

UNIT 9 - READING

Exercise 10. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

CRITICISM

It can take a long time to become successful in your chosen field, however (106) ____ you are. One thing you have to be (107) ____ of is that you will face criticism along the way. The world is full of people who would rather say something negative than positive. If you've made up your (108) ____ to achieve a certain goal, such as writing a novel, don't let the negative criticism of others (109) ____ you from reaching your target, and let constructive criticism have positive (110) ____ on your work. If someone says you're totally (111) ____ in talent, ignore them. That's negative criticism. If, however, someone (112) ____ you to revise your work and gives you good reasons for doing so, you should (113) ____ their suggestions carefully. There are many film stars who were once out of (114) _____. There are many famous novelists who made a complete (115) ____ of their first novel - or who didn't, but had to (116) ____ approaching hundreds of publishers before they could get it published. Being successful does depend on luck, to a certain extent. But things are more likely to (117) ____ well if you persevere and stay positive.

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| 106. A. talented | B. invested | C. mixed | D. workable |
| 107. A. alert | B. clever | C. intelligent | D. aware |
| 108. A. mind | B. brain | C. thought | D. idea |
| 109. A. cease | B. remove | C. avoid | D. prevent |
| 110. A. outcome | B. result | C. effect | D. consequence |
| 111. A. lacking | B. short | C. missing | D. absent |
| 112. A. suggests | B. advises | C. proposes | D. explains |
| 113. A. think | B. consider | C. look round | D. take |
| 114. A. career | B. business | C. job | D. work |
| 115. A. mess | B. rubbish | C. trash | D. garbage |
| 116. A. put off | B. bank on | C. keep on | D. drop in on |
| 117. A. turn out | B. come into | C. deal with | D. sail through |