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Total questions: 44

Total points: 44

General instructions: Read carefully. Answer what you are asked for in each question.

i. Write the correct linking word on the line for each sentence.

1. _____ the heavy snow, we managed to get home.
In spite of **However** **While**

2. _____ needing a rest, the team continued to work.
In spite **Despite** **Although**

3. _____ she isn't fond of classical music; she went to the concert.
However **Even though** **While**

4. The alarm went off, _____ he didn't wake up.
Whereas **However** **While**

5. _____ we left the house early; we still missed the bus.
Although **Despite** **In spite of**

II. Change the following sentences into inversions.

1. John had never been to such a fantastic restaurant.
Never _____
 2. I had scarcely finished writing my essay when the examiner announced the end of the exam.
Scarcely _____
 3. I seldom leave my house so early.
Seldom _____
 4. He understood little about the situation.
Little _____
 5. The children should on no account go on their own.
On no account _____

III. Read the text about one man's travel experience. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, D) for each space.

Across the Sahara Desert by camel

In 2008, photographer Jimmy Cole landed in Algeria, hoping to travel 1,600 kilometres to the legendary city of Timbuktu, accompanying the Tuareg people of the region.

After being introduced to a group of travelling Tuareg – by the hotel owner he 1 with – he needed to persuade his new companions of his suitability for the 10-week journey ahead. 'They had their doubts,' Jimmy admits, 'but eventually they 2 to take me, once I 3 I could ride a camel and eat the same food as them. 4 have I felt so relieved.

5 I joined their group did I realise how almost completely untouched by the modern world the Tuareg were. It's rare to find people like that anymore.

'Days followed a pattern: we **6** in the dark to find our camels, before making tea and baking bread. We travelled until dark every day. **7** did we see another person. It was an unforgettable experience.'

Jimmy urges anyone wanting to follow in his footsteps to think carefully. 8 no account should a journey like this be undertaken lightly,' he says, 'especially nowadays.'

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| 1. A. staying | B. stays | C. has stayed | D. had been staying |
| 2. A. were agreeing | B. agreed | C. have agreed | D. had agreed |
| 3. A. would prove | B. had proved | C. am proving | D. should prove |
| 4. A. Little | B. Hardly | C. Scarcely | D. Never |
| 5. A. Not once | B. Not before | C. Not until | D. Not after |
| 6. A. would get up | B. were getting up | C. had got up | D. get up |
| 7. A. No longer | B. Only | C. Little | D. Not once |
| 8. A. Under | B. On | C. In | D. By |

IV. Noun phrases. Correct the errors in the underlined words.

- Starting work with the new company can be quite nerve-racking.
- The first day of the group in London was hard to forget; we were outsiders in a strange city.
- The sudden increase in the personal computers' numbers made the world more connected.
- I've got to do plenty of things this weekend so I can't help you.

V. Read the text about a terrible storm. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, D) for each space.

The night of the big storm

Looking around our town today, it's difficult to imagine what it was like after the big storm of 5 years ago. But everyone still remembers it clearly.

The tree in my back garden, the one I used to climb when I was younger, 1 by the wind, which really upset me, but we were relatively lucky. The situation was much worse for 2 in the city centre. The historic town hall 3 , causing lots of damage in the surrounding streets. Many 4 nearby were completely destroyed and the 5 needed replacing. People who were out on the streets at the time 6 by falling glass, but most people were sensible enough to stay indoors. Like I say, though, you wouldn't know it had ever happened now. People worked really hard to 7 as quickly as possible, although everyone had to find a way 8 the disruption to our normal routine for several months after the storm.

1. A. had blown down B. got blown down C. is blown down D. has blown down
2. A. people living B. living people C. people are living D. who are living people
3. A. had blown down its tower B. had blown its tower down C. Its tower had blown down D. had its tower blown down
4. A. cars which were parked B. which were parked cars C. parked cars, which D. cars were parked, which
5. A. lots of shops' windows B. windows of lots of shops C. shops of lots of windows D. lots of shop windows
6. A. got them hurt B. had hurt them C. had themselves hurt D. got hurt
7. A. everything gets fixed B. everything got fixed C. get everything fixed D. have fixed everything
8. A. is dealing with B. for deals with C. of dealing with D. to dealing with

VI. Read the sentences about people and places. Choose the best answer (A, B, C, D) for each space.

- I just can't ____ - I'm always out of money by the end of the month.
A. make my way B. make it up C. make a point D. make ends meet
- Without a torch, I couldn't see much past the ____ of the cave
A. door B. entry C. mouth D. gate
- Another jump in interest rates will leave borrowers facing financial ____ as they attempt to repay their loans.
A. effort B. fight C. hardship D. struggle
- Thousands of people were left ____ after a huge storm destroyed their homes along the east coast yesterday.
A. destitute B. demolished C. deprived D. derelict
- They built the farms here because of the rich, green ____ around it, which are perfect for the cows and horses.
A. dunes B. meadows C. marshes D. swamps

VII. Choose one of the words from the box, to complete each one of the sentences. Beware, there are some extra words.

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| vivid | over | treasure | trigger | weigh | vague |
| impulse | on a whim | spontaneous | aching | gut | photographic |

1. I only have _____ memories of my first job – I just can't remember anything.
 2. Many people take quick decisions without thinking things _____.
 3. The smell of roses will always _____ memories of sunny summer days.
 4. My family hadn't planned to have a party- we just decided on _____ to invite some friends round.
 5. I know it took me ages to decide which experiment to do, but I had to _____ up the pros and cons of the different methods.
 6. That was the best holiday I've ever had- I'll always _____ the memory of it and the time we spent together.
 7. Coming to Barcelona for the weekend was a completely _____ decision- we didn't even have time to book a hotel.
 8. Oh yes, I have _____ memories of that party- let me tell you all the details!