

Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

I was reading an advert for a mobile phone the other day, which described the aforesaid object as an 'aid to (1) ____'. As a techno-phobe who does not possess a mobile phone, still less an on-line connection, I was intrigued by the astonishing presumptuousness of this claim. For the (2) ____ reason I do not have a mobile phone is that I don't want to be at someone else's beck and (3) ____ 24 hours a day. But apparently there are plenty of sane adults out there who do. In fact I know plenty of people who bought their phone on the (4) ____ understanding that it was to be used for emergencies only. But the insidious thing gradually took over their lives, to the (5) ____ where it seems they can barely live without it. Giving a mobile phone to a child makes even less sense. Parents lose their freedom and the children lose the ability to (6) ____ for themselves.

1. A ease B handiness C utility D convenience
2. A sheer B perfect C very D utter
3. A cry B ring C need D call
4. A strict B absolute C severe D precise
5. A mark B point C spot D position
6. A support B keep C fend D sustain

Match each problem (a-j) with a solution (1-10).

- a) The door squeaks.
- b) The battery is dead
- c) The pencil is blunt
- d) The screw is coming loose
- e) My watch has stopped
- f) The car seat is too far back
- g) The light bulb is flickering
- h) The car's got a few things wrong with it
- i) The wall looks very bare
- j) The TV isn't picking up the signals from the video recorder.

- 1 It needs servicing.
- 2 It needs tightening.
- 3 It needs painting.
- 4 It needs oiling.
- 5 It needs re-programming.
- 6 It needs recharging.
- 7 It needs sharpening.
- 8 It needs winding up.
- 9 It needs adjusting.
- 10 It needs replacing.

In the following texts, complete each space with a word or compound word formed from the word in capitals.

Text 1

(1) _____. of your new energy-efficient domestic gas **INSTALL**
boiler is free of charge, and will be performed within 5 days of
payment. Regular (2) _____ from a qualified engineer **MAINTAIN**
is advised. The system comes with an (3) _____ **ADJUST**
cover, which can be kept fully extended or half down. The cover
must be completely removed for repairs to be carried out. As with
all (4) _____ equipment, please exercise great care if **ELECTRIC**
you are attempting to repair the (5) _____ yourself. **APPLY**

Text 2

Attach the rotating motor to the (6) _____ lead-pipe. **CYLINDER**
Screw the motor down into place. If the motor does not
engage, remove it and (7) _____ the lead-pipe. **ALL TIGHT**
engineers installing or repairing this machinery must observe all
necessary (8) _____ precautions. This includes the **SAFE**
wearing of goggles, masks and other (9) _____ **PROTECT**
equipment. For instructions on how to remove the outlet valve,
please refer to the (10) _____ described on page 28 **PROCEED**
of this manual.