GRAMMAR SECTION

PART I

Read the following passages carefully and choose the best answer to fill in the blanks.

CLOZE TEST I

When she was only fifteen, Helen left school without any qualifications. _____ (1), she was very ambitious and wanted to work in the fashion industry. Luckily, she found a job _____ (2) in a small fashion company. While she was working there, she decided to attend the evening classes _____ (3) a certificate in business studies. Once she _____ (4) the course she was promoted to the position of assistant manager. After _____ (5) that job for some years she wanted _____ (6) change. She _____ (7) of moving to London for some time, so she applied _____ (8) a job _____(9) in a fashion magazine. Helen got a job _____ (10) the manager of a small but prestigious fashion company in central London. She _____ (11) her ambition of _____ (12) a successful businesswoman at last. Now, at the age _____(13) twenty-nine, she says she _____(14) everything except for a family. "I'd like to have at least three children. I'm planning _____ (15) married next year." she adds.

1.	a) In addition	b) However	c) Moreover	d) So
2.	a) immediately	b) suddenly	c) rarely	d) fortunately
3.	a) getting	b) for getting	c) she got	d) to get
4.	a) had been completing	b) had completed	c) has been completed	d) was completing
5.	a) have done	b) doing	c) to do	d) had done
6.	a) the	b) --	c) any	d) a
7.	a) had been thinking	b) has been thinking	c) was thought	d) has thought
8.	a) to	b) for	c) with	d) --
9.	a) which advertised	b) advertising	c) advertised	d) was advertised
10.	a) in	b) like	c) for	d) as
11.	a) was able to achieve	b) could have achieved	c) had to achieve	d) would have achieved
12.	a) having become	b) become	c) becoming	d) to become
13.	a) of	b) --	c) about	d) in
14.	a) had been getting	b) had	c) has been	d) has got
15.	a) getting	b) to get	c) get	d) will get

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Read the following passages carefully and choose the best answer according to the information given.

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GRAFFITI- a dangerous way of life

Graffiti is seen as a crime in the UK, yet in the US it has become a recognised art form. Just a few weeks ago, eight graffiti gang members were convicted of causing 5,000 pounds worth of damage on the London Underground. They are among more than 70 graffiti artists thought to be operating in London today. Most are aged under 20.

Graffiti artists, or 'graffers', operate in many British towns. They often work at night, covering walls, trains and railway stations with brightly painted pictures or words in spray paint and marker pen.

Some people regard graffiti as a form of vandalism and **menace** as the graffers destroy public property. London Underground says that rail users find it ugly and offensive. A spokeswoman for London Underground adds that they don't think it's artistic or creative - it's vandalism and it's a huge nuisance to their customers. She continues that graffiti is ugly and offensive and they spend two million pounds a year dealing with graffiti and have even introduced trains with graffiti-resistant paint.

"It creates a sense of anarchy and chaos," says Richard Mandel, a lawyer who prosecuted the graffiti gang. He continues: "Passengers feel as if the whole rail system is out of control."

British Transport Police have a graffiti unit designed to catch graffers in the act. It spent ten months tracking down the recently prosecuted gang.

Graffiti art can also be a dangerous **pastime**. London Underground says that some teenagers have died in accidents during their illegal graffiti business at nights.

However, others say that graffiti at its best is an art form. Art galleries in London and New York have exhibited work by increasingly famous graffiti artists. David Grob, the director of a gallery in London, says that there is no question that graffiti is an art form and even some of those who think graffiti is wrong admit that graffers are talented. Barry Kogan, a lawyer who represented the gang members, agrees with David Grob and says: " It's just that <u>their</u> artistic talent is channelled in the wrong direction."

There is a difference between good graffiti and vandalism, says Dean Colman, who is a graffiti artist aged 24. He says: "I'd never spray private property, like someone's house. Some graffiti is disgusting. There is a big difference between that and graffiti which can brighten up grey walls." Dean makes a living as a graffiti artist. In the past, he had days of illegal spraying but now these days are behind him. He has worked on a television programme about graffiti, designed a series of government posters, and decorated nightclubs. He has exhibited his work at the Battersea Arts Centre in London, and he has taught graffiti-spraying in youth clubs. Dean sees himself as an artist and thinks that this art does not get the recognition it deserves.

1. The graffiti artists arrested recently in London were _____.

a) all under the age of 20
b) found guilty
c) wrongly accused
d) fined 5,000 pounds

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2. London Underground thinks that graffiti is _____.

a) a kind of art which is problematic
b) making their customers rebellious
c) causing the price of tickets to go up
d) something to be stopped at all costs

3. The British Transport Police _____.

a) spent a lot of time trying to catch a group of graffers
b) have killed some graffers by accident
c) have recently criticised the behaviour of the London Underground
d) took the control of the whole railway system

4. According to David Grob, some people don't approve of graffiti but they _____.

a) admit graffers channel their talent in the right direction
b) are used to seeing it on the Underground
c) still go and see it in the art galleries
d) agree that graffers have special skills

5. The lawyer who defended the graffiti gang says graffers should _____.

a) be teaching graffiti at schools
b) use their abilities in different ways
c) not have been convicted
d) be more careful when working in the Underground

6. Dean Colman _____.

a) has never broken the law
b) is concerned about how little he earns from his graffiti work
c) would like to see graffiti taken more seriously by the art world
d) is worried about young people taking up graffiti-spraying

7. In line 8 "menace" means something which _____.

a) brings danger
b) feels exhausted
c) causes boredom
d) keeps repeating

8. In line 19 "pastime" means _____.

a) job b) hobby c) attitude d) opinion

9. In line 9 "it" refers to _____.

a) vandalism b) chaos c) underground d) graffiti

10. In line 26 "their" refers to _____.

a) graffers' b) lawyers' c) galleries' d) some people's

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C. VOCABULARY SECTION

Read the following sentences and choose the best answer to complete them.

1. Donna spent weeks and all her energy while working for the anti-nuclear movement. Everybody knows that she _____ herself to this issue.

a) trained b) dedicated c) performed d) succeeded

2. Mr. Oster's complaints during the meeting were not connected with the new project we were discussing. They were all _____.

a) illegal b) disloyal c) irrelevant d) immeasurable

3. I wanted to talk to the manager but the secretary told me to _____ on for a few minutes because he was talking to another customer.

a) put b) hold c) get d) take

4. The bank manager had to _____ transferring a great deal of money into his personal account when the inspectors showed him some definite evidence about the event.

a) admit b) defend c) punish d) convince

5. I was offered a job in Istanbul but I turned it _____ because I didn't want to move away from my hometown.

a) out b) over c) down d) into

6. It's not a joke Nicole! Would you please consider the situation _____? Otherwise, we won't be able to solve the problem in time.

a) distinctly b) accurately c) extremely d) seriously

7. Some of the workers at this institution were _____ with a pay rise for their hard work throughout the year.

a) rewarded b) hired c) tipped d) invested

8. The final _____ of the election is not known yet, but the Liberal Party has probably won it again.

a) downfall b) by-pass c) feedback d) outcome

9. Mr. Robinson has lost his job and his family is going to be rather _____ for a while until he manages to find a new job.

a) bankrupt b) hard up c) worthless d) overdrawn

10. While I was emptying the boxes in the basement, I came _____ my old course books from university.

a) over b) up c) across d) down

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