1. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form. (9 points)

My life (1) _____ (improve) a lot since last year. You see, before that I (2) _____ (work) in the same job for five years and I was beginning to feel rather bored. I (3) _____ (get) ready to apply for another job when one day my boss (4) _____ (call) me into her office. "Our company is planning to expand overseas," she said. "We (5) _____ (think) of starting with Spain, and possibly we (6) _____ (need) some of our best employees to support our new branch there. Do you think you would be interested in a transfer?" Naturally I (7) _____ (accept) the offer.

I (8) _____ (live) in Madrid for a year already. You can't imagine how exciting my life (9) _____ (become).

2. Fill in a/an/the/—. (11 points)

Experts have long suggested **(1)** _____ link between Delhi's toxic air and allergies and **(2)** _____ other serious medical conditions. But evidence from a recent car-free experiment collected by Professor Raj Kumar, **(3)** _____ specialist from **(4)** _____ University of Delhi, suggests that action to cut pollution might be effective. For **(5)** _____ few hours last week, all private cars were banned from driving into **(6)** _____ heart of **(7)** _____ old Delhi. This so called 'car free day' experiment was considered **(8)** _____ success: scientists monitoring the air found **(9)** _____ dramatic 60% drop in **(10)** _____ amount of dangerous pollutants compared to **(11)** _____ previous day.

3. Fill in the right prepositions if necessary. (7 points)

Most people know that a balanced diet and regular exercise are very important. However, most people do not know how to exercise properly. Instead **(1)** _____ concentrating **(2)** _____ how to get the best results efficiently and effectively, people usually rush **(3)** _____ their workouts, or they make the same common workout mistakes.

Exercising **(4)** _____ the right way is important for people who are worried **(5)** _____ their health and their appearance. However, if someone is not working out properly, it is rare that he or she will see the results he or she wants. Therefore, training experts have devised tips to teach people how to exercise correctly **(6)** _____ order to achieve the greatest health benefits. If you want to achieve the best workout results, here are a few helpful tips to bear **(7)** _____ mind.

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4. Complete the text with the missing words (1-10). Use ONE word only in each gap. (10 points)

Everyone finds exams stressful, and this is especially true of oral exams. Imagine that you are **(1)** _____ an exam and you have just **(2)** _____ asked a question to **(3)** _____ you know the answer perfectly well. In the classroom, you would answer it without **(4)** _____ problem, but **(5)** _____ this precise moment, you are unable to think or speak You can't focus on the question at all and the only thoughts which go through your mind are unhelpful ones like: 'It wouldn't **(6)** _____ fair if I failed this exam because I've worked **(7)** _____ hard and spent so much time studying. Why **(8)** _____ this have to happen to me?' As you look up, it seems that the examiner is staring at you in a very unfriendly way, but he or she is probably just trying to be as encouraging as **(9)** _____. You feel you have to say something so you start to speak - **(10)** _____ when you open your mouth, the only thing that comes out is: 'I'm sorry, I don't know'.

5. Use the words in capitals to form a word that fits in the space (8 points).

The Cave of the Crystals

The (1) _____ (MEXICO) state of Chihuahua is home to one of the natural wonders of the world - the Cave of Crystals. Discovered (2) _____ (ACCIDENT) in 2000 by miners drilling a tunnel, the cave lies about 350 m below the surface of the Naica Mountains. It contains over 170 of the largest natural crystals ever found – one of them measures about 11 m and weighs more than 5500 kg. The (3) _____ (CREATE) of these large crystals probably began 26 million years ago. It was the result of volcanic (4) _____ (ACTIVE). Tiny crystals were formed and, over the centuries, the extreme heat in the caves has encouraged the (5) _____ (GROW) of these giant structures. The crystals look cool and ice-like, but don't be fooled! Due to the (6) _____ (PRESENT) of hot springs nearby, the temperature is 44°C. It is so that the visitors have to wear (7) _____ (PROTECT) suits and carry backpacks of ice-cooled air with them. And this is only to (8) _____ (SURE) they can survive for just a few minutes in the cave.

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6. Complete the passage by choosing which word best fits each gap. (8 points)

In this day and age, advertising is big business. It (1) ***sets/ puts/ lays/ does*** a lot of effort into effectively (2) ***introducing/ explaining/ informing/ mentioning*** the public about a product or service. Advertisements are introduced through a (3) ***variety/ choice/ collection/ selection*** of means. Companies can choose (4) ***from/ between/ through/ throughout*** the print media, television, radio or even huge lit-up billboards that have been put up around our cities and which (5) ***mean/ approve/ suggest/ consult*** that we buy this type of ice-cream or that type of trainer. Advertising companies use a number of techniques to attract our attention, including stunning photography, eye-catching graphics, jingles or clever (6) ***descriptions/ comments/ reports/ announcements***. (7) ***To be more specific/ Yet/ Not only/ What is more***, companies may employ famous people like film stars to (8) ***recommend/ suggest/ advise/ propose*** their products.

7. For items 1-4, 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. Use from three to five words. Do NOT use contracted forms. (5 points).

1. I'm certain she wrote the article herself. **must**
   She _____ the article herself.
2. They've only got half the boys they need to make up a team. **twice**
   They need _____ they've got to make up a team.
3. It is not your fault that you came late. **blame**
   Do not _____ late.
4. I am afraid talking to him makes no sense, he never listens to me. **point**
   I am afraid _____ talking to him, he never listens to me.
5. It's nearly lunchtime, so would you like to eat something? **feel**
   It's nearly lunchtime, so do _____ something to eat?

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