Exercise 1

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN (1770-1827)

Beethoven is widely regarded as one of the greatest composers in history. He gave his first public (119) _____ as a pianist when he was only 8 years old. He studied in Vienna (120) _____ the guidance of Mozart. By his mid-twenties he (121) _____ a name for himself as a great pianist known for unpredictable and brilliant improvisations. In 1796, Beethoven began losing his hearing. (122) _____ his illness, he involved himself 'in his work and (123) _____some of the greatest works of music. Beethoven's finest works are also the finest works of their kind in music history: the 9th Symphony, the 5th Piano Concerto, the Violin Concerto, the Late Quartets, and his Missa Solemnis. And he achieved all these despite being completely (124) _____ for the last 25 years or so of his life.

(Source: http://Listverse.com)

119. A. perform	B. performance	C. performing	D. performer
120. A. on	B. for	C. behind	D. under
121. A. had earned	B. earned	C. has earned	D. was earning
122. A. In case of	B. Instead of	C. In order to	D. In spite of
123. A. did	B. created	C. painted	D. learned
124. A. deaf	B. mute	C. blind	D. sick

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Exercise 2

THANKS A MILLION

Percy Ross was born in 1916 in Michigan. His parents has come to the USA from Latvia and Russia and the family were poor. But Percy soon showed a talent (125)_____ business and made a fortune in the fur trade and auction business. Then disaster struck and he (126) _____ all his money. But he soon made a fortune again – this time by (127) _____ plastic bags. In 1969, he sold his plastic bag company for millions of dollars. Ross started giving away in 1977: he gave $50,000 to 50 Vietnamese refugees so that they could make a new home in the USA. (128) _____ he held a Christmas party for 1,050 poor children in the American town of Minneapolis. Ross bought a bike for every one of the 1,050 children at the party.

After these first experiences of giving money away, Ross decided to do it on a (129) _____ basis. He started a newspaper column called 'Thanks a Million', and later a radio show, in order to give away his money. It took years, but Ross finally (130) _____ in giving away his entire fortune.

(Source: Solutions – Intermediate)

125. A. for	B. of	C. on	D. with
126. A. threw	B. wasted	C. lost	D. sent
127. A. manufacture	B. manufacturing	C. manufacturer	D. manufactured
128. A. But	B. Then	C. Yet	D. Though
129. A. frequent	B. usual	C. occasional	D. regular
130. A. interested	B. invested	C. succeeded	D. tried

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