

IV. Give the correct form of the words in brackets to complete the passage. (0.8 pt)

Humans are (1) _____ (PROPORTION) right-handed. Scientists have not been able to agree over the exact percentages of right versus left-handers because there is no accepted standard for identifying which hand is (2) _____ (DOMINATE). For example, some people who write or throw with their right hands may perform other tasks with their left hands or may kick a ball with their left foot. Absent an objective measure, therefore, the range of (3) _____ (ESTIMATION) is wide. Right-handers are said to make up 85% to 95% of all people and left-handers 5% to 15%, while the remaining tiny percentage are (4) _____ (DEXTERITY), so they can use both hands with equal ability.

Perhaps the most unusual fact about right-hand dominance is how little we know about its causes. Several theories have been proposed. Some evidence exists that the phenomenon is genetic, but (5) _____ (GENE) cannot agree on the process by which handedness may be passed only by (6) _____ (INHERIT). Social and cultural forces can also cause a (7) _____ (PREFER) for one hand, as when teachers or parents force a naturally left-handed child to use the right hand. And it has been observed by anthropologists that left-handedness tends to be less common in societies and more common in (8) _____ (PERMIT) ones. But no consensus has been reached on how that could occur.

V. Complete each sentence using a verb from column A in the correct form and a particle from column B. You use each verb and particle once ONLY. (0.8 pt)

A				B		
come x 2	break	set	blow	Out	off x 2	up x 2
fall	call	bring		Down	for	across

1. Early that morning, we set off on our journey as the sun was _____.
2. An enquiry was _____ into the use of chemicals in farming.
3. Stop wasting your time. The whole situation _____ an immediate response that could bring more decisive effects.
4. Don't _____ your responsibilities. You need to finish your homework first!
5. It was while I was clearing out the attic that I _____ some old photographs of my sister's wedding.
6. Although the attendance was excellent at the start of the season, Chelsea played so badly that, by January, the attendance had _____ by as much as 50%.
7. I see they're going to _____ a book of Alex's poems in the autumn.
8. I'm sorry I'm late, but my car _____ on the way here, so I had to phone for a taxi.

VI. Think of ONE word which can be used appropriately in all THREE sentences. (0.5 pt)

1. _____
 - a. Ever since John broke the window, he's been in the teacher's _____ books.
 - b. Rumour has it that he quit the country leaving nothing but _____ debts behind.
 - c. Poor Kevin! I feel really _____ about his being laid off on his birthday.

2. _____

a. It is very difficult to fully _____ certain pieces of jazz music until you've heard them a good few times.

b. Although I'm always ready to lend a hand, Anna never really seems to _____ the things I do for her.

c. Given the market for decorative antiques, I'd say that the value of the beautiful vase is set to _____ considerably in the next few years.

3. _____

a. The Smiths were pretty quick off the _____ to sell when they heard house prices were falling.

b. I think that what you said to Chirstine about her taste in furniture really hit the _____.

c. Poverty and unemployment have certainly left a _____ on this area.

4. _____

a. With less than a minute of the football match to go, Kim managed to _____ the ball into the back of the net.

b. I think the best course of action would be to jump into the car and _____ for Bristol as soon as possible.

c. Louise has been asked to _____ an investigation into what went wrong on the night of the accident.

5. _____

a. Initially, few companies saw any potential in computers designed for the _____ rather than the office environment.

b. Although extremely independent and well able to look after themselves, cats are generally classified as _____ animals.

c. Over the years, the proportion of foreign stories in this newspaper has declined as people have become more engrossed in _____ issues.