20. Choose the correct answer.

1 The film was *quite / quite an* interesting but *fairly / a bit* too long.
2 We had *quite a / a quite* nice time at the party.
3 She's a *bit / very* careless.
4 I'm *quite / a bit* certain that you will pass the test if you work *a little / very* harder.
5 Don't look so worried -- I promise you, I'm *very / a very* careful driver.
6 It came as *rather / rather an* unpleasant surprise to get a bill for 1,000 euros.
7 I was *a bit / very* pleased to get such a lovely present but *rather / quite a* disappointed that you couldn't come to the party.
8 This milk has gone *sour / to sour* -- it smells!
9 If you water the plants, they will grow *healthy / to healthy* and *strong / a bit strong* in a month or so.
10 His hair has turned *grey / to grey*.
11 Dave appears *he understands / to understand* what really happened.

30. Can you put the words into the right quotations?

a train / car alarms / flutter / looks / looks / thoughts

1 'Scientists have proved that it's impossible to long-jump 30 feet, but I don't listen to that kind of talk. _____ like that have a way of sinking into your feet.' *(Carl Lewis, winner of 9 Olympic gold medals)*
2 "What are you drawing?"
"God."
"But nobody knows what God _____ like."
"They will in a minute."
(Conversation between English primary-school child and her teacher)
3 'My eyelids _____ like the wings of a butterfly being born from its chrysalis.'
(From a poem by a truly terrible poet)
4 'My face _____ like a wedding cake left out in the rain.' *(W H Auden)*
5 'She had a penetrating sort of laugh. Rather like _____ going into a tunnel.' *(P G Wodehouse)*
6 'Men are like _____ – they both make a lot of noise no one listens to.' *(Diane Jordan)*

43. Fill in *like* or *as*.

1 Although it lives in the sea, the whale is classified _____ a mammal. It may look _____ a dangerous beast, but it is really _____ gentle _____ a lamb.
2 My friend George describes himself _____ a great singer. He thinks he has a voice _____ an angel, but when he sings it sounds _____ a cat wailing! He works _____ a taxi driver and everybody keeps telling him not to give up his job!
3 McTaverty's Tavern has been described _____ the best restaurant in Perthshire, with dishes that smell delicious and taste _____ they have been made with only the finest ingredients. Surprisingly, the prices are not _____ high _____ you might expect.
4 Majorie works _____ a criminal lawyer and is regarded _____ an expert in her field. She works extremely hard and at the end of a long day in court all she feels _____ doing is collapsing in front of the TV.
5 If you want to go on a diet, do _____ your doctor tells you. There are some foods such _____ vegetables which you can eat _____ much of _____ you want. Why not try soya meat? It tastes just _____ real meat and can be used in the same way _____ mince, but is a low-fat food.

45. Complete the conversations. Put in these nouns: business (x2), experience (x2), glass, iron, light, paper, space, time. Put *a/an* or *some* before each noun.

1 Harriet: Did you manage to park in town?
Mike: It took me ages to find _____. And all I wanted was to buy _____ to wrap this present in.
2 Sarah: Are you busy tomorrow?
Mark: I'm meeting someone in the office. We've got _____ to discuss.
3 Trevor: Do you think I need to take _____ with me for my shirts?
Laura: Oh, surely the hotel will have one.
4 Vicky: I was going to have some juice, but I can't find _____.
Rachel: If you turned _____ on, you might be able to see properly.
5 Claire: I've never met your brother.
Mark: Oh, he's usually very busy because he runs _____. But he's been ill recently. The doctor has ordered him to spend _____ resting.
6 Daniel: How did your interview go?
Emma: Well, I didn't get the job. I think they really wanted someone with _____ of the work, and that's what I haven't got. So it was a bit of a waste of time. And the train coming back was two hours late. That's _____ I don't want to repeat.

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