under his guidance, that was valued greatly among his colleagues.
 1. He was the head of the Department
 2. He was the junior specialist of the group
 3. He mostly acted as a friend
 4. He tried much in this field, failed
5. Blown by the thunderstorm, the house was lying in ruins and the bricks blocked the way, _____. We wanted to search for something that remained in the rooms.
 1. so we turned and left the place.
 2. we had to leave the car and go on foot.
 3. there was no way for anyone
 4. that's why we reached it with no difficulties
6. The class was still. The pupils were writing. It was so quiet that Nelly could hear _____. It was unnatural in such a class, always noisy and restless.
 1. the boys shouting at the last row.
 2. the sparrows cooing outside
 3. the fly buzzing at the window
 4. the teacher explain the new topic.
7. Believe me or not, that man over there was once a soldier of fortune and retired _____. He insisted that it was not serious, but the commission never listened.
 1. when the government changed
 2. after the president had been killed
 3. at the age of 37.
 4. after being wounded in a battle.
8. The greater changes will be made in the city when the financial situation _____. It was the mayor's idea of the city development.
 1. will turn to the better
 2. improves
 3. makes a turn to the left
 4. would elect a new government
9. At the end of the dinner it suddenly struck her that she had been talking entirely of herself and her own interests. _____, but she suspected that Eric had guided the conversation in this direction.
 1. She was always glad to do it with him,
 2. It was such a nice dinner of fish and vegetables,
 3. Mrs. Evans was just the person to speak to.
 4. She didn't know how she had been led to do this
10. He was, of course, the most outstanding personality in the field of Astronomy, _____. He was the one who found the traces of water on the surface of Callisto.
 1. nevertheless it was he who made his discovery.
 2. despite his numerous discoveries.
 3. due to the discoveries he made.
 4. accepting the discoveries of his friends.