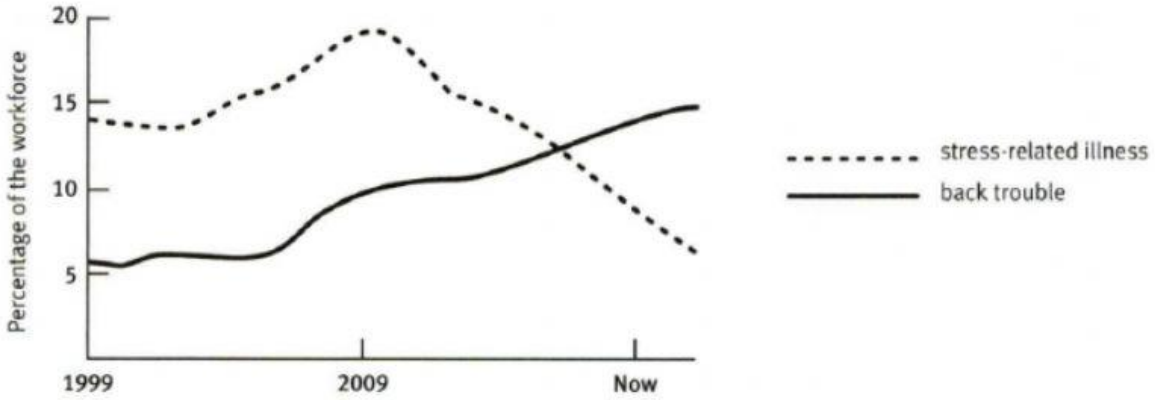
D **Look at the graph and complete the sentences a–f with the correct form (present simple, past simple or present perfect) of the verbs in brackets. Then number the sentences in the correct order to make a report for the International Health Symposium.**



a) The graph ....shows..... (*show*) the changes in the percentage of the workforce staying off work because of back trouble and stress-related illness. ☐

b) Secondly, absences caused by stress-related illness ..... (*show*) a similar trend in the period 1999–2009. They ..... (*increase*) by 3 per cent, to reach 17 per cent in 2009. ☐

c) In conclusion, back trouble is still a problem today but we ..... (*make*) excellent progress in bringing down the percentage of the workforce absent from work because of stress. ☐

d) To begin with, we can see that absences caused by back trouble ..... (*rise*) gradually since 1999. ☐

e) Since 2009, however, they ..... (*fall*) dramatically and now ..... (*stand*) at 6 per cent. ☐

f) Their percentage ..... (*go up*) from 6 per cent in 1999 to 11 per cent ten years later and it now ..... (*stand*) at about 13 per cent. ☐

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