ADVANCED ENGLISH WORKSHEET
HALLOWEEN, IDIOMS & PERFECT ASPECT

Read the text and complete gaps (1–10) using the expressions from the word bank.
Use each expression only once. You may need to adjust its grammatical form.

Word Bank

dire circumstances | hunkered down | macabre imagery | sweet tooth | household names burgeoning field | go the extra mile | steeply priced | purveyor | copious amounts

During the late autumn of 1918, the world was facing (1) _____ caused by the devastation of the Great War and the raging influenza pandemic. Thousands of soldiers were (2) _____ in damp trenches across the Western Front, facing unimaginable hardship. Before this era, Halloween festivities had centred mostly on autumn parades, night-time pranks and (3) _____ such as ghosts, skeletons and other frightening figures. However, Americans had long held a reputation for having a (4) _____, enjoying homemade caramels and local confections.

When the United States entered the conflict in 1917, confectionery companies decided to (5) _____ by supplying sweets to soldiers stationed overseas. Some manufacturers worked closely with military suppliers to ensure that candy bars reached the front lines.

The (6) _____ of nutritional science was still developing, and researchers were beginning to investigate the role of sugar in providing energy. Although imported chocolate was often (7) _____, military canteens managed to find reliable suppliers. They contracted every major European (8) _____ of confectionery products.

During their deployment, troops consumed (9) _____ of chocolate bars. When veterans returned home, their taste for manufactured sweets helped boost the confectionery industry. Several companies eventually became (10) _____, shaping the modern candy market.

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Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

The Evolution of the Candy Industry

Halloween (1) _____ (BECOME) one of the most commercially successful celebrations in the United States. Historians (2) _____ (EXAMINE) its origins for decades, trying to understand how ancient traditions developed into the modern celebration. By the time Halloween became a popular community event, people (3) _____ (ALREADY / DEVELOP) many customs involving costumes, decorations and sweets.

Before mass-produced candy became widely available, local confectioners (4) _____ (SELL) homemade sweets for generations. Since then, major companies (5) _____ (INTRODUCE) hundreds of new products and flavours.

Some candy brands (6) _____ (BECOME) household names, while manufacturers (7) _____ (EXPERIMENT) with new ingredients and production methods for years. However, concerns about nutrition have also increased. Health experts (8) _____ (WARN) consumers about excessive sugar consumption for decades. Before nutritional information became widely available, many people (9) _____ (NOT / CONSIDER) the long-term effects of eating large quantities of sweets.

Nowadays, manufacturers (10) _____ (INVEST) heavily in healthier alternatives. By 2035, researchers (11) _____ (STUDY) the effects of artificial sweeteners for many years, and companies (12) _____ (DEVELOP) even more innovative products. Interestingly, by next Halloween, one major confectionery company (13) _____ (PRODUCE) chocolate bars for exactly 100 years. Whether traditional sweets will remain popular is difficult to predict, but the industry certainly has a sweet future ahead.

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Each sentence contains one grammatical error. Identify the mistake and rewrite the sentence correctly.

- Three years ago, I have been to Germany on a cultural exchange.

Correction: _____

- Tourism is a word that is being used for the last 50 years.

Correction: _____

- In England last year, I was able to appreciate things I have never seen in my entire life.

Correction: _____

- The noise levels have been measured in our suburb the other day and were found to be excessive.

Correction: _____

- All these years I'm practising basketball, I'm trying to become a better player.

Correction: _____

- When you will have bought your train tickets, you should validate them in the blue machine.

Correction: _____

- Supposing they would have got married, wouldn't they have grown tired of each other eventually?

Correction: _____

- I have been knowing my dentist for more than ten years.

Correction: _____

- By next June, she will be working here for ten years.

Correction: _____

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