Examination Practice

A Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

PROBLEMS CAUSED BY CARS



Living in a modern world may have its advantages but it also has its disadvantages. One disadvantage of the modern way of life which stands (1) _____ from the rest is the negative influence cars have (2) _____ the environment. Today, all developed societies face a (3) _____ range of problems caused by cars and (4) _____ vehicles. These include air and noise pollution, (5) _____ traffic and the evergrowing number of roads in our cities. Major cities around the world face considerable environmental damage (6) _____ of this and are in need of serious measures to reverse this trend.

How did we end (7) _____ with such a problem? There are no simple answers to this question and no serious effort has been made to find any either. It's about (8) _____ , however, that our generation got serious (9) _____ this issue. People must be willing to stand (10) _____ environmental groups and make any effort necessary to change the situation.

Many environmentalists believe that we could help by using our (11) _____ sense. Car pooling, for instance, could be a solution to the problem. This simple programme calls for people to share their car with fellow workers to and from work. A lot of interest has been shown in car pooling and other more ambitious programmes are planned for the future.

Our society as a whole must be in touch (12) _____ such issues, and we should all be willing to contribute and participate actively for the common interest.

B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given unchanged. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 You ought to return the money you owe.
back It is about _____ the money you owe.

2 We regret not having installed an alarm system.
wish We _____ an alarm system.

3 If you had heard him speak, you'd think he had studied the subject extensively.
if He spoke _____ the subject extensively.

4 Dennis doesn't feel like playing football today.
rather Dennis _____ football today.

5 It's a pity we can't visit the gallery.
only If _____ the gallery.

6 Julie doesn't like playing the guitar as much as she likes singing.
rather Julie prefers _____ the guitar.

7 Michael didn't want to spend his holidays in London, but in the end he did.
rather Michael _____ his holidays in London.

8 Please don't disappoint me this time.
let I'd rather you _____ this time.

9 I can't stand Ronnie complaining about everything.
wish I _____ about everything.

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