Self-assessment (grammar/use of English)

I. Read the text and choose the correct item

Today's smartphones are smart but tomorrow's gadgets will inevitably be even smarter. According to experts, soon they will have "emotional intelligence". They will be able to (1) …….. how we feel and react to our mood, by joining in our happiness or leaving us alone when we are angry.

Scientists are (2) …….. a technology that uses both speech-recognition software and special sensors to figure out how the user is feeling. Their goal is to develop a way to accurately (3) …….. the emotional state of a person holding a smartphone.

Another project is looking at (4) …….. emotional detection into GPS car navigation devices. The vision is of a dashboard GPS device that would register facial expressions, voice intonation and hand movements to work out the emotions of the driver. For example, if the driver were experiencing stress, it could temporarily (5) …….. giving additional instructions or even turn itself off. But for many, there is something slightly (6) …….. about emotion recognition. It (7) …….. into yet another part of our lives which are already being closely (8) …….. by technology, not always for our benefit.

	A	B	C	D
1.	expose	perceive	guess	realise
2.	operating	developing	working	progressing
3.	count	rank	value	measure
4.	creating	locating	absorbing	building
5.	put up	take over	hold off	set back
6.	unreasonable	disturbing	irregular	impossible
7.	intrudes	invades	interrupts	forces
8.	searched	supervised	monitored	handled

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II. Choose the correct option to complete the text.

How does the older generation feel when it ***(1) is confronted / confronts*** by new technology? Some ***(2) believe / are believed*** that in general they are rather shy of new advances. They ***(3) have been proved / have proved*** wrong by my grandfather at least. Last year he ***(4) was given / gave*** a tablet as a retirement gift. We thought that he might not ***(5) have been shown / have shown*** much interest in this gift. Even right at the start, it was hard for the device ***(6) to register / to be registered*** in his name. Still, he managed to do it, ***(7) being given / giving*** a little help by myself. And he ***(8) has been made / has made*** good use of it ever since.

They ***(9) are targeting / are being targeted*** as consumers more often these days, but they can feel at a disadvantage if they don't have enough experience with technology. Fortunately, operating instructions ***(10) can be followed / can follow*** more easily by the elderly now. My own grandmother ***(11) has certainly benefited / has certainly been benefited*** from these. She ***(12) gave / was given*** a new smartphone for her birthday last month. Initially, she ***(13) rather confused / was rather confused*** by all the functions and choices available. However, ***(14) giving / being given*** a little help, she has been able to make good use of it. Now we ***(15) are all treating / are all being treated*** to her latest news on social media!

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