TEST 2

1 The extracts below from a student essay have a number of commas and apostrophes missing. Add punctuation where necessary.

The world is facing an energy crisis and undoubtedly one of the keys to tackling this problem is for everyone to use less energy. This solution sounds simple. It isnt however as straightforward as it first seems. ...

Firstly we need to consider the costs for the individual involved in trying to save energy. We could look for example at ways of insulating homes. Many measures such as roof insulation and double-glazing are often expensive to install. Moreover many poor people live in old houses which arent as easy to keep warm as newer buildings. ...

Secondly its much easier for governments of rich countries to introduce regulations for industry without their economies suffering. However for a developing country which is trying to expand its economy, there are much greater risks. ...

In conclusion we can say that we will all have to reduce the amount of energy we use in the future. However important this aim is, though, we need to remember that some will inevitably need help to achieve energy efficiency targets.

2 Underline the best word or phrase to complete each sentence.

1 I would be grateful *when/if/whether* you could confirm the booking in writing.
2 What's the best way to deal with a patient *who's/whose/who* behaving aggressively?
3 It's important to start saving towards a pension now so that you're financially secure *if/as/when* you retire.
4 Please don't hesitate to contact me *if/that/whether* you have any questions.
5 I don't know yet *if/that/whether* or not I'll be able to come.
6 Cheap airlines have brought benefits. *Such as/For example/Like*, foreign travel is no longer only for the rich.
7 The bank has announced that it will close 50 of *it's/their/its* 800 branches.
8 MPs will debate *if/about/whether* to change the age limit for buying cigarettes.

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3 Rewrite the sentences below adding the phrase in brackets in an appropriate place. Don't forget any necessary punctuation.

1 Going by train is slower than flying. (*of course*)
Going by train ..... than flying.

2 For many people these rises will cause real difficulties. (*especially single parents*)
For many ..... real difficulties.

3 There are alternatives to surgery for some patients. (*however*)
There are ..... for some patients.

4 For some people compost bins are not feasible. (*such as those in flats*)
For some ..... not feasible.

5 There are a number of precautions we would recommend. (*therefore*)
There are ..... recommend.

6 All of us are responsible for cutting emissions. (*to a certain extent*)
All of us ..... cutting emissions.

7 Old people are more vulnerable to such infections. (*for instance*)
Old people ..... such infections.

8 Such delays are unavoidable. (*unfortunately*)
Such ..... unavoidable.

4 Use the words from the box to complete the advice below. Use one word in each gap and use each word only once.

when	like	if	whether
however	obviously	its	it's

Considering a gap year abroad?

First, you need to decide (1)..... you want to spend the year travelling or working in another country. This will, (2)....., depend partly on your budget.

(3)..... tempting to just relax and enjoy some time off after all the stress of exams. (4)....., working in a country will enable you to learn more about (5)..... people and culture and, ultimately, gain more from the experience. It will also look good on your CV (6)..... you get back!

(7)..... you do plan to work while you're away, you'll need to check visa and work permit rules for the country you're visiting. For many countries, (8)..... the US, it's vital to sort out the paperwork before you go. Check our website for more details.

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