CAE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 14

* ***For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).***

Example:

A. rises B. strikes C. arrives D. ***hits***

Mountain rescue in Scotland

Last year, over 200 climbers were rescued from the mountains of Scotland by local teams, who go out in all weathers whenever disaster (0) ***hits***. Many of these people are volunteers, giving their time and energy freely and, on (1)_____ putting themselves in danger. They will risk life and (2)_____ in an emergency when they are (3)_____ on to rescue foolhardy or unlucky climbers. A whole (4)_____ of things can go wrong up in the mountains, from sudden, violent storms with virtually zero visibility to unforeseen accidents, and many walkers and climbers owe a huge (5)_____ of gratitude to the rescue teams!

While rescue teams often work for little or no pay, there are still considerable costs (6)_____ in maintaining an efficient service. Equipment such as ropes and stretchers is of (7)_____ importance, as are vehicles and radio communications devices. Although some of the costs are borne by the government, the rescue teams couldn't operate without (8)_____ from the public. Fortunately, these tend to be very generous.

1.	A. situation	B. event	C. moment	D. occasion
2.	A. limb	B. blood	C. bone	D. flesh
3.	A. pulled	B. called	C. summoned	D. required
4.	A. scope	B. extent	C. host	D. scale
5.	A. recognition	B. liability	C. debt	D. claim
6.	A. implied	B. involved	C. featured	D. connected
7.	A. lively	B. main	C. essential	D. vital
8.	A. grants	B. allowances	C. donations	D. aids

LIVEWORKSHEETS

* *For questions 1 – 8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). DAY*

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. Example: DAILY

Blogging in the modern day

The earliest blogs tended to be personal accounts of (0) ***daily*** (DAY) events. Very soon, however, many types emerged including critical news commentaries, often well-informed and (1)_____ (ELOQUENCE) expressed. With many millions of bloggers now writing on almost every (2)_____ (CONCEIVE) subject each day, the traditional media cannot afford to ignore them or treat them with (3)_____ (RESPECT). Their ubiquity means they have become increasingly (4)_____ (INFLUENCE), as can be seen in the number of "official" news stories that are (5)_____ (CREDIT) or called into question by bloggers, and also the numerous stories - initiated through blogs.

Most large media organisations have now (6)_____ (CORPORATE) some form of blogging into their news services, but independent bloggers still have a freedom unavailable to mainstream journalists. They bypass editors and publishers, who tend to distort stories. The material on blogs is raw, (7)_____ (MODIFY) by editors, and often harsh and direct in its criticism of the way news is reported by the traditional media. Thus, bloggers act as a kind of media watchdog, able to check facts and verify or, alternatively, (8)_____ (PROOF) information in a way that mainstream journalists are often unable to.

1. ELOQUENCE	2. CONCEIVE	3. RESPECT	4. INFLUENCE
5. CREDIT	6. CORPORATE	7. MODIFY	8. PROOF

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