

For questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

→ Example: 0

A on the way

B under way

C in the way

D by the way

EXAMS

It's the end of the school year and the exam period is (0) on the way. Undoubtedly, exams

(1) _____ pressure on both students and parents alike.

Most parents would like to see their children (2) _____ academically, as they believe a good education gives them an added advantage in life. They want to see their children settled in a rewarding job and be

(3) _____ well off. But is that what their children have planned for themselves? Apparently not.

Most students either can't think that far ahead or have no (4) _____ of doing so. They would rather aim low so as not to be disappointed if they get low marks.

However, child psychologists, who have been (5) _____ on the matter, stress that students should aim high, but at the same time have a(n) (6) _____ of other options. As a result, students will not have to worry about grades and in the long (7) _____ will have better chances of succeeding.

On the whole, there are many practical things that parents can do and which may prove invaluable to their children.

(8) _____ being people their children can (9) _____ to, parents can plan a reasonable schedule that both they and their children (10) _____ on. According to psychologists'

(11) _____, this schedule should include no more than eight hours of studying, three proper meals

a day and some exercise. Finally, prior to each exam, parents need to (12) _____ their children that everything will be fine whatever the result.

1	A force	B set	C put	D bring
2	A to succeed	B succeeding	C have succeeded	D been succeeding
3	A richly	B economically	C financially	D valuably
4	A intention	B demand	C opinion	D reaction
5	A consulted	B recommended	C suggested	D advised
6	A amount	B sum	C variety	D selection
7	A time	B run	C term	D process
8	A Nevertheless	B Apart from	C Instead of	D As far as
9	A turn	B communicate	C depend	D apply
10	A approve	B accept	C agree	D confirm
11	A clues	B instructions	C announcements	D directions
12	A ensure	B insure	C make sure	D reassure

Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer.

- I wasn't satisfied with the _____ I was getting, so I decided to quit my job.
a. allowance b. income
c. salary d. reward
- It was difficult to _____ the extent of the damage at first sight.
a. predict b. suppose
c. assume d. estimate
- We only had a few days _____, so we decided to go somewhere close.
a. available b. spare
c. ready d. handy
- The student _____ cheating on the test although her teacher caught her in the act.
a. denied b. refused
c. rejected d. resisted
- The third contestant managed to win _____ of the difficult questions.
a. except b. on behalf
c. regardless d. thanks
- Julie lost her _____ and started screaming at her colleagues.
a. contact b. temper
c. chance d. control
- As soon as I get paid, I will pay all my _____.
a. deposits b. sums
c. debts d. budgets
- We complained to the restaurant manager about the _____ service.
a. scarce b. insufficient
c. short d. inadequate
- Now that the children had grown up and were _____, she had a lot of free time.
a. independent b. engaged
c. incapable d. relevant
- I want to _____ that I turned off all the lights in the house, so I'll go back and check.
a. insure b. reassure
c. make sure d. inquire