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# Challenge 55

## Vocabulary

## Meetings

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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

- The two parties decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting till next month because they could not come to an agreement.  
(1) adjourn (2) prolong  
(3) suspend (4) boycott ( )
- Mr Tan was always \_\_\_\_\_ any suggestions made by Tom without giving them due consideration.  
(1) denying (2) reproving  
(3) repelling (4) dismissing ( )
- We are not allowed to discuss this matter as the information is highly \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) furtive (2) clandestine  
(3) intimate (4) confidential ( )
- An altercation broke out between the members, \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting about the en bloc sale of the property.  
(1) disputing (2) dispelling  
(3) disrupting (4) disparaging ( )
- During the discussion, members were able to share their opinions \_\_\_\_\_ without having to beat about the bush.  
(1) bluntly (2) plainly  
(3) forthrightly (4) voluntarily ( )

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

An ear-piercing scream shattered the calm of the dull afternoon in the National Museum. It was (6) clear to everyone in the meeting that it had come from the adjoining room.

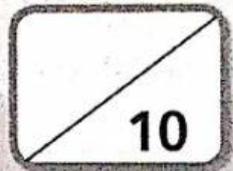
The custodians from all over the world had been (7) discussing the importance of conserving historical artefacts when the conversation was halted. Mr Lim, who was the head of the museum, had a (8) nagging fear. Strange (9) occurrences had taken place over the past month. The credible witnesses had given sworn testimonies that bore a (10) gripping similarity. Everyone approached the room hesitatingly wondering what lay in wait inside.

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| 6.  | (1) precise       | (2) evident      |     |
|     | (3) audible       | (4) explicit     | ( ) |
| 7.  | (1) examining     | (2) reviewing    |     |
|     | (3) addressing    | (4) deliberating | ( ) |
| 8.  | (1) niggling      | (2) irksome      |     |
|     | (3) irritating    | (4) troublesome  | ( ) |
| 9.  | (1) instances     | (2) situations   |     |
|     | (3) circumstances | (4) incidents    | ( ) |
| 10. | (1) rousing       | (2) enticing     |     |
|     | (3) riveting      | (4) bewitching   | ( ) |

# Challenge 56

## Vocabulary

## Parade



For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

- Pavilions were \_\_\_\_\_ with streamers and balloons, greatly enhancing the air of festivity.  
(1) festooned (2) enriched  
(3) accessorised (4) garnished ( )
- A great location to catch the fireworks display, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the National Day Parade, is The Promontory @ Marina Bay.  
(1) finale (2) termination  
(3) closure (4) outcome ( )
- The little girl was \_\_\_\_\_ by the spectacular floats and agile stilt walkers at the Chingay Parade.  
(1) cajoled (2) enticed  
(3) mesmerised (4) beguiled ( )
- For the Jubilee celebrations, the stadium was filled to \_\_\_\_\_ with spectators.  
(1) limit (2) bulk  
(3) volume (4) capacity ( )
- Our school team is training hard so that we can \_\_\_\_\_ the championship crown that we lost last year.  
(1) retain (2) renounce  
(3) reclaim (4) relinquish ( )

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It was the opening of the first Elephant Festival. Crowds (6) flanked both sides of the road to watch eighty elephants march down the road. They were colourfully (7) dressed in the national colours.

The elephants walked slowly, silently, with expressions of (8) infinite patience. Their handlers, in brown overalls and matching safari hats, looked solemnly ahead. The crowd (9) followed after them along the road. The (10) motivation for the festival was to encourage the locals not to see the animals as those which trampled through their villages, damaged their crops and destroyed their livelihood. It was hoped that through this, more people would see these animals in a new light.

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| 6.  | (1) lined      | (2) marked       |     |
|     | (3) surrounded | (4) bordered     | ( ) |
| 7.  | (1) attired    | (2) ornamented   |     |
|     | (3) furnished  | (4) embellished  | ( ) |
| 8.  | (1) countless  | (2) perpetual    |     |
|     | (3) boundless  | (4) interminable | ( ) |
| 9.  | (1) gushed     | (2) spurted      |     |
|     | (3) streamed   | (4) cascaded     | ( ) |
| 10. | (1) strategy   | (2) instigation  |     |
|     | (3) rationale  | (4) provocation  | ( ) |

# Challenge 57

## Vocabulary

## Rescue

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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

- Jeremy \_\_\_\_\_ himself for the cold as he jumped into the freezing pond to pull out the child.  
(1) flexed (2) propped  
(3) braced (4) hardened ( )
- In areas where the corals have been replanted, the ecosystems are experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) resilience (2) resurrection  
(3) resurgence (4) resuscitation ( )
- Daniel had to \_\_\_\_\_ for himself as there was no one to help him.  
(1) fend (2) thwart  
(3) safeguard (4) harbour ( )
- Relief organisations have brought emergency aid to the earthquake struck areas to \_\_\_\_\_ the suffering of the people affected.  
(1) alleviate (2) gratify  
(3) subsidise (4) placate ( )
- The SCDF officers used power tools to \_\_\_\_\_ the man trapped in his wrecked car after it collided into a tree.  
(1) detach (2) liberate  
(3) extricate (4) withdraw ( )

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

In a bid to save the sharks, environmentalists are encouraging people not to consume their fins. They have drawn attention to the (6) plight of sharks by showing pictures and video footages of the cruel act of 'finning'. It involves fishermen (7) cutting off the fins of sharks while they are still alive. They then throw the creatures back into the sea to die a slow, (8) painful death.

Unfortunately, the demand for shark fins has continued to grow as Asian societies become increasingly (9) affluent. Furthermore, only a handful of countries have (10) imposed restrictions on the killing of sharks for their fins. If this continues, the future of sharks looks bleak.

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| 6.  | (1) status    | (2) reputation  |     |
|     | (3) sphere    | (4) predicament | ( ) |
| 7.  | (1) splitting | (2) rupturing   |     |
|     | (3) severing  | (4) wrenching   | ( ) |
| 8.  | (1) piercing  | (2) intense     |     |
|     | (3) harrowing | (4) agonising   | ( ) |
| 9.  | (1) lush      | (2) prosperous  |     |
|     | (3) luxuriant | (4) comfortable | ( ) |
| 10. | (1) inflicted | (2) dictated    |     |
|     | (3) enforced  | (4) appointed   | ( ) |