

# Use of English

## The Rise of Minimalism

Read the text below, choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D)

Minimalism isn't just about having fewer (1) \_\_\_\_\_ - things you own; it's a mindset shift that's transforming how people live. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by a desire for simplicity and mental clarity, minimalism encourages people to focus on what truly matters and let go (3) \_\_\_\_\_ excess. The movement started as a reaction to consumer culture, with many individuals (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that fewer items can lead to greater happiness and freedom. Minimalists often report feeling less stressed and more fulfilled as they (5) \_\_\_\_\_ both their homes and their minds.



1. _____	2. _____	3. _____	4. _____	5. _____
A) attachments	A) Driven	A) from	A) discovering	A) demolish
B) possessions	B) Hidden	B) by	B) finding	B) debunk
C) materials	C) Found	C) for	C) exploring	C) declutter
D) needs	D) Broken	D) of	D) covering	D) devote

## When Luck Runs Out

Alex had never believed in superstitions before, brushing off Friday the 13th as nonsense. But this time, things went differently. His alarm (6) \_\_\_\_\_, so he woke up late. Then, as he was rushing out, he spilled coffee (7) \_\_\_\_\_ his shirt and missed the bus by seconds. At work, every task seemed to fall apart—his computer crashed, files disappeared, and his presentation (8) \_\_\_\_\_ mid-slide. By lunchtime, he was questioning everything he'd once laughed at. "If I had stayed in bed," he thought, "this day (9) \_\_\_\_\_ have gone so wrong." Now, Friday the 13th wasn't just a joke; it felt (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a warning he'd never ignore again.



6. _____	7. _____	8. _____	9. _____	10. _____
A) has failed	A) on	A) freeze	A) hadn't	A) like
B) had failed	B) at	B) frozen	B) didn't	B) as
C) had been failing	C) in	C) freezed	C) wouldn't	C) as if
D) was failing	D) for	D) froze	D) hasn't	D) such

