I Open the brackets using the correct tense form

Steam trains **1. (replace)** _____by electric ones years ago, so when the newspaper I **2. (work)** _____for over the last 5 years heard that the «Black Admiral» steam engine **3. (restore)**_____, they decided to send me on its first trip. I didn't object to going even though I generally dislike travelling by train. In fact I was looking forward to seeing something I **4. (never/see)**_____ before. When I arrived at the station I **5. (see)**_____ lots of people celebrating the rebirth of «Black Admiral» and I was glad to be part of the party. At 2 o'clock everyone was ready to board the train. I settled myself into a compartment where I **6. (join)**_____ by an old man who claimed to be one of the original workers on the «Black Admiral». He told me that he **7. (work)**_____ for a penny a day and that his family **8. (be)**_____ too poor to buy more than the basic necessities. It was a sad story, but it was a pleasure to listen to him. At every station people **9. (wait)** _____to greet the train, and it was exciting to see the spectators' faces as the past seemed to come alive again. If all trains were as appealing as the «Black Admiral», I **10. (choose)** _____to travel by train all the time.

II Use the necessary article

Police were searching last night for **1.** eight-year-old who attempted to hold up **2.** sweet shop with **3.** pistol. **4.** boy, whose face was hidden by **5.** balaclava hat, threw **6.** carrier bag to **7.** shopkeeper at **8.** corner shop in **9.** Aston-Under-Lyme and ordered her to fill it up.

«I don't know whether he wanted **10.** bag to be filled with **11.** sweets or money», said **12.** owner of **13.** shop. «I wasn't sure whether **14.** gun was real or not, but it didn't look like **15.** toy.» He ran when **16.** woman pressed **17.** alarm. The boy is described as **18.** 1.1 metres tall, dressed in jeans and a dark coat. **19.** police spokesperson said, «We are taking this very seriously, as we would any robbery involving **20.** firearm, fake or not».

III. In the text below, fill in the blanks with the right answer.

Parkour (from French parcours, meaning «course») is an activity which takes **1.** in towns. The aim is to get over, under or through **2.** obstacles like buildings, in the fastest, most direct manner possible. The sport demands great agility and **3.** athletics, dance, acrobatics. Participants are expected to improvise their movements rather than rehearse them. However, in order not to **4.** themselves injury as they **5.** to run up walls or jump from rooftop to rooftop, they have to **6.** good jumping and landing techniques. In the UK, the sport really took off after it was featured on TV but it actually **7.** in the suburbs of Paris in 1998. In its **8.** days there were no tricks for their own sake but **9.** , when the sport became really popular, some participants started doing interesting things for show, like mid-air slips. Of course, anyone wishing to **10.** up the sport has to be young and athletic.

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IV Put the preposition into spaces to make a phrasal verb correct.

This true story is about a policeman in New York City who had a girlfriend he cared for very much. I don't know if you regard New York City **1.** …… a dangerous place, but the hero of our story certainly did, and he warned his girlfriend **2**. ……..the danger of walking the streets alone and the need to look **3**……. for muggers. But as he also believed **4**. ….. being prepared for the worst, he bought a can of gas that would protect his girlfriend **5**. ….. …muggers. It certainly seemed worth spending a few dollars **6**. …… The idea is that you point the thing **7.** …… your attacker and spray him with gas, which knocks him **8**. ……. On the day he bought the gas, the policeman and his girlfriend had arranged to go **9**. ….. for the evening. So he was looking **10**. ……..to giving her the can later on. When he got home from work, he had a bath and then sprayed some deodorant on himself. He knew nothing more until he woke **11**. ….. in hospital the next day. He had picked **12**. …… the wrong can and sprayed himself with the gas.

V. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given (2-5 words):

1) Please don't open the window.
You
I'd_____open the window.

2) Fiona wanted to know the time.
What
Fiona wanted to know _____was.

3) We won't go out if the weather is bad.
Won't
We _____the weather is good.

4) What a pity we didn't see the match.
Wish
I_____the match.

VI. Choose the correct word or expression for the conversation:

A: Excuse me, can you tell me **(1)** the station?

B: - Yes, certainly **(2)** and then go **(3)** the church. Then **(4)** the second turning on the left. The station is half **(5)** along the road.

A: OK. Thanks. How much **(6)** approximately?

B: It's about five **(7)** from here. You **(8)** miss it.

A: Thanks very much.

B: **(9)** welcome!

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