1 Choose the best answer

Choose A, B, C or D to complete each sentence.

1. Children under five are _____ from paying the entrance fee.

A. deprived **B.** exempt **C.** devoid **D.** expelled

2. Despite repeated setbacks, her _____ eventually enabled her to complete the project.

A. preeminence **B.** perpetuation **C.** perseverance **D.** predisposition

3. The waterproof lining prevents water _____ through the cracks into the basement.

A. fleeing **B.** discharge **C.** transmission **D.** seepage

4. Travelling with one small bag, we packed only the _____ essentials.

A. bare **B.** slight **C.** scant **D.** raw

5. After the inspection, the building was _____ unsafe for public use.

A. deemed **B.** entitled **C.** conceived **D.** deduced

6. The manager is responsible for _____ the work and ensuring that standards are met.

A. overtaking **B.** overlooking **C.** overseeing **D.** overloading

7. The faulty engine ran _____, speeding up and slowing down without warning.

A. explicitly **B.** justifiably **C.** erratically **D.** loosely

8. During the interview, she _____ the events of her childhood in remarkable detail.

A. denoted **B.** recounted **C.** disseminated **D.** acclaimed

9. I _____ deleted the file while trying to move it to another folder.

A. innately **B.** intensively **C.** inadvertently **D.** infinitely

10. A lack of evidence does not necessarily _____ the possibility that a crime occurred.

A. elude **B.** delude **C.** protrude **D.** preclude

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2 Complete the sentences

Use the items in the box. Four are extra. Use each answer once.

turned away • hit the sack • blow off steam • up in the air • cut off • pushed back • came around • gave in • fell through • pulled out • ruled out • break the ice • make amends • on hand

1. Investigators have _____ engine failure because all the mechanical checks were normal.

2. The storm has _____ the electricity supply to several villages.

3. The sale _____ when the buyer could not obtain a loan, so the house is back on the market.

4. After refusing for weeks, she finally _____ and agreed to their request.

5. The sponsor _____ of the project after its costs doubled.

6. Keep a first-aid kit _____ so that it is available immediately in an emergency.

7. After a stressful day, a long run helps him _____ and release his frustration.

8. I can barely keep my eyes open. I am going to _____ and get some sleep.

9. He offered to pay for the damage in an attempt to _____ for what he had done.

10. The host started with a light-hearted game to _____ and help the guests feel comfortable.

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3 Match the words to their meanings

Write the correct letter beside each word. Two meanings are extra.

1. on the map ___	**A.** happen as a consequence of something else
2. in the bag ___	**B.** a force or influence that encourages progress
3. trigger ___	**C.** unpredictably or without a regular pattern
4. impetus ___	**D.** well known or recognised as important
5. restriction ___	**E.** become involved to stop or change a situation
6. deterrent ___	**F.** something that discourages a particular action
7. contravene ___	**G.** a tendency to develop a condition or behaviour
8. ensue ___	**H.** something that causes an event or reaction to begin
9. intervene ___	**I.** speak to someone on another person's behalf
10. intercede ___	**J.** a rule or condition that limits what is allowed
	K. act against a law, rule or agreement
	L. certain to be achieved or won

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