First Certificate Language Practice

Adjectives & Verbs + Prepositions

Read the theory and solve the activities.

1 Put one suitable word in each space.

1 A lot of people I know really believe ....in..... ghosts.
2 Martin grew to be very fond ..... his pet snake.
3 This bread tastes ..... fish!
4 Everyone was shocked ..... Susan's strange appearance.
5 The company blamed the drop in sales ..... the economic situation.
6 Brenda decided to discuss her problems ..... a psychiatrist.
7 When Harry made his speech, everyone laughed ..... him.
8 Robert has been married ..... Deborah for over a year.
9 You were right after all ..... the result of the election.
10 The woman who lived next door confessed ..... the robbery.

2 Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

1 Two men stole the old lady's handbag.
The old lady was ....robbed of her handbag.....
2 John finds photography interesting.
John is .....
3 Helen has a good knowledge of car engines.
Helen knows a lot .....
4 The food in France is famous.
France is .....
5 I'd like to thank your brother for his help.
I am very grateful .....
6 Can you and Stephen share this book, please?
Can you share this book .....
7 I find studying all night rather difficult.
I'm not used to .....
8 Harry feels frightened when he sees a snake.
Harry is afraid .....
9 I'm sorry about breaking your camera.
Please forgive me .....
10 Peter knows how to draw well.
Peter is good .....

3 Put one suitable word in each space.

1 David was .ashamed.... of what he had done, and he blushed.
2 I'm not very ..... on the idea of going climbing.
3 Mary is always ..... about all the famous people she has met.
4 Jim was often ..... for work, and lost his job as a result.
5 There were no empty seats on the train, which was ..... of soldiers.
6 Bill decided not to ..... Bob with his secrets.
7 The two boys were ..... of stealing a sports car.
8 We ..... in persuading Carol to lend us her boat.
9 You have worked very hard! I am very ..... with you!
10 I can't remember her name, but it ..... with 'J'.

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4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 William could do better work.
capable
William ....is capable of..... doing better work.

2 I own this car.
belongs
This car ..... me.

3 The job received over a hundred applications.
applied
Over a hundred people ..... the job.

4 Mrs Jones' death was caused by old age.
died
Mrs Jones ..... old age.

5 'Well done, Tony, you have passed the exam,' said Joe.
congratulated
Joe ..... the exam.

6 Jean borrowed Shirley's camera.
lent
Shirley ..... camera.

7 Graham found the film very boring.
by
Graham ..... the film.

8 We all pitied Stephen.
sorry
We all ..... Stephen.

5 Put one suitable word in each space.

1 My boss shouted at me – he was really ..angry..... with me!
2 I can see your point, but I just don't ..... with you.
3 Terry doesn't ..... of his children staying out too late.
4 George and I ..... about politics all night!
5 Can I have a ..... at the evening paper?
6 This story ..... me of a novel by Dickens.
7 Peter feels ..... of anyone who talks to his girlfriend.
8 I didn't expect you to behave like that! I'm ..... at you!
9 Oh dear, I forgot to ..... any sugar to the cake.
10 I think you should ..... your boss for a rise.



7 Complete each sentence with the most suitable word or phrase.

1 Thank you very much. It's very .....B..... you to help me.
A good with *B* good of *C* good for *D* good about

2 The bad weather was ..... the series of power cuts.
A blamed for *B* blamed on *C* blamed with *D* blamed by

3 I'm sorry, but I ..... seeing the manager at once!
A arrange for *B* look for *C* agree with *D* insist on

4 Why do you spend all your time ..... your sister!
A arguing about *B* arguing for *C* arguing with *D* arguing at

5 Helen is very ..... going to work in Germany.
A excited about *B* excited for *C* excited with *D* excited to

6 The tourists were not ..... the danger of wild animals.
A known about *B* aware of *C* provided with *D* guessed at

7 I understood the problem after it had been ..... me.
A explained to *B* admitted to *C* confessed to *D* replied to

8 I wish you wouldn't show off and ..... your success so much!
A full of *B* bored by *C* boast about *D* congratulate on

9 If you listen to music, you can't ..... your homework.
A read about *B* arrange for *C* specialize in *D* concentrate on

10 Will we be ..... the storm if we shelter under a tree?
A happy about *B* safe from *C* depended on *D* cared for

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