Unit test 5

1 Complete the sentences with *a/an*, *the* or no article (–).

1 Unfortunately, we usually only get to see my sister Pamela and her partner Stuart twice _a_ year, as they live in Kirkwall, the capital of the Orkney Islands.
2 _____ beautiful and romantic city of _____ Paris, which boasts a population of over twelve million inhabitants, is situated on _____ River Seine in _____ France.
3 Where's _____ cat gone? I haven't seen it for hours. Is it in _____ garden or upstairs?
4 I'm really sorry to tell you this but Uncle Horace is in _____ hospital for _____ operation. We should be able to go and visit him next week.
5 Alina and Victor support _____ charities for _____ poor and underprivileged.
6 Christopher's been working seven days _____ week for _____ last six months. He's going to have _____ heart attack if he's not careful.
7 My best friend and I decided to travel around _____ Central America for _____ year after we left _____ school. It was amazing!
8 Did you know that in our solar system _____ Mercury is _____ closest planet to _____ Sun?

2 Cross out the alternative that is <u>not</u> possible.

1 If you ask Joanne nicely, she *might/~~would~~/'ll* change her mind and accept your invitation.
2 *Unless/Providing/If* there are no delays at the airports, I should be home by 9p.m.
3 If you pay in cash, you *get/will get/would get* a five percent discount on the price of the car.
4 Imagine you *were to win/would win/won* the competition, what do you think you would do next?
5 If you tell them you work for the local radio station, you *shouldn't/will/won't* have any problems getting tickets.
6 They *won't/might not/wouldn't* catch the 8.35 train unless they leave right now.
7 If she gets lost, she *should/'ll/'d* stop and ask someone for directions.
8 If you go to the sales today, you *can/'ll/wouldn't* get some great reductions.
9 I *might go/'d go/went* to the gym every day if I had more free time.
10 *If/Suppose/As long as* he asked her out, what *would/did/should* she say?

3 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

1 I'm pleased to announce that newly introduced employee benefits have had a positive _____ on staff morale.
a) <u>effect</u> **b)** harm **c)** damage
2 The new legislation has completely _____ the way in which companies must secure personal data.
a) adjusted **b)** transformed **c)** enabled
3 Surprisingly, it only took Jack a few weeks to _____ to his new role as area manager.
a) enable **b)** revolutionise **c)** adjust
4 Ian's current line of research is to determine the extent to which mobile phones _____ the hearing of phone users.
a) effect **b)** harm **c)** transform
5 Clara has _____ to her new circumstances after only a matter of months.
a) enabled **b)** transformed **c)** adapted
6 It's hard to comprehend why so many people seem unconcerned about how their actions do _____ to the environment.
a) adapt **b)** effect **c)** damage

4 Complete the words in the sentences.

1 The communication **b** <u>r e a k d o w n</u> occurred because neither side was prepared to make the first move in the negotiations.
2 According to lead economists, the **o** _ _ _ _ _ _ for the country's economy is looking very stable for the coming year.
3 The only real **d** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of the proposed restructuring is that some staff will lose their jobs and have to be made redundant.
4 The recent discovery of a new medicine capable of fighting major infections has been a radical **b** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ for the team.
5 The **t** _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ for keeping the business afloat during the worst of the recession was that employees would have to face a pay cut.
6 The **o** _ _ _ _ _ _ of the review demonstrated that company protocol had not been adhered to during the negotiations.

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5 Underline the correct alternative.

1 A true entrepreneur has a real gift for spotting business opportunities and can always *see/ advertise* a gap in the market.

2 When a rival company *raised/launched* an identical product to ours, we swiftly took legal action against them.

3 If you *reduce/increase* your prices, your profit margins will rise because you'll sell more units but at a lower price – it's all a question of economies of scale.

4 Jeff's company folded after the first year of trading, having failed to successfully *promote/ break into* the market as a result of a poor marketing strategy.

5 When a leading sports personality agreed to *endorse/dominate* our new energy drink, we knew we'd hit the jackpot.

6 At our product meeting, it was suggested that we *entered/set* a more realistic time period for the production of our prototype.

6 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are three extra words you do not need.

combine	come up with	developed
brilliant	go with	predictable
~~reject~~	struck	unrealistic

1 I knew my boss would *reject* my idea if I was the one to put it forward so I asked a colleague to propose it instead.
2 After much discussion, we decided to Marta's proposal on how to market the new brand in Asia.
3 The idea of opening a themed restaurant based on Tolkien's literary creations _____ Josh in the middle of the night.
4 Mel's hadn't taken any of the practicalities on board when she came up the idea of climbing Everest without any support or training. It was a completely _____ idea and simply wasn't achievable.
5 Max's tutor was impressed with his project proposal and suggested he _____ his ideas further and created a business plan.
6 When told to tackle the company's high rate of staff turnover, Seb struggled to _____ a practical solution.

7 Complete the conversation with the words and phrases in the box.

be great if	could be	~~do you feel~~
grab me	How does	Let's go
my first choice	on the wrong track	
sounds like	Suppose	What about

A: So, how [1]*do you feel* about the two properties we've viewed today?
B: Well, I have to admit, the first one doesn't really [2]_____ and it wouldn't be [3]_____ – that's for sure. I mean, it's a nice enough house but it's too far out of town and the public transport is almost non-existent, so I don't think it'd be practical for the children.
A: [4]_____ the second one, then? I know it's a bit small and needs a bit of work doing to it but it'd [5]_____ we could fix it up and get an extension built.
B: Mmm… well, that's a great idea in theory but I think we're [6]_____ here. Renovating a property and then extending it too would take a lot of time and cost a fortune. That [7]_____ a real problem for us. [8]_____ we simply look for a property that fits the bill, needs no repairs and is either closer to town or on a good bus route?
A: Ok, you're right. [9]_____ with that idea and just carry on house hunting until we find the one we really want.
B: Perfect. [10]_____ the idea of expanding our search area sound?
A: That [11]_____ a great idea! After all, if we're not finding what we like near Tonbridge perhaps we should broaden our horizons and also look around the Wells area…

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