



Extra Training

Reading Task 852

The following questions are incomplete sentences or forms. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (1-4). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence or the form.

1. The door opened and John saw Mary standing there. He never thought that she could come to him after what had happened and when she said that she didn't want to see him any longer. ____ because he was secretly in love with her.
 1. So, he began to shout at her and closed the door in front of her nose.
 2. He jumped to her and began to kiss her
 3. But he was very glad to see her
 4. He took a pistol and shot her before she began to speak
2. Leo was reading a book for two hours, but in fact, he didn't understand a word in it, ____ that will take place at Michael's house the following week.
 1. because he thought only about his parents
 2. as he thought about his girl-friend Carol, so beautiful
 3. because he thought only about the party
 4. when he saw Michael's new bike in the yard
3. When the father bought a new car, all the kids were glad, because the father used to take them for a ride every Sunday. ____ because the children liked to swim in a quiet place surrounded with the trees.
 1. They often came to the largest beach
 2. They always went to the forest to gather mushrooms
 3. They drove to the mountains not far away
 4. They usually came to a small forest lake
4. My friend was very ill and didn't go to school for a month, so when he finally appeared in the class ____ , because he was the best goalkeeper in their team.
 1. all the boys knew that they could win the next football game
 2. the girls were very happy.
 3. The basketball players were glad to see him.
 4. Everybody was sure that they could win the tennis match with the other class.
5. The water in the river was very cold, ____ , because it was necessary for him to get to the other bank of the river.
 1. so, he didn't want to swim on such a day.
 2. but he had to swim
 3. he didn't even take his clothes off in such cold weather
 4. and he knew how pleasant it was to jump into the water
6. — Where did you get that new book by Perumov?
— Do you like his books?
— ____
— Then you can take this one to read.
 1. Not very much.
 2. I'm really fond of them.
 3. I prefer the ones by Tolkien.
 4. I'd like something by Dostoyevsky now.
7. Mother opened the box and Eliza saw the new dress. It was the one she was dreaming of: ____ . Mother knew that she liked light colours and thin material.
 1. deep purple woollen evening dress
 2. a pink leather dress
 3. a short yellow Chinese silk dress
 4. a black silk dress with large red roses
8. Mathematics was always Andrew's favourite subject. ____ and could spend hours doing sums or problems.
 1. He was fond of all these wonderful stories about love
 2. He didn't like all these numbers and figures
 3. He loved the soup with the mathematical figures
 4. He enjoyed counting.
9. Helen didn't know that the friends from Voronezh wanted to come for a week, so when they arrived she was glad, ____ , because she didn't like to have many people living in the house.
 1. and invited them to enter the house and feel themselves at home
 2. but didn't know what her mother would say
 3. though her brother was away in Newcastle with them
 4. but was not sure that her father would like it
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