

PART II: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Choose the word or phrase (A, B, C or D) which best completes each sentence.

1. He _____ his son of the dangers of driving too fast in his new car.
A. warned B. remembered C. threatened D. concerned
3. The independent arbitrator managed to _____ the confrontation between the union and the employers.
A. refuse B. confuse C. refute D. defuse
4. When I heard the footsteps behind me I was _____ that I would be attacked.
A. horrified B. terror-struck C. terrorized D. terrified
5. His illness made him _____ of concentration.
A. incompetent B. unable C. incapable D. powerless
6. Medieval travelers' tales of fantastic creatures were often fascinating but not always _____.
A. credible B. creditable C. credulous D. imaginable
7. An almost _____ line of traffic was moving at a snail's pace through the town.
A. continuous B. constant C. continual D. stopping
8. Somebody ran in front of the car as I was driving. Fortunately I _____ just in time.
A. could stop B. could have stopped C. managed to stop D. must be able to stop
9. You are being thoroughly _____ in refusing to allow this ceremony to take place.
A. unrequited B. unrepresentative C. unreliable D. unreasonable
10. The sudden resignation of the financial director put the company in a very _____ position.
A. weak B. unsteady C. vulnerable D. collapsed
11. David: Would you like fish or meat? Mary: I _____ fish, please.
A. would rather B. would prefer C. suppose D. believe
12. Many teenagers show signs of anxiety and _____ when being asked about their future.
A. depress B. depression C. depressed D. depressing
13. A part - time job gives me the freedom to _____ my own interests.
A. pursue B. chase C. seek D. catch
14. The new road currently under _____ will solve the traffic problems in the town.
A. design B. progress C. construction D. work

Exercise 2. Complete the following sentences with one appropriate preposition/particle for each blank.

1. The government's plans to reduce crime came _____ for a lot of criticism from freedom groups.
2. I was _____ the impression that you like Indian food.
3. This is one of the exceptions _____ the rule.
4. The factory paid _____ nearly a million pounds to their employees who were injured in the explosion.
5. Before they open the new factory, a lot of the young people round here were _____ the dole.
6. Mr. Horrid was a terrible teacher and obviously not cut _____ for teaching.
7. I can't cancel my arrangements _____ such short notice.
8. All the police's efforts to find him were _____ vain.
9. The farmhouse we stayed in was completely _____ the beaten track.
10. She's gone and this time it's _____ good.

Exercise 3. Read the following passage and choose the best answer for each question. Identify your answer by writing the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

WIND - The untamable weather machine

On 15 October 1987, the southern counties of Britain were struck by the strongest winds they had experienced in 200 years. Gusts of over 130 kilometers per hour slammed across the region and £1.5-billion-worth of damage was (1) _____ in just a few hours.

Extreme weather events like this are dramatic (2) _____ of the power of the wind. It's one part of the weather we generally don't give a second thought to in Britain but it plays a vital role in people's lives across the world. Without the formation and circulation of winds there would quite (3) _____ be no climate.

Some parts of the world seem to suffer more than others from the effects of 'ill winds', and links between particular winds and psychological problems (4) _____ back centuries. The Föhn, the hot dry wind that slides off the slopes of the Alps, is capable of boosting temperatures quite suddenly by 10°C or more. It affects as many as one in three people in its (5) _____, making them feel anxious, irritable and generally ill. In California, many people (6) _____ the arrival of the Santa Ana, which rushes down from the high Mojave desert. Lyall Watson, in his book Heaven's Breath, claims that when the Santa Ana blows, murder rates soar.

The wind may get into the headlines when it comes in the form of tornadoes and hurricanes, but for the (7) _____ part it goes about its job of shifting huge masses of air around the planet. Plants take (8) _____ of this free ride to send their pollen grains far and wide. Trees (9) _____ on it to remove old leaves and make way for new growth. Spiders have been caught (10) _____ a lift at altitudes of almost 4.5 kilometers.

1. A. made	B. caused	C. destroyed	D. completed
2. A. reminders	B. recollections	C. mementos	D. memorial
3. A. easily	B. rightly	C. surely	D. simply
4. A. last	B. originate	C. pass	D. date
5. A. line	B. road	C. path	D. bypass
6. A. despair	B. respect	C. dread	D. warn
7. A. most	B. maximum	C. majority	D. general
8. A. benefit	B. chance	C. occasion	D. advantage
9. A. need	B. trust	C. hope	D. rely
10. A. traveling	B. hitching	C. borrowing	D. making