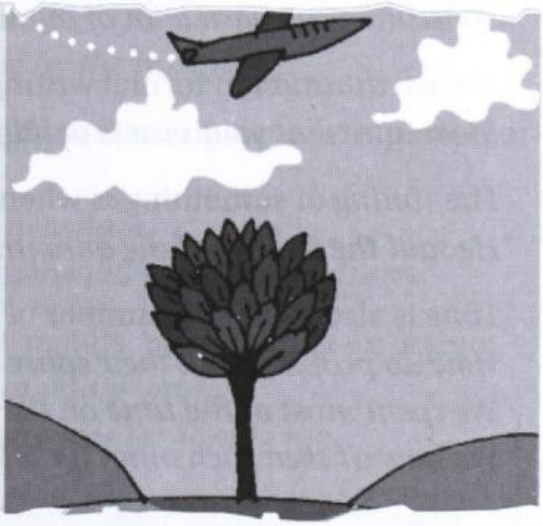
TEST 9

1 These are all things which British people do. Which are *customs*, *habits* or *practices*? Label them C, H or P.

1 People usually wear black at a funeral.
2 People often drink coffee with their breakfast.
3 Families have a decorated fir tree in their house at Christmas.
4 Banks charge customers to cancel a cheque.
5 People dip biscuits in their tea before eating them.
6 Most police officers don't carry guns.
7 People say "Bless you!" when someone sneezes.
8 Young children are vaccinated against a number of diseases.

2 Complete the texts below with one preposition in each gap.

The practice (1) ..... planting trees to offset the impact (2) ..... the environment (3) ..... carbon emissions from flights has been criticized by environmental groups. They say that trees planted now will take many years to grow and their benefits will only be noticed (4) ..... a very long period of time. The effects (5) ..... pollution from aircraft are, however, immediate.



Floods are a regular occurrence on the Danube at this time (6) ..... the year, but this spring, the river has reached record levels. Thousands of people in Bulgaria and Romania have had to be evacuated from areas affected (7) ..... the floods. The impact (8) ..... agriculture in the region has also been severe. Although floods have always been a natural part of life, many believe that the current levels of flooding are a consequence (9) ..... human intervention. The practice (10) ..... building on flood plains especially means that excess water has nowhere to go.

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3 Match the two halves of the sentences.

1	There will be an inquiry into the behaviour	of the time.
2	People don't realise the health consequences	of the police at the march.
3	Tourists aren't familiar with the American custom	of heavy drinking.
4	The shop was shut down for the duration	of trade unions.
5	You should try to get out of the habit	of his resignation.
6	The report assesses the potential impact	of five to ten years.
7	We have seen the increasing political influence	of tipping 15% in restaurants.
8	He works away from home most	of adding salt to your food.
9	You pay the loan off gradually over a period	of the war.
10	Many were surprised by the timing	of climate change.

4 The paragraph below contains 10 errors. Edit the text by finding and correcting the errors.

The effects to employees of working for long hours can be very serious, especially over a scale of time. Businesses need to look at whether their working practises encourage overwork. We should consider the impact of long working times on health and for family life. Children whose parents are at work most of the times really miss out. Where parents have very little free-time to spend with their family, children often develop problems with their behaviours and get into bad habits. It is easy for children to get out of control because their busy parents leave very little influence on them.

5 Choose the best adjective from the box to complete the sentences. Use a good learner's dictionary to check any collocations you are not sure about.

common	annoying	unsocial	knock-on
serious	big	harmful	bad

1 Cuts to the service could have ..... consequences for disabled people.
2 Nurses are often expected to work ..... hours.
3 People claim the cartoon series is a ..... influence on young people.
4 Always wear sun cream to avoid the ..... effects of the sun.
5 The congestion charge has had a ..... impact on traffic flow in the city.
6 It is ..... practice to include a 10% service charge on the bill.
7 She has the ..... habit of tapping her pen on the desk.
8 The rise in oil prices will have a ..... effect on other industries.

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