



PASSAGE 13

Read the passage and choose the correct answer.

Some hundred years ago there was no equality between men and women because people then considered to be the weaker sex. This prejudice (1) _____ women had its origin in the dawn of mankind's history when man lived in caves and went hunting for food. The task of food gathering and hunting needed (2) _____ strength of body.

Therefore, the best place for women was not in the forest, but at home where they could satisfactorily do their job, (3) _____ feeding their children and looking after them. Things have changed much since those early days. In modern life, more (4) _____ are needed, not more strength of the muscle. As a consequence, women play an increasingly important role in the modern society. They have proved (5) _____ that they are equal and often superior to men in almost every field.

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| 1. A. about | B. of | C. for | D. against |
| 2. A. vast | B. great | C. big | D. enormous |
| 3. A. simply | B. particularly | C. namely | D. basically |
| 4. A. brains | B. thoughts | C. minds | D. heads |
| 5. A. frequently | B. regularly | C. continually | D. repeatedly |



PASSAGE 14

Read the passage and choose the correct answer.

Many tourists who visit Central America find it surprising to learn that the Mayas still live there. Although it is true that their ancient civilization (1) _____ to an end when their country was taken over by the Spanish conquistadors, the Mayan people carried on living in the area. Today there are a(n) (2) _____ 1.2 million Mayas who live in southern Mexico, and many other areas of Central America states have large Mayan populations as well.

Many of their stories and art forms have remained unchanged (3) _____ time, and today, women weave clothing and carpets that have signs and symbols that are the same as those found in ancient temples. The different patterns and symbols on these brightly coloured clothes not only look attractive, but can also communicate important information such as marital (4) _____.

Even though the majority of the Mayas are now Catholic, many of the festivals that they take part in are a mixture of the old rituals that their (5) _____ used to practice and more modern Christian elements. It was perhaps the Mayas' ability to adapt and change that made it possible for them to survive to the present day.

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| 1. A. brought | B. came | C. put | D. placed |
| 2. A. expected | B. predicted | C. estimated | D. anticipated |
| 3. A. over | B. by | C. after | D. in |
| 4. A. position | B. status | C. standing | D. condition |
| 5. A. associates | B. relatives | C. descendants | D. ancestors |



PASSAGE 15

Read the passage and choose the correct answer.

I (1) _____ the advertisement in the local newspaper. I remember the interview as though it were yesterday. The personnel manager sat behind a large desk. He asked me (2) _____ questions which surprised me because all I wanted was to work in sales. An hour later, I was told that I got the job and was given a(n) (3) _____ to go over. I was to be trained for ten days before I took my post. Also, as a member of staff, I was entitled to some benefits, including discounts.

When I eventually started, I was responsible for the toy section. I really enjoyed it there. I was surprised at how friendly my (4) _____ were, too. They made working there fun, even when we had to deal with customers who (5) _____ on our nerves. On the whole, working there was a great experience which I will never forget.

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| 1. A. looked up | B. ran over | C. came across | D. made out |
| 2. A. diverse | B. range of | C. varied | D. various |
| 3. A. contract | B. agreement | C. deal | D. transaction |
| 4. A. workers | B. workforce | C. colleagues | D. employees |
| 5. A. put | B. got | C. kept | D. brought |