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25. Women and minorities have made strides in equality in the workplace during the past several decades. However, the glass ceiling remains an obstacle that prevents advancement for most women.
The term "glass ceiling" was first used in 1978 as a term for the social barrier that keeps women from being promoted to high-level positions on the __1__ of their being female. The term was later changed to also include minorities. The glass ceiling may cause women and minorities to feel depressed and __2__ in the workplace.
Many countries make a __3__ that they have passed laws to promote equal rights. Businesses have been __4__ in the movement by making changes such as flexible schedules, family leave, and daycare. These can help women to handle __5__ arrangements. Yet men still __6__ positions of power and decision-making around the world; __7__, women still await their opportunities to lead.
The glass ceiling will __8__ not be broken unless we find ways to remove barriers that keep women and minorities from being hired in high-level positions. A 2021 study at the University of Liege in Belgium makes four recommendations for organizations to break the glass ceiling. The first is the development of mentoring programs for women and minorities. The second is giving women and minorities access to ambitious people in higher positions to form social networks. The third is offering career and leadership training and support to help employees __9__ these skills. The last is the development of policies that __10__ on equal treatment. These actions will help break the glass ceiling.

(A) basis (B) meanwhile (C) anxious (D) domestic (E) work on
(F) absolutely (G) claim (H) dominate (I) taking part (J) insist

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26. Most of time, studying science may seem boring. However, there are many science __1__ that people can perform at home. Home science experiments help people realize that learning science can be fun and doesn't have to be done in a __2__.
Some fun and __3__ projects that people can do at home with daily necessities include making plastic and a geyser. To make __4__ at home, people need only a few common things such as bleach, glue, and water. The __5__, though, is to follow the directions on how to mix these things together.
The most fun but dirty __6__ is to make a "Mentos" geyser. To make a Mentos geyser, people will need a two-liter bottle of soda pop and a package of Mentos mints. All people need to do is __7__ the bottle carefully, put it on the ground outdoors, add the entire package of Mentos mints to the bottle and quickly jump back! The Mentos mints react with the soda and cause it to __8__ out of the bottle high into the air. There are __9__ home experiments like Mentos geysers. It is easy to find the __10__ on the Internet. Be sure to read the rules carefully before doing any experiment because some of them might be dangerous.

(A) secret (B) experiments (C) impressive (D) project (E) instructions
(F) laboratory (G) shoot (H) plastic (I) other (J) open

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27. You yawned. You felt your eyelids become __1__. Your __2__ stopped working. Your book dropped to the floor with a bang that woke up your classmates. In fact, most students have been through this in class before.

Studies __3__ that students need at least 8 hours of sleep a day, but most of them get less than that. Some parents are happy to see their kids burn the midnight oil. They think it's worth studying late because getting good grades may help their kids in today's __4__ world. Thus, a high __5__ of students in Taiwan wake up at 6 a.m., leave their schools at 6 p.m., come home from cram schools at 10 p.m., and still have a lot of homework to do at home. They seldom get __6__ sleep, and this bothers some parents. Many of these parents __7__ that they feel bad when they see their kids look tired out. They know such a lifestyle will __8__ their kids' health in the long term.

Too much homework is what many students complain about. They say they need to __9__ to finish their homework. They just don't know how to get everything done while they only have little time left. Some experts advise students to __10__ good study habits like taking notes in class or forming study groups to help one another out. Parents and experts all hope that students can get enough sleep and also do well in schoolwork.

(A) confess (B) develop (C) struggle (D) harm (E) competitive
(F) brain (G) indicate (H) percentage (I) heavy (J) sufficient

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28. If you have a smartphone, chances are that you stare at the screen a lot. It's even possible that you are addicted to your smartphone. Of course, smartphones have many __1__ features. For example, this __2__ can help us keep in touch with friends and family and gives us immediate access to news and information. However, there are negative __3__ as well that can lead to overuse. For many people, it is difficult to find a __4__ when using a smartphone.

Have you ever bumped into something while walking and looking at your phone at the same time? Do you often __5__ the Internet on your phone when you are having conversations with others? Or do you log in to your social media accounts to check __6__ first thing in the morning after waking up? If so, it is advisable that you cut down on your smartphone use.

Fortunately, there are different steps we can take to reduce the time we spend on phones. For instance, if your phone is near you when you sleep, you tend to look at it if you wake up. So, keep your phone __7__ away or even in another room overnight. But what if you __8__ yourself that you need to reduce your phone use, but it's still not enough? In case of this, smartphone users can download some apps that can__9__ time spent on social media. After 30 minutes of phone time, this app __10__ you out, forcing you to take a break. That might be the perfect time to go outside or have a real chat with someone.

(A) further (B) technology (C) posts (D) aspects (E) balance
(F) locks (G) surf (H) positive (I) monitors (J) remind

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29. It really isn't "rocket science" to make a rocket. You don't need to be a scientist in a __1__. You don't need to get hold of any trade __2__. Whatever type of rocket you are building, __3__ that the goal is the same—to escape the Earth's pull. Believe it or not, you can build a rocket using these __4__ items you can find around the house: a plastic bottle, cardboard, a cork, a pump with a needle adapter, and water. If

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you follow the directions carefully, you should not have any __5__.

First, push the needle adapter through the cork. Then fill the bottle one-fourth full of water, and push the cork into the opening of the bottle tightly to __6__ leaking. Next, connect the pump to the needle adapter. Then make a cone out of the cardboard and stick it to the bottom of the bottle. Make a stand out of four pieces of cardboard. Place the bottle in the stand __7__ with the cone facing up. Begin pumping air into the bottle, stand back, and watch as the rocket __8__ lifts off into the sky within a few seconds. How __9__!

This experiment shows the __10__ of Isaac Newton's third law of motion which states that "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." Space rockets work in a similar way. Instead of water, they burn fuel. The force of the fuel gradually pushes the rocket into the air.

(A) content (B) prevent (C) exact (D) difficulty (E) secret
(F) gently (G) amazingly (H) laboratory (I) impressive (J) realize

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30. Clickbait is a new form of advertising that uses unreliable(不可靠的) information to bring people into certain websites. As we __1__ internet sites, tempting facts, hints, or amazing solutions to small problems are presented to our eyes. The facts, hints and solutions rarely live up to expectations and sometimes they are simply untrue, and can easily __2__ people. Instead of finding facts, we are __3__ with more advertising and away from our original point of interest.

People now __4__ a lot of time on various electronic devices and so their attention is a valuable resource to advertisers. A research in 2019 suggests teenagers in the United States spend, on average, more than 7 hours a day on their phones. This is a long time to be among unreliable information. This __5__ number indicates how important it is to protect young people from fake news.

The world of the internet is new and relatively unregulated(未受規範的). It is easy to deceive people or __6__ claims. To __7__ this problem, perhaps there should be greater control over the information that is available. Although this is a complex area, the benefits could be great. If the internet were more regulated, we would not have to be constantly on our guard.

However, on the internet, we must still be __8__ and aware of deceptive content. The education of young people should include how to __9__ the reliability of sources and how to fact check information. That way, they will not be easily __10__. This can be a difficult skill to learn, yet a necessary part of our new technological world. The articles people read should be their own conscious choice, not a pathway(路徑) chosen for them.

(A) browse (B) confuse (C) frightening (D) presented (E) spend
(F) confirm (G) exaggerate (H) tackle (I) deceived (J) alert

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