Upper Intermediate Unit test 6

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1 When I was at school, girls *had to* wear a uniform with a shirt and tie. (have)
2 I _____ go to the party even though I promised I wouldn't be home late. (allow)
3 They _____ make their beds every morning but they never did. (suppose)
4 Karen _____ meet us tomorrow because she has to babysit for her sister. (not able)
5 Jim couldn't speak French but he _____ communicate with sign language. (manage)
6 Sally's boss refused _____ her take time off to go to the dentist. (let)

2 Complete the sentences using one word from box A and one from box B in the correct form to match the meaning given in brackets.

Box A

can have to must not not have to should ~~could~~

Box B

attend come go watch say ~~stay~~

1 When I missed the last train home, Alexia kindly said I *could stay* at hers. (permission)
2 I _____ to the bank at lunchtime but I couldn't face the queues. (weak obligation)
3 I'm sorry but I _____ the match tomorrow. I have to look after my mum. (lack of ability)
4 Eric's boss told him he _____ a course on health and safety. (strong obligation)
5 You _____ anything to Rebecca about this. It's a surprise. (prohibition)
6 If you don't feel like it, you _____ to the party with me. (lack of obligation)

3 Add one missing word to each sentence.

1 In a years' *time*, I hope I'll have found a good job.
2 I'll be relaxing on the beach time tomorrow!

3 We'll have finished our exams next weekend.

4 In two weeks' time, I'll moved home.

5 At 10p.m. tonight, you be flying to France.

6 By 2020, we'll have retired and we'll playing golf every day!

4 Complete the sentences with words related to age.

1 Joan's always looked very **y***oung* for her age. She and her daughter often get mistaken for sisters!
2 Eric's grandfather loves recounting all the adventures he had when he was in his **p**_____ and travelling around Asia.
3 The discussion focused on whether sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds should be able to vote or whether they are too **i**_____ to do so.
4 The thing a lot of people don't realise is that the people they refer to as **e**_____ often do not feel that old themselves.
5 When Adam became a father in his thirties, he was **m**_____ enough to understand the responsibilities involved.
6 As people these days tend to grow older and retire later, the issue of age **d**_____ in the workplace has become a serious concern.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in CAPITALS.

1 Lucy was told that her qualifications were *irrelevant* when it came to how she dealt with difficult customers.
RELEVANT
2 Nigel always thought his way was the only way to do things and was totally _____ to listen to anyone else's ideas on how to tackle the company's financial problems.
WILL
3 Rosie's business proposal was completely _____ and showed a complete lack of any real understanding of the market.
LOGIC
4 Jen's behaviour was often erratic and at times it was so _____ that I had no idea what she was going to do next.
PREDICT
5 I think you may have _____ what Alex meant when he said you could do better. He was trying to be encouraging rather than critical.
INTERPRET
6 Although Leo was somewhat _____ for the position, his work experience and personality more than made up for his lack of education.
QUALIFY

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6 Underline the correct alternative.

1 We're *really looking forward to/dreading/having our ups and downs about* going on the Alaskan cruise, as it's always been our dream to see the Northern lights and we know it's going to be the experience of a lifetime.
2 Knowing that her Dad's condition would deteriorate filled Kat with complete and utter *mixed feelings/despair/ups and downs.*
3 Eve is always optimistic and usually sees the *ups and downs/upbeat/bright* side of any situation, however dire it may seem to the rest of us.
4 Irene was *mixed feelings about/dreading/ with despair* the moment when she had to tell her parents that she'd failed to get the grades she needed to get into university.
5 On hearing she'd lost her job, Claire remained *upbeat/on the bright side/with despair* and decided that now was the time to go back to college.
6 Whatever happens in your life, it's best not to stay in a job which is going *ups and downs/ with despair/nowhere.*

7 Underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).

1 When Auntie Marjorie started __c__ around on her new scooter, no one knew it was her.
a) pushing **b)** driving **c)** *riding*
2 Anton's dream is to _____ his own catering company and to cook for the stars.
a) keep **b)** run **c)** be in charge
3 During his university studies, Alex helped support himself by _____ a part time job.
a) doing **b)** making **c)** running
4 When Patsy _____ make-up she never got asked for identification to get into clubs.
a) dressed **b)** put **c)** wore
5 How often do you _____ for your neighbours' twins?
a) take care **b)** babysit **c)** be in charge
6 I'm a real night owl, so now that I no longer live with my parents, I tend to _____ up late.
a) hang **b)** keep **c)** stay

8 Match gaps 1–11 in the conversation with a)–k) below.

A: [1]__d__ there should be more apprenticeships available for school-leavers these days?
B: Well, not really – I mean, [2]_____ better if they go to university and get a degree? Isn't that what companies want these days?
A: Yes, but anyone [3]_____ university isn't necessarily right for everyone. Some people [4]_____ want or need a degree and are more practically minded.
B: True, but [5]_____ that a degree is the basic requirement for many professions?
A: Mmm… It depends which ones you mean. I'm talking about jobs like electricians, engineers, that kind of thing. [6]_____ necessary too?
B: Well, I guess so, but [7]_____ get a degree first and then continue to do their professional training?
A: I think you're missing the point. I think it's [8]_____ only focus on academic strengths. Some school leavers are just not that way inclined. The biggest problem for school leavers today is the limited range of options available to them.
B: So, [9]_____ is that there needs to be a wider range of options so if people don't want to go to university they can do some other form of training?
A: Exactly! Just like it used to be when my parents were young. [10]_____ my parents was that having a practical skill or trade can offer an alternative route to more senior positions. It's just a different starting position for a career.
B: Mmm…[11]_____ it makes sense to invest money in apprenticeships. Especially with the economy as it is…

a) simply don't
b) One thing I learnt from
c) shouldn't people
d) ~~Don't you agree that~~
e) isn't it obvious
f) surely it's
g) I'm still not convinced
h) a mistake to
i) Surely these are
j) what you're saying
k) can see that

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