

Part 1: Choose the best option A, B, C, or D to complete the following sentences and write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes. (20 points)

1. The _____ of gases from car exhausts is one of the main causes of air pollution.
A. magnitude B. vibration C. emission D. degradation
2. The criminal _____ guilty by the jury, and the judge sentenced him to nine years in prison.
A. found B. was found C. is found D. had found
3. Contact sports, like American football, require athletes to wear protective _____ to prevent injury.
A. trophy B. gear C. uniform D. costume
4. After thanking everyone for their moral support, the now aged actress went on _____ the most significant moments of her bright career.
A. having recounted B. to recount C. to have recounted D. recounting
5. Getting a forest fire under control is a _____ task.
A. daunting B. heavy C. scared D. urgent
6. Taking out a short-term loan is a _____ feasible solution to the company's cash flow problems.
A. greatly B. fully C. perfectly D. extremely
7. Could I have a sip of your water just to _____ my thirst?
A. mitigate B. quench C. gratify D. exacerbate
8. I've been racking my _____ to remember that man's name but it still won't come.
A. mind B. thoughts C. brain D. ideas
9. Jo _____ some interesting proposals at the meeting this morning.
A. put back B. put away C. put up D. put forward
10. The situation is out of control, and _____ action needs to be taken immediately.
A. dramatic B. drastic C. caustic D. gigantic

Part 2: Complete each sentence with one suitable particle or preposition. Write your answer in the box provided

1. Paul feels very relaxed _____ the job interview.
2. I didn't want to go to the match but Joe talked me _____ it. MU is not my favorite team.
3. They were suspicious _____ strangers so they kept following us around and watching what we were doing.
4. I've known her _____ sight for a long time, but I haven't been introduced to her yet.
5. Uncle Tom is now a famous writer, but he used to work _____ television.
6. There can be no excuse _____ such rude behavior.

Part 3: Read the text and fill in each gap with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Vitamin Pills

In the fight to stay healthy, the vitamin pill is seen by many as a great ally. Whereas once upon a time a small (1) _____ (SELECT) of vitamin bottles could be found reaching their expiry dates in the dusty corner of a chemist's shelf, the market is now a hugely (2) _____ (PROFIT) one for the pharmaceutical industry. Interestingly enough, as world obesity rates rise, so does our (3) _____ (CONSUME) of these dietary supplements as more and more shoppers regard them as an absolutely (4) _____ (VALUE) part of their daily nutritional intake. The vast range of vitamins means that they are used for numerous reasons, common ones being for the (5) _____ (GENERATE) of skin cells, as natural aids to digestion, cures for (6) _____ (SLEEP) and for stress-related symptoms such as headaches, (7) _____ (IRRITATE) and depression. However, vitamin manufacturers are (8) _____ (INCREASE) coming under attack for making (9) _____ (REAL) claims about their products. Can the right mix of vitamins really help you (10) _____ (LIVE) your contemporaries and reach great old age? There is no scientific evidence to support this.

Part 4: Read the following passage and decide which answer (A, B, C, or D) best fits each gap. Write your answers in corresponding numbered boxes

Since retail sales of our new product line have fallen (1) _____ in the last few weeks, we are going to ask our customers to complete feedback forms to see why this is happening. I'd particularly like to know if our marketing (2) _____ has been alienating our (3) _____ customers. In all (4) _____, it is the result of a general economic dip but we need to make sure as several customers have (5) _____ objections about the (6) _____ campaign we've been running. (7) _____ mind that the campaign has been successful in attracting new customers, I do not want to lose long-term ones, some of whom I am (8) _____ certain are already looking for alternative products. In fact, social media these days can (9) _____ a great risk to a company's reputation as it is very easy for one person (10) _____ themselves, to tell the world about a company's failings.

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| 1 | A. relatively | B. fairly | C. slightly | D. reasonably |
| 2 | A. placement | B. technique | C. launch | D. strategy |
| 3 | A. loyal | B. devoted | C. dependable | D. responsible |
| 4 | A. possibility | B. likelihood | C. prospects | D. luck |
| 5 | A. put | B. posed | C. raised | D. realised |
| 6 | A. advertising | B. promoting | C. selling | D. publicising |
| 7 | A. Don't | B. Never | C. Forever | D. Doesn't |
| 8 | A. adequately | B. effectively | C. pretty | D. greatly |
| 9 | A. give | B. pose | C. make | D. offer |
| 10 | A. as | B. for | C. by | D. with |

Part 5: Read the following text and fill in the blank with ONE suitable word. Write your answers in corresponding numbered boxes.

Simply Entertainment?

Many youngsters (0) these days easily devote more time to the box than they (1) _____ to any other form of entertainment. Each year children read less and less and watch television more and more. In fact, a typical child sits through an average of about four hours of TV viewing a day. They spend more time on this form of entertainment (2) _____ they spend talking to parents, playing with friends, attending school or reading books.

According to a recent study, sixty-two percent of television programmes contain scenes of violence. It would be logical then to assume that watching a steady flow of violent images on screen cannot (3) _____ seen simply as entertainment. The bright colours, quick movements and sudden flashes will always capture a child's attention and there are certainly very (4) _____ children who find television totally uninteresting.

If we listen to the experts, it seems that viewing large amounts of TV violence does not necessarily cause a child to act in a violent (5) _____, but can lead to the view that violence (6) _____ acceptable in everyday life, as well as possibly creating a fear of being attacked on the streets.

With governments finally (7) _____ measures to improve the quality of children's TV, parents must now become aware that (8) _____ many hours of viewing can have serious effects (9) _____ a child's behavior and attitude. Obviously, turning off the set (10) _____ be the best solution in the end.

Part 6: Rewrite each sentence using the word in brackets so that the meaning stays the same. You must use between TWO and SIX words, including the word given.

1. Although I had imagined my parachute jump would terrify me, it was actually quite exciting.

BEING

Far _____ experience I had imagined,
my parachute jump was actually quite exciting.

2. They've made a decision about the new site for the supermarket.

REGARD

A decision _____ the new site for the
supermarket.

3. The medicine may not be pleasant tasting but you must take it anyway.

HOW

You must take the medicine _____ taste.

4. I can't believe how quickly you have reached the top position in the company.

RANKS

It's incredible how fast you _____ of
the company.

5. Did anything about his behaviour seem unusual to you?

STRIKE

Did anything about his behaviour _____ unusual?