Extra Training

Use of English
Task 898

Read the text below. For questions (1-7) choose the correct answer.

Once upon a time, a young man Lucian the Greek was filled with a desire to see strange countries, and especially to discover whether there was any opposite shore to the ocean by which he lived.

So, having purchased a vessel, he strengthened it for a voyage that he knew without doubt **(1)**_____long and stormy. Then he chose fifty stout young fellows having the same love of adventure as himself, and next he **(2)**_____the best captain that could be got for money, and put a store of provisions and water on board.

All this being done, he set sail. **(3)**_____many days he and his companions voyaged on deep waters and in strange seas. At times the wind was fair and gentle, and at others it blew so hard that the sea rose in a terrible manner.

One morning the wind began to blow violently, and they **(4)**_____by storm for days. On the third day they fell in with the Pumpkin Pirates. For ships they had large pumpkins, each being not less than ninety feet in length. These pumpkins they **(5)**_____ and afterward dug out all the inner part of them till they were quite hollow. For masts they had reeds, and for sails in the place of canvas, pumpkin leaves.

These pirates attacked **(6)**_____ vessel with two ships or rather two pumpkins' crews, and wounded many of his company.

Lucian's company fought for some time, **(7)**_____gaining the advantage, when about noon they saw the Nut-Shell Sailors coming toward them in the rear of the Pumpkin Pirates. These two tribes were at war with each other.

As soon as the Pumpkin Pirates saw the others approaching, they left off fighting Lucian's crew, and prepared **(8)**_____battle to the Nut-Shell Sailors. When Lucian saw this, he ordered the captain to set all sails; and they departed with speed. But **(9)**_____he could see that the Nut-Shell Sailors had the best of the battle, being superior in numbers, having five crews against two of the Pumpkin Pirates, and also because their ships were stronger.



As soon as the Pumpkin Pirates and the Nut-Shell Sailors were out of sight, Lucian set himself to dressing the wounds of his injured companions. And from that time on **(10)**_____ Lucian and his crew wore their armour continually, not knowing when another strange enemy might come upon them.

1.	**1.** is	**2.** will be	**3.** would be	**4.** has been
2.	**1.** hire	**2.** hired	**3.** hires	**4.** had hired
3.	**1.** To	**2.** For	**3.** From	**4.** Since
4.	**1.** Driven **2.** are driven **3.** were driven **4.** were being driven			
5.	**1.** dry	**2.** drying	**3.** dried	**4.** had dried
6.	**1.** Lucian	**2.** Lucians	**3.** Lucians'	**4.** Lucian's
7.	**1.** with	**2.** after	**3.** since	**4.** without
8.	**1.** give	**2.** to give	**3.** giving	**4.** to have given
9.	**1.** looking up **2.** looking for **3.** looking back **4.** looking forward			
10.	**1.** and	**2.** both	**3.** either	**4.** neither

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