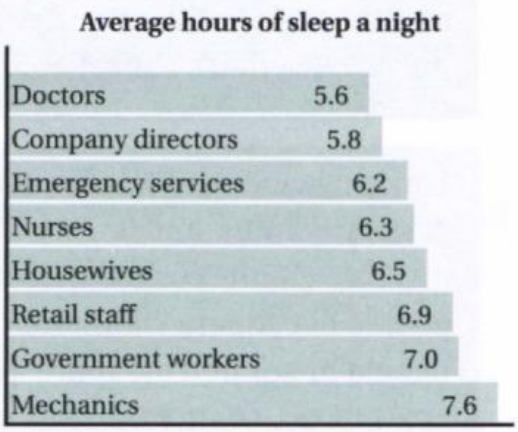
TEST 6

1 Underline the best words or phrases to complete the text below.

Does the (1) *amount/number* of time you spend in bed affect your performance in the office? According to a recent survey, insomniacs miss an average of 5.8 days a year from work. Good sleepers, (2) *on the contrary/in contrast*, miss only 2.4 days on average. This chart (3) *contrasts/compares* the average (4) *number/proportion* of hours sleep a night for people in different professions. Mechanics get the most sleep, with 7.6 hours per night, (5) *in contrast to/in contrast* doctors and company directors, who sleep for less than 6 hours. Shift workers such as nurses and members of the emergency services, unsurprisingly, get relatively little sleep (6) *in comparison with/comparing to* those in nine-to-five jobs. How stressful your job is could also affect the (7) *amount/number* of sleep you get, with one in five insomniacs blaming work pressures for their sleeplessness. The figures suggest that government employees are good sleepers (8) *compared to/compares to* private sector workers, so perhaps job security plays a role as well.



2 Match the two halves of the sentences.

1 The sample contained an equal number of	damage to the environment.
2 They are expected to make a certain number of	space available.
3 The job involves a fair amount of	players in each team.
4 There is only a limited amount of	boys and girls.
5 We try to cause the minimum amount of	travelling.
6 There are the same number of	calls per hour.

3 Rewrite the sentences using the word in brackets without changing it.

1 Spain has a relatively low crime rate compared with other European countries.
(*comparison*) Spain has .....

2 The average life expectancy of someone living in Mozambique is only 31 years compared with 78 years in the UK, 79 in France and nearly 81 in Japan.
(*contrast*) The average life expectancy of someone living in Mozambique is only 31 years .....

3 Mountain biking and track cycling are completely different.
(*no comparison*) There .....

4 Many people have compared them to the Beatles.
(*comparison*) Many people have .....

5 Most European students receive some funding. In the USA, however, students work their way through college.
(*hand*) Most European students receive some funding. .....

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4 Edit the excerpts below, correcting any mistakes.

Taxpayers in Belgium pay a large proportion of their income in tax in comparison between other EU countries. The average worker pays 55.6% of their income in tax comparing with only 29.7% in the UK. The proportion paid by Irish workers is only 25.8%, that's almost half compared to workers in Germany.

London stands out from other parts of the UK in several respects. It has by far the greatest population density with an average of 4,726 people per square kilometre in 2004. On the contrary, Scotland has the lowest population density, with only 65 people per square kilometre. Compared between those living in other regions, people in London are more likely to live alone. London is also home to the highest amount of people from non-white ethnic groups – 29 percent of its population, compaired with 8 percent for the UK as a whole.

5 Choose the best adjective from the box to complete the sentences. Use each word only once. Not all of the adjectives are used.

enormous	low	small	certain	fair	direct	equal
marked	big	same	stark	large	limited	increasing

1 There isn't sufficient detail available for all sectors to make a ..... comparison.
2 An ..... number of public phones now also accept credit cards.
3 Wanaka's laid-back atmosphere stands in ..... contrast to the bustle of nearby Queenstown.
4 There are only a ..... number of places still available.
5 A standard measure of wine, spirit or beer contains the ..... amount of alcohol – 100ml.
6 A ..... comparison is only possible where all the external factors are the same.
7 They were not equipped to cope with such a ..... number of people.
8 The film has generated an ..... amount of media interest.
9 The top fifth of families received 47 percent of the total income. The lowest fifth, in ..... contrast, received 3.4 percent.
10 The building work is bound to cause a ..... amount of disruption.

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