

DAY 61. PRACTICE TEST

1 For questions 1–9, read the text below and think of the word that best fits each space. Use only **ONE** word in each space.

HARD ROAD TO SUCCESS

In today's music industry it is hard to (1) _____ out in the crowd but the band, Makeover Mayhem, seem to have done just that. They only got together a couple of months ago, but their first album, which was ready for downloading only a week ago, is already speeding up the charts. It looks as if they are (2) _____ to become the biggest success story of the year. If this continues, they stand (3) _____ reach number one and make their fortunes. Their music harks (4) _____ to the early rock and roll of the fifties and the reason (5) _____ their success is probably due to two main things: first, the modern twist which they have put on rock and roll music and, secondly, the wave of nostalgia that seems to be sweeping through the music-buying public.

(6) _____ sharp contrast to the band, Josh Logan is an actor who has been struggling for years to make a name for himself. But, finally, he has just finished his first lead role in a film at the age of 32. Although he loves working on films, he finds it difficult to tap into the emotional (7) _____ required when the scenes do not follow on from each other as they do in a stage play. The film (8) _____ to have been released in spring next year, but that has now changed to the autumn, mainly because of the director's pedantic obsession with a perfection that only exists in his head. However, Josh knows that tenacity and belief in what you are doing is a prerequisite (9) _____ an actor and he is prepared to work long hours to be the best he can be.

2 For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

AN AUTHOR'S LIFE

Mark Stringly, widely acclaimed as one of the decade's most successful young authors, is (1) _____ writing his tenth novel. It is based on an old family myth that his great-grandfather had discovered hidden treasure on his plantation in the West Indies. Ever since Mark heard the story it was (2) _____ that one day he would write about it. Mark is rarely interviewed as he hates being in the (3) _____. As a result, people have jumped to many (4) _____ about him, most of which are incorrect. So, when he agreed to let me interview him last month for a television documentary I was doing about the origins of story writing, I (5) _____ at the chance. However, when I suggested that his great-great-grandfather might have been a pirate, he jumped down my (6) _____ and ordered me not to print any such thing as it was totally incorrect.

His last book has now been (7) _____ for the big screen although he has not written the script for it. Surprisingly, though, he has written the musical (8) _____, as he is also an accomplished musician, a secret he had managed to keep from the public until now.

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| 1 | A lately | B ever | C currently | D yet |
| 2 | A inspiring | B inevitable | C questionable | D uplifting |
| 3 | A limelight | B floodlight | C headlight | D flashlight |
| 4 | A opportunities | B interpretations | C conclusions | D ovations |
| 5 | A went | B bounded | C stood | D leapt |
| 6 | A mouth | B throat | C neck | D face |
| 7 | A adapted | B admired | C animated | D initiated |
| 8 | A notes | B script | C score | D cue |

3 For questions 1–5, read the text below. Use the word given in **CAPITALS** at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

After the play, we went (1. **STAGE**) _____ to meet the actors as we'd won a competition to meet them and join the after-show party. It was wonderful! Although the lead actor had been ill on the night we went, we met his (2. **STUDY**) _____, who was excellent in the part. His performance was quite (3. **LIFT**) _____ and the applause at the end was absolutely (4. **DEAF**) _____. In the following day's newspapers, the young actor was (5. **WIDE**) _____ acclaimed by all the critics as a rising new star.

4 For questions 1–8, underline the correct form of the verb in *italics* in the following paragraph.

Sarah (1) *has never been* / *had never been* / *was never going* _____ to a music festival before last year when she (2) *had gone* / *went* / *was going* _____ to Glastonbury for the first time. She enjoyed it so much that she still (3) *didn't get* / *hasn't got* / *isn't getting* _____ over it. She is constantly driving her friends and colleagues mad by talking about it all the time and especially how she (4) *was meeting* / *met* / *had been meeting* _____ her idols, Coldplay. In fact next week they (5) *appear* / *are appearing* / *were supposed to appear* _____ in concert in Paris. Sarah (6) *will be planning* / *was planning* / *would plan* _____ to go and see them there, but she (7) *will be working* / *was just about to work* / *might be working* _____ in New York next week and her boss says she must go because the contract is very important. As a result, she (8) *is thinking* / *thinks* / *will be thinking* _____ of quitting her job.