

## EXAM PRACTICE

**1 Circle a letter A, B, C or D that best fills each numbered gap.**

A popular character in the nation's top television soap is ... (1) for something of which she was probably innocent. Having been ... (2) guilty of a series of fraudulent acts, she contemplates months of incarceration. A good story-line, but wait! Within hours the television station is being ... (3) with calls of protest. A national newspaper soon ... (4) up a campaign to have her freed. Thousands of T-shirts are printed with slogans ... (5) for her release. Offices and factory floors ... (6) to the sounds of animated debate. It is even mentioned in Parliament. It's easy to ... (7) off such idiocies as 'a bit of fun', but there's surely a more serious side. A fair proportion of viewers were obviously ... (8) in by the story to such an extent that their perception of fact and fiction was clearly ... (9). Everywhere, millions will ... (10) over their 7-day TV guide to get a preview of the week's soaps. If a character is ... (11) to be past his or her sell-by date, and the decision has been taken to ... (12) him or her out, possibly to have them ... (13) off in spectacular fashion, viewing figures are likely to soar by up to 25%. A life-threatening fire can be ... (14) upon to add millions to the ratings. A major wedding can find half of Britain sitting ... (15) to the screen! It's all very strange.

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|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 1. A jailed    | B prisoned  | C sentenced | D        |
| charged        |             |             |          |
| 2. A arrested  | B called    | C found     | D        |
| discovered     |             |             |          |
| 3. A bombed    | B attacked  | C streamed  | D        |
| inundated      |             |             |          |
| 4. A opens     | B stars     | C puts      | D        |
| establishes    |             |             |          |
| 5. A demanding | B calling   | C insisting | D        |
| sounding       |             |             |          |
| 6. A echo      | B ring      | C fill      | D        |
| deafen         |             |             |          |
| 7. A laugh     | B smile     | C take      | D put    |
| 8. A thrown    | B carried   | C indulged  | D taken  |
| 9. A blurred   | B hampered  | C tampered  | D        |
| glossed        |             |             |          |
| 10. A flick    | B go        | C pore      | D sit    |
| 11. A decided  | B resolved  | C deemed    | D        |
| suspected      |             |             |          |
| 12. A write    | B cast      | C sort      | D work   |
| 13. A ridden   | B taken     | C driven    | D killed |
| 14. A leaned   | B construed | C relied    | D        |
| improved       |             |             |          |
| 15. A swamped  | B stuck     | C paralysed | D glued  |

**2 Fill each of the numbered blanks in the passage with one suitable word.**

After living ..... (1) the threat of extinction for more than 30 years, the national bird of the United States has ..... (2) granted an official reprieve, as the bald eagle and twenty-eight other animal and plant species have been earmarked ..... (3) removal from America's list of endangered species. The bald eagle, also ..... (4) as the white-headed sea eagle, took pride of place at the top of a list of species likely to ..... (5) taken off the endangered register in the coming years. The proposed 'delistings' are ..... (6) promoted ..... (7) the US interior secretary to counter a growing feeling among Republicans that endangered-species laws do not work. Charges of ineffectiveness have been ..... (8) against these laws before, but more recently it has ..... (9) been suggested that the situation may actually have been ..... (10) worse by them. The recovery of the bald eagle follows thirty-one years on the critical list. Its numbers had been ..... (11) to fewer than five hundred ..... (12) the use of pesticides that reacted adversely ..... (13) its reproductive system. The number of nesting pairs is now estimated ..... (14) five thousand. The interior secretary claims that the new list was a vindication of the legislation under which the eagle, a national symbol ..... (15) originally from the Indians, and more than a thousand other species ..... (16) protected. A spokesperson denied that it was simply a publicity stunt timed to coincide ..... (17) the swearing ..... (18) of the president for his second term.) Until now, few species have ..... (19) been removed from the list. When they ..... (20), it was usually because they had become extinct.

**3 Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence above it.**

- Do not switch off unless the screen shows 'Ready for Shutdown'.  
This machine is only .....
- It's over a year since anyone saw William.  
William.....
- It's too early to send anything off to shareholders.  
Nothing.....

- d. The calculation would have baffled me completely if it had not been for your help.  
I .....
- e. We want justice and we need to see it carried out.  
Justice must not.....
- f. I'd never let anyone use a photograph of my children in an advertisement.  
I'd never have .....
- g. The driver was fined especially heavily because of his several previous convictions.  
Having been.....
- h. The manageress often made us stay behind after closing time to do extra work.  
We.....
- i. The investigators think a fault in the fuel lines caused the crash.  
A fault.....
- j. They've had to fax the insurance company three times for a decision.  
The insurance company.....
- b. Naturally, they will deduct points if you arrive late.  
**penalized**
- c. The model's clothes lay all over the floor. **strewn**
- d. Our new Director wants you to call her 'Madam'.  
**addressed**
- e. I can't say I enjoy it when people tear my writing to pieces in front of me. **having**
- f. We'll have to make up our minds by the end of the week, won't we? **be**
- g. It's just possible the hotel may need more staff in the summer. **ruled**
- h. Surely nobody likes it when people make fun of them in public. **being**
- i. Never forget that the customer is always right. **borne**
- j. This school-leaver's qualifications are not adequate for such a demanding job, are they? **sufficiently**

4 Fill each of the blanks with a suitable word or phrase.

- a. The origins of the tribe ..... in mystery.
- b. Everyone ..... aback by the public reaction to the news about the President.
- c. It's six months since the tests, and she still ..... the all-clear by her consultant.
- d. Mr Bennett's office has ..... 'the torture chamber' by his staff.
- e. In my family, a lot of furniture ..... down from generation to generation
- f. Look - it's all over the papers. You should never ..... be photographed in such a compromising situation.

5. For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the word given. This word must not be altered in any way.

- a. The accused became very emotional. **Overcome**

"Doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way"