FURTHER PRACTICE 13

I. Replace each italicized word with a synonymous one.

The game of solving ***difficult*** (1) puzzles has always ***filled*** (2) people with the feeling of a profound ***excitement*** (3). No wonder, then, that the ***fascination*** (4) of treasure hunting has invariably been associated with the possibility of realizing the most ***improbable*** (5) dreams. According to what the psychologists claim, there is a little boy in every treasure hunter. Yet, the ***chase*** (6) of hidden valuables has recently become a serious ***venture*** (7) with amateur and professional seekers equipped with highly sophisticated ***devices*** (8) like metal detectors, radars, sonars or underwater cameras.

What raises the adrenaline level in these treasure-obsessed fanatics are legends, myths, old maps and other ***variety*** (9) of clues promising ***immeasurable*** (10) fortunes buried beneath the earth's surface or drowned in the ancient galleys.

For many treasure hunters the struggle of hint searching is even more ***stimulating*** (11) than digging out a treasure trove composed of golden or silver objects, jewellery and other priceless artefacts. The job is, however, extremely strenuous as even the most ***puzzling*** (12) clues must be thoroughly ***analysed*** (13). Failures and misinterpretations ***occur*** (14) quite frequently, too. Yet, even the most unlikely clue or the smallest find is enough to reinforce the hunter's self-confidence and passion.

Indeed, the delight in treasure finding doesn't always ***depend on*** (15) acquiring tremendous amounts of valuables. Whatever is detected, be it a rusty sundial or a marble statue, brings joy and reward after a long and exhausting search.

1. a) extreme	b) fierce	c) intricate	d) vehement
2. a) imposed	b) congested	c) imbued	d) aroused
3. a) exhilaration	b) dismay	c) acclaim	d) inflammation
4. a) rage	b) trauma	c) craze	d) uproar
5. a) inopportune	b) impetuous	c) unbearable	d) implausible
6. a) pursuit	b) dash	c) gait	d) crusade
7. a) riddle	b) exploit	c) toil	d) strain
8. a) garments	b) auxiliaries	c) appliances	d) phenomena
9. a) range	b) abundance	c) stack	d) batch
10. a) ceaseless	b) superfluous	c) unaccountable	d) inestimable
11. a) rousing	b) gruelling	c) escalating	d) engulfing

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12. a) crippling	b) appalling	c) baffling	d) overwhelming
13. a) utilized	b) scrutinized	c) disclosed	d) verbalized
14. a) unveil	b) concur	c) befall	d) encounter
15. a) dwell on	b) poke around	c) lay about	d) hinge upon

II. Replace the italicized verbs or phrases with a synonymous phrasal verb in the correct form.

account for	**back up**	**bring about**	**bring up**	**call off**
carry out	**feel up to**	**get on**	**look up**	**make up**
pull up	**put off**	**set in**	**take back**	**turn up**

1. The policeman waved at Danny to ***stop his car*** at the lay-by.
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2. Several recruits were given a harsh training for their reluctance to ***fulfil*** the captain's orders.
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3. Luckily, the two ministers ***ended their argument*** before the programme was broadcast.
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4. Doesn't any of you want to ***give me support***? Will you let them believe that I'm guilty of the fraud?
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5. Things are beginning to ***improve*** now that we have received the aid.
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6. At first, I felt like going to the concert, but it was the price of the ticket that ***discouraged*** me in the end.
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7. The season of dry weather has ***begun*** too early this year. I'm afraid we may have to face drought.
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8. Lucy says she ***isn't well enough to do*** so much housework.
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9. The pump breakdown has been ***caused*** by an electrical fault.
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10. We ***have been in good relations*** ever since we met each other at the pilgrimage last year.

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1. The teacher has obliged Robert to ***withdraw*** the offensive remarks he made to Julia.

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12. As a result of a heavy rainfall the athletic event has had to be ***cancelled***.

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13. Thousands of enthusiasts from around the world gathered to see the famous film star, but to their disappointment, she didn't ***appear***.

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14. This useful handbook will tell you how to ***educate*** your children.

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15. After a pause, the judge asked the suspect to go on ***explaining*** his motives.

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III. Replace each italicized phrase or adjective with a synonymous one.

adequate	**available**	**bumpy**	**concise**	**crucial**
distinguished	**exaggerated**	**feverish**	**firm**	**hostile**
immediate	**legitimate**	**tedious**	**tender**	**widespread**

1. Alexander the Great was one of the most ***famous*** military leaders of the ancient times. He was the conqueror of Persia and the king of Macedonia. .....
2. I hope we all will remember this ***important*** moment. From today on, we will be able to communicate with any place on the planet. .....
3. It's essential that the elephant should be given the amount of food ***suitable*** for its weight. .....
4. 'What was the court's decision in your case?' 'They said I had a ***legal*** right to occupy the flat.' .....
5. Tommy is so ***excited*** about going to the seaside because he has never seen the sea in his life. .....
6. My father is a ***devoted*** believer in the American cinematography. He never watches films of other directors than the American ones. .....
7. Missiles like these can cause ***extensive*** damage and a lot of fatalities. .....
8. I'm sorry madam, but leather products are not ***obtainable*** in our store. Try in the store at the opposite corner. .....
9. I can't understand his ***unfriendly*** attitude towards us. What's made him so angry?

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10. Mary said that the price was ***much too high*** and she wouldn't pay unless the shopkeeper lowered it. .....
11. She is so lucky to have married Peter. The boy has such a ***gentle*** character that he wouldn't even harm a fly. .....
12. Had I known the lecture on etymology would be so ***long and boring***, I'd never have attended it. .....
13. It seems that space flights to the moon will be an attractive way of spending weekends in the ***not very distant*** future. .....
14. I hate driving on ***rough*** roads like this one. It is neither pleasant nor good for the car. .....
15. The chairman's comment on the transaction was ***short and clear***. .....

IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.

1. At least some of you may be obliged to sign the agreement. **(under)**

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2. Suddenly, the baby started to cry and nobody knew what to do about it. **(burst)**

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3. Certainly, drinking too much alcohol can be harmful to your health. **(do)**

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4. Only a few Members of Parliament voted for the reforms. **(favour of)**

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5. Anthony claimed that the other man caused the collision. **(accused)**

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6. With such a poor dealing with the matter he will not probably succeed. **(unlikely)**

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7. It seemed that they had visited the place before.

   They seemed .....

8. The factory had to be shut down because of very low output and poor profits. **(due)**

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9. The hijackers haven't set any of the hostages free.

   ..... **go.**

10. He said he was sorry for what he had said to the customer. **(apologies)**

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V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.

appearances	best	clockwork	date	delay
fuss	glimpse	guess	heart	leave
line	mind	prime	terms	senses

1. We expect Mike to drop us a ..... as soon as he arrives in Mexico.
2. Mr Dalton tried to keep up ..... . However, the rest of the party knew he was awfully depressed after the divorce.
3. You could have avoided making so much ..... about so trivial a problem.
4. I've told you it's impossible to get in touch with detective Parker because he has been on ..... in Spain since last Thursday.
5. We didn't have to wait long for the copy as the clerk was most kind and made it without any ..... .
6. I'm not sure about the exact number, but at a ..... , he has invited about fifty guests to his birthday party.
7. The manager and the singer have been on very good ..... with each other. They even seem to be close friends.
8. Gordon McAlister was a man of great success. He made a big fortune in the ..... of his youth and lived comfortably ever after.
9. Stop spraying the paint on to me! Have you taken a complete leave of your .....?
10. I can't think how he succeeded in winning Jenny's ..... being so rude and vulgar to other girls.
11. You may feel absolutely safe to tell me whatever you know. I won't give you away, for sure. Go on, speak your ..... .
12. He isn't good enough to become the champion. At ..... , he may take the second place.
13. Mark never changes his routines. He is as regular as ..... .
14. Whitney has never seen the boy she is meeting this evening. In fact, their appointment is a blind ..... .
15. It is out of the question for me to give an exact description of the burglar as I only caught a ..... of his face when he rushed towards the door.

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