Unit 5

A Complete the sentences with a preposition.

1 He came last in the qualifying race, although _____ his credit he did make a tremendous effort.
2 _____ all likelihood we'll be away this weekend, as we're hoping to go to a musical in London.
3 Presentation and coordination are _____ the utmost importance in synchronised swimming.
4 I know he's very charismatic and friendly, but don't get sucked _____ by his act.
5 _____ retrospect, I might have preferred to have become a dancer.
6 After failing his first year at university, he turned _____ a new leaf and became a very good student.
7 Usain was stripped _____ one of his medals after his relay team was disqualified.
8 Don't blow your chances _____ being offered the job just because you forgot to clean your shoes!
9 As he felt his leg break, the gymnast knew his hopes of a medal had gone _____ the drain.
10 She tried to pick _____ the pieces after her world was turned upside-down, but it wasn't easy.
11 Try not to get caught _____ in Darren's crazy plans – they never work out.
12 Álvaro fell in _____ the local cartel and he never spoke to us again.

B Complete the sentences with these words.

back	backbone	bleak	chance	chances	corner	criticism
rough	setback	spots	towel	track		

1 Getting good qualifications should put you on the fast _____ to a bright future.
2 Although they came from a fairly _____ neighbourhood, it didn't stop them becoming huge stars.
3 Generally speaking, he does not respond well to _____ - not a quality I admire in him.
4 She is rather a weak character; she lacks _____.
5 Try not to let this _____ put you off; 'into every life a little rain must fall' as they say.
6 You'll be looking at a _____ future if you don't leave school with good grades.
7 I'm the eternal optimist; I always believe brighter times are just around the _____.
8 He was mean and callous as a boy, and he's mean and callous now. A leopard never changes its _____.
9 You might blow your _____ if you don't call her now.
10 We've worked too hard to throw in the _____ now.
11 You have enough determination, so what's holding you _____?
12 Do you think he stands any _____ of winning?

C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 Supposing you _____ (want) to be famous, how would you achieve it?
2 If he _____ (ask) for your phone number, might you have given it to him?
3 You're unlikely ever to be successful unless you _____ (be) willing to work very hard.
4 He _____ (only ever / give) up if all his hopes were dashed.
5 If you think you don't deserve the job, you _____ (put) yourself down.
6 _____ (you / still / love) me even if I can't afford to buy you a birthday present?
7 As long as you arrive punctually, we _____ (be) able to get a drink before the film.
8 It remains to be seen whether they _____ (solve) the problem quickly or not.
9 I _____ (not tell) the truth if I said I wasn't scared right now.

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D **Complete the second sentence so that the meaning is similar to the first. Use the words in bold.**

1 I would have made you something different if you'd told me you're a vegetarian.
known
Had _____, I would have made you something different.

2 My younger brother would choose Florida for our holiday, if it were up to him to decide.
decision
Were _____, he would choose Florida for our holiday.

3 Excuse me making a suggestion, but we really ought to include Jack in our plans.
think
If I might _____, should keep Jack in the loop.

4 He made a very unwise choice and now he regrets it.
such
If he hadn't _____ it now.

5 Of course she feels pessimistic! You always dash her hopes.
will
If you _____ bound to feel pessimistic.

6 Of course we'll be fine if everyone makes an effort.
provided
We're sure _____ an effort.

7 You'll need to bring some food if you're planning to bring your crowd with you.
going
If your _____ sure you bring more food.

8 If we assume you've studied everything and you go to bed early, you'll definitely pass.
can't
As long as you've studied everything and you don't go to bed early, _____.

E **Circle the best answer.**

1 **If / Whether** his TV series is a failure or not, he still won't lose much money in the end.
2 I can lend you my bike, **should / were** you need it.
3 **If you / Let's supposing you** had a million pounds in the bank, would you still want to study?
4 If you were to ask Jenny about her parents' jobs, she **will / might** not want to tell you much.
5 **If you may / Were you to** want to study Maths at university, I know a woman who can help you.
6 He wouldn't be able to visit us unless we **gave / had given** him a letter for immigration.
7 If they're going to release him, why **don't / will** they release him now?
8 We wouldn't **be / have been** here now if we hadn't persevered for all those years.

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