GRADE 12- READING/ UNCOMMON WORDS IN READING

I. Human memory, **formerly** believed to be rather insufficient, is really much more **sophisticated** than that of a computer. Dr Bently proved that by stimulating their brains electrically, he could elicit the total recall of complex events in his subject lives.

*1. The word "formerly" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. in the past B. in general C. from time to time D. by chance

2. Find a synonym of "sophisticated" in the reading.

*3. "that" refers to*_____

A. human B. memory C. computer D. brain

II. This question has often been **posed**: "Why were the Wright brothers able to succeed in an effort at which so many others had failed?" Many explanations have been mentioned, but three reasons are most often **cited.** First, they were a team. Both men worked **congenially** and cooperatively, read the same book, located and shared information, had **incessant** talks about the possibility of manned flight, and served as a constant source of **inspiration** and encouragement to each other.....They had realized from their experiments that the most serious challenge in manned flight would be stabilizing and **maneuvering** the aircraft once it was **airborne.**

..... Attempts to achieve manned flight in the early 19th century were **doomed** because the steam engines that powered the aircrafts were too heavy in proportion to the power that they produced.

*1. The word "posed" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. changed B. raised C. thought D. made

2. Find a synonym of "cited" in the reading.

*3. The word "congenially" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. compatibly C. ineffectively B. deliberately D. accidentally

4. Find a synonym of "incessant" in the reading.

5. Find a synonym of "inspiration" in the reading.

*6. The word "maneuvering" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. instructing B. solving C. directing D. dominating

*7. The word "airborne" is closest in meaning to*_____

A. on land B. in the air C. in the space D. in water

8. *The word "were doomed" is closest in meaning to*_____

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A. failed B. achieved C. took a risk D. not well planned

9. *"they" refers to*_____

A. brothers B. aircrafts C. engines D. attempts

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