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Read the passage below and choose the correct option (A, B, or C) for each of the ten blanks.

By the time the archaeological expedition (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the remote canyon, they (2) \_\_\_\_\_ for nearly three grueling weeks through treacherous terrain. Dr. Aris Thorne, (3) \_\_\_\_\_ dedication to the project had sustained the team's morale, immediately set to work examining the weathered petroglyphs etched (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the canyon walls. These ancient markings, which experts previously (5) \_\_\_\_\_ off as random tribal graffiti, were now believed (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a sophisticated astronomical calendar.

Had the weather conditions (7) \_\_\_\_\_ slightly less unforgiving, the team might have uncovered these findings months earlier. Instead, they were forced to operate (8) \_\_\_\_\_ strict time constraints, knowing that the impending seasonal monsoons could wash away crucial stratigraphic evidence. Thorne insisted (9) \_\_\_\_\_ every single artifact cataloged meticulously before nightfall. Ultimately, the discovery surpassed (10) \_\_\_\_\_ expectations, reshaping our modern understanding of prehistoric indigenous civilizations.

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| <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b>            | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>       | <b>5</b>   |
| A) has reached        | A) have been hiking | A) whose   | A) on          | A) written |
| B) reached            | B) had been hiking  | B) whom    | B) into        | B) brushed |
| C) had reached        | C) were hiking      | C) who's   | C) across      | C) ticked  |
| <b>6</b>              | <b>7</b>            | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>       | <b>10</b>  |
| A) representing       | A) been             | A) under   | A) on          | A) every   |
| B) to represent       | B) were             | B) within  | B) that        | B) all     |
| C) having represented | C) had been         | C) through | C) upon having | C) any     |