An imperfectly perfect day

Read the following story and work in the exercises below.

When I **set off** (*went*) for work this morning, my car **broke down**, so I **ended up** taking the bus. As soon as I **got off**, I **bumped into** an old schoolmate, Mark. While we were talking, he **brought up** something I had already **found out** from some mutual friends- that he had **come into** some money and had **set up** his own business. He told me that there was a lot to **sort out**, and offered to **take** me **on**, but I **turned** him **down** straight away.
When I **clocked in**, my boss **had a go at** me, **telling** me **off** in front of everyone. When I **got over** the initial shock, I told her I would **make up for** being late, but it **turned out** that she had **blown up** over a deal that had **fallen through**, after a client of mine had **pulled out of** a contract. She told me that I wouldn't **get away with** it, that I would **let** everyone **down**, and just **went on** and on.
Eventually, I **ran out of** patience and **answered back** – I said I was not going to **put up with** it anymore, and if she wanted to **lay** me **off**, she should **go ahead**.
Anyway, to cut a long story short, I **stormed out**, phoned Mark's secretary, who **put** me **through** to him. I told Mark I would like to **take** him **up on** his offer. So, in the end, everything has **worked out** perfectly.

Exercise A. Match the phrasal verbs from the column 1 – 7 with its meaning a - g.

1. I **set off** for work this morning _____	a. dismiss
2. He **come into** some money _____	b. went, left
3. my boss **had a go at** me _____	c. left, abandon
4. She wants to **lay** me **off** _____	d. accept
5. His client **pulled out of** a contract _____	e. inherited something
6. I am not going to **put up with** it anymore _____	f. criticized, attacked
7. I would like to **take** him **up on** his offer _____	g. tolerate

Exercise B. Read the test and answer the questions

1. Why did Mark travel by bus in the morning?
   a. Because his car broke down b. Because his motorbike broke down
2. Who did he **bump into** when he **got off** the bus?
   a. He bumped into his boss b. he bumped into and old schoolmate
3. What did Mark **bring up** while they were talking?
   a. He had **come into** some cash and had begun his own business
   b. He had inherited a business and had **set up** a new branch
4. What happened when he **clocked in** his office?
   a. his boss **had a go at** him b. His boss **laid** him **off**
5. What did he do at the end?
   a. he **made up for** being late b. He **stormed out** his office

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