1 Choose the best answer

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

1. The dispute was finally _____ after both parties accepted the mediator's proposal.

A. restricted **B.** revived **C.** resolved **D.** reversed

2. The island's economy is _____ dependent on tourism, which provides most local jobs.

A. domestically **B.** predominantly **C.** specifically **D.** profusely

3. Despite years of economic growth, thousands of families still live in _____ poverty.

A. abject **B.** thorough **C.** painstaking **D.** mere

4. The viral campaign led to a sudden _____ in demand, with orders doubling overnight.

A. uprising **B.** upsurge **C.** uptake **D.** upkeep

5. Completing the expedition involved an _____ trek across steep, rocky terrain.

A. adept **B.** resilient **C.** overt **D.** arduous

6. After years of investment, the company is finally _____ the benefits of staff training.

A. reaping **B.** intercepting **C.** seizing **D.** assembling

7. The estate was _____ furnished, with silk curtains, marble floors and antique chandeliers.

A. lavishly **B.** abundantly **C.** bountifully **D.** prolifically

8. The contract will _____ that all payments must be made within thirty days.

A. stipulate **B.** oblige **C.** compel **D.** impose

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2 Complete the sentences

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

in an ivory tower • stand out • bear with • in their element • pay off • stand down • set down • stand for • hold off • in their prime • in good standing • stand by

1. Investors may _____ buying shares until the results of the investigation are published.

2. Before we begin, we should _____ the agreed procedures in writing.

3. She used the bonus to _____ the outstanding balance on her loan.

4. Please _____ us while we transfer your records to the new system.

5. The letters CEO _____ Chief Executive Officer.

6. Even when others questioned his innocence, his closest friends promised to _____ him.

7. After twenty years as chairperson, she has decided to _____ and let someone else lead.

8. A clear, original argument will help your application _____ from the hundreds received.

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3 Match the words to their meanings

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

1. setback ___	**A.** a gradual decrease or deterioration
2. letup ___	**B.** an unlucky event or minor accident
3. mishap ___	**C.** the folded and sewn edge of a piece of clothing
4. recap ___	**D.** loss of a job because the position is no longer needed
5. redundancy ___	**E.** a problem that delays or reverses progress
6. recovery ___	**F.** the outer circular edge of a cup or wheel
7. decline ___	**G.** something that draws attention away from a task
8. distraction ___	**H.** a reduction in the intensity of something
	I. a return to a normal or improved condition
	J. a brief summary of the main points

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