

Unit 7

A Complete the text with the correct form of the words in brackets.

When you think of the ¹ _____ (industry) revolution, one name that always comes to mind is that of Henry Ford. His pioneering techniques ² _____ (revolution) the whole manufacturing ³ _____ (proceed). Ford is best known for the invention of the ⁴ _____ (assemble) line. This rapidly brought the cost of manufacturing a car down to a ⁵ _____ (fractional) of what it originally was, but he is rumoured to have had some other great ideas as well. Certain 'reports' have been circulated on social media that he had a whole team of people who were paid NOT to work! Operating on the ⁶ _____ (assume) that people need monetary ⁷ _____ (motivate) to work hard, he came up with a ground-breaking idea. Apparently, he decided that workers on the ⁸ _____ (maintain) team would get paid only for the time they spent in the resting lounge! These were the people who were responsible for ensuring the smooth ⁹ _____ (operate) of all the machinery. Whenever a piece of equipment broke down, they would be called out to repair it. During this time, they ¹⁰ _____ (automatic) stopped getting paid until the machines were repaired and they returned to the lounge. This ensured enhanced levels of ¹¹ _____ (produce) as everyone worked quickly in order to return to the lounge. At the same time, they made sure everything was working ¹² _____ (proper) to avoid getting called out again any time soon. If all this was true, it could be regarded as stroke of genius. Don't you agree?

B Complete the sentences with these words.

button edge engine printer recycle science stick wheel wires years

- 1 In this school, they use cutting _____ technology, such as interactive whiteboards in the classrooms.
- 2 So you accidentally deleted some files. I'm sure our IT expert can retrieve them; there's no need to push the panic _____ at every little mishap.
- 3 What do you mean you don't know how to use a smartphone? My ten year-old brother can do it; it's not rocket _____.
- 4 We're thinking of getting a laser _____ for the office; they're so much more efficient.
- 5 I'll just copy these files onto a memory _____ so I can take them with me to work on at home.
- 6 Mark is a pioneer in his field; his research is light _____ ahead of everyone else's in the department.
- 7 I can never seem to communicate with Sandy about anything; we always seem to get our _____ crossed.
- 8 There's no need to reinvent the _____ for every new project; we can just use what we've already got.
- 9 Which search _____ do you usually use to find information on the internet?
- 10 If you run this clean-up program it will send all the desk top icons you don't use to the _____ bin.

C Choose the correct answers.

- 1 I'll be able to get you the hardware you need on time ___ you place the order before next Wednesday.
a as long as b if only c unless
- 2 If only I ___ afford a better tablet.
a will b would c could
- 3 ___ Karen's invaluable help, I would never have been able to set up this computer.
a Provided b Not only c But for
- 4 I wish I ___ go to work tomorrow; I'd much rather go to the beach.
a don't have to b didn't have to c wouldn't have to
- 5 You will soon get the hang of the new technology ___ you use it every day.
a provided b unless c but for
- 6 The lights went off and my computer screen went blank. ___ did I realise that I hadn't saved any of the files I had been working on all day.
a Not only b Only then c Not once

- 7 We'd better get someone to repair the modem right away, ___ we won't have internet access all through the weekend.
a supposing b provided c otherwise
- 8 ___ you were stranded on a desert island; which technological device would you want to have with you?
a Supposing b If only c Provided

D Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 Little _____ (we / know) that a virus had corrupted all our files.
- 2 I wish _____ (he / not / be) late every time we ask him to a meeting.
- 3 If only _____ (you / tell) us about the problem earlier.
- 4 Seldom _____ (I / feel) so helpless as at that moment.
- 5 As long as you follow my instructions, _____ (you / be) able to download the application.
- 6 _____ (you / encounter) any problems, you can call the IT department for help.
- 7 Supposing your application was turned down, what _____ (you / do)?
- 8 Just give me a minute to finish this email and _____ (I / help) you with your report.
- 9 No sooner _____ (I / finish) writing up my proposal, that the manager told me he wouldn't be needing it after all.
- 10 I wish I _____ (I / know) how to install this software myself. I'll have to find a technician.