

Review 9

TASK 1 Read the text below and decide which answers A, B, C or D best fits each gap.

SXSW

The South by Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas, is one of the largest festivals of its kind in the world, with the number of 1 _____ in recent years 2 _____ 2,000 performers. Commonly written as SXSW, the festival 3 _____ in 1987 and took its name from the famous Hitchcock film *North by Northwest* as a play on words. The festival's 4 _____ was created from the desire of local organisers to feature bands who play outside of 5 _____ music, who instead play alternative music, a genre that matches the musical 6 _____ of many Austinites. The festival began with a somewhat 7 _____, easy-going feel that is characteristic of Austin, but as the festival has drawn more attention over the years, the pace has become quite busy and 8 _____, to the delight of organisers. Also pleased are the performers, as some musicians who played in SXSW soon found themselves under 9 _____ with major record 10 _____ after giving talented, 11 _____ performances. The festival's success has been a major boon for the city of Austin, as the event attracts important industry people as well as spectators, all of whom descend on the city for ten days, doing much to 12 _____ the local economy.

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| 1. A commissions | B exhibitions | C subjects | D participants |
| 2. A exceeding | B erasing | C catering | D demanding |
| 3. A covered | B debuted | C copied | D listed |
| 4. A concept | B controversy | C movement | D landscape |
| 5. A background | B lead | C front | D mainstream |
| 6. A feelings | B tastes | C sights | D sounds |
| 7. A reasonable | B unsophisticated | C sedentary | D relaxed |
| 8. A pricey | B hectic | C provincial | D solitary |
| 9. A approval | B harmony | C contract | D display |
| 10. A labels | B lyrics | C verses | D beats |
| 11. A energetic | B highbrow | C fragile | D formative |
| 12. A mushroom | B stimulate | C boast | D endeavour |

TASK 2 Read the text below. Complete the text by writing one word in each gap.

Napping

We know sleep is an activity we can't do _____, yet we let our hectic lifestyles wear us _____ until we can't rise from bed in the morning. We know _____ longer we go without sleep, the more likely we are to have an accident, and when that happens, we've hit rock _____. It's safe to _____ that too many people have come up _____ this problem. But there's no need for us to run ourselves into the _____ over a lack of sleep. Now it seems as _____ people are bouncing _____ from this sleepless torture by taking mid-day naps. Some may think it makes them look lazy to the boss, but employers these days aren't as old-fashioned _____ we might expect, and _____ ideas as napping at work are catching on. It's been proven _____ researchers that a mid-day nap increases productivity, and more employers are _____ their tune

about the practice. So if you're lacking sleep, don't _____ in the towel just yet. Keep your head _____ water and hopefully the mid-day nap will be the routine at your workplace soon.

TASK 3 Think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.

There's a new theatre _____ this weekend – we should go!
I wasn't so pleased with the _____ act at the concert.
If you want to work at my company, there's a(n) _____ in the sales department.

If you look at this _____, you can see that the company's numbers are down.
Captain, you must _____ a new course soon – there's a storm coming from that direction.
Her single made it to the very top of the dance _____ in the UK last summer.

Those kids behave very badly because they are _____ by their parents.
Don't drink that milk – it's _____ and it will make you sick.
Lisa _____ our fun with her constant complaining about work.

Some farmers leave their work in the _____ for a job in the city.
The soldier was awarded a medal for his bravery on the _____ of battle.
I'm not familiar with this concept, as it's not in my _____ of study.

This is your third singing job this week? What a _____ of luck!
The painter used a long brush _____ to create clouds on the canvas.
If you _____ the back of a cat gently, it will likely make purring noises.

TASK 4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.

What I'd really like to hear is the sound of the last school bell.

EARS

To hear the sound of the last school bell _____.

This studio is lacking in places to sit and paint.

ENOUGH

There _____ and paint in the studio.

The stage curtains are in need of repairing.

BE

We _____ repaired.

People didn't attend the concert because it was so long.

AS

The concert was so _____ off from attending.

The tickets will cost more if you sit at the front.

EXPENSIVE

The closer we sit to the front, _____ be.

She asked the staff to put her paintings up at the gallery.

HAVING

She is _____ display at the gallery.

The event was cancelled due to lack of participants.

FEW

There _____ the event was cancelled.

People started arguing over the project because it was very confusing.

SO

It _____ people started arguing over it.