

## PREPOSITIONS

I.

Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

The government's flagship programme for a green recovery is in turmoil (суматоха) after it was revealed that hundreds of millions of pounds are being withdrawn **(A)** \_\_\_ its green homes grant programme. Ninety-five per cent of the £1.5bn pot provided **(B)** \_\_\_ householders in England to make their homes less carbon intensive remains unspent due to long delays in giving out grants to householders and making payments to installers. Some householders have been waiting nearly five months **(C)** \_\_\_ the grants to be approved and installers say they have had to lay off staff because they are owed tens of thousands of pounds by the scheme, which is run **(D)** \_\_\_ an American global consulting firm, ICF.

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| A. | 1) by   | 2) away | 3) over  | 4) in   | 5) from |
| B. | 1) with | 2) for  | 3) —     | 4) to   | 5) off  |
| C. | 1) from | 2) to   | 3) about | 4) for  | 5) by   |
| D. | 1) by   | 2) away | 3) out   | 4) from | 5) for  |

II.

For lockdown seems to be unlocking something, peeling **(A)** \_\_\_ a layer of reserve between friends. The hectic group Zooms and Houseparty calls of the first lockdown, which tried to recapture the giddiness of a proper night out only to end **(B)** \_\_\_ making everyone miss it more, have largely decreased. But with luck, in their place comes a more intimate, stripped-back form of friendship. When you haven't been anywhere or done anything worth mentioning, and thus have absolutely no news to impart, there's nowhere left **(C)** \_\_\_ conversation to go but straight **(D)** \_\_\_ the confessional. This is the winter of frank conversations about the true state of marriages, children, careers; about how to fill the gap when the kids grow up and move away; about unresolved anger and anxiety and grief; about coping or not coping with old emotions dredged nearer the surface by the experiences of a fraught year.

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| A. | 1) out  | 2) off  | 3) back   | 4) in  | 5) through |
| B. | 1) with | 2) in   | 3) up     | 4) out | 5) —       |
| C. | 1) for  | 2) away | 3) behind | 4) in  | 5) on      |
| D. | 1) away | 2) in   | 3) out    | 4) —   | 5) into    |

III.

Covid may have kept us physically **(A)** \_\_\_\_ a distance, but it's oddly suited to a certain kind of friendship — one based less **(B)** \_\_\_\_ doing things together that now can't be done and more on the exchange of confidences. **(C)** \_\_\_\_ millennials, who seem to regard **(D)** \_\_\_\_ an actual phone call as weirdly intrusive, the lockdown equivalent is sending long emotional voice notes to each other's mobile phones about whatever they need to get off their chests.

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| B. | 1) —   | 2) with | 3) on    | 4) for  | 5) by   |
| C. | 1) for | 2) —    | 3) about | 4) with | 5) by   |
| D. | 1) on  | 2) with | 3) along | 4) —    | 5) for  |

IV.

Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

Cyprus urged to ban hunting at coast to protect flamingoes **(A)** \_\_\_\_ shotgun pellets (дробь). Martin Hellicar, the director of Birdlife Cyprus, said flamingoes were **(B)** \_\_\_\_ risk of ingesting the tiny pellets lying on the lakebed as they fed.

Like other birds, flamingoes swallow small pebbles to aid digestion but cannot distinguish **(C)** \_\_\_\_ pebbles (камешки) and the lead pellets. Cyprus is a key stop on the migration path **(D)** \_\_\_\_ many types of birds flying from Africa to Europe.

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| B. | 1) of      | 2) in   | 3) about | 4) at   | 5) for |
| C. | 1) between | 2) over | 3) with  | 4) away | 5) out |
| D. | 1) with    | 2) in   | 3) at    | 4) from | 5) for |

Hunting is banned **(A)** \_\_\_\_ most of the salt lakes in Cyprus, but hunters are still allowed to shoot ducks in the network's southern tip. The government's game and fauna service said that in the first two months of last year, 96 flamingoes were found dead in the Larnaca Salt Lake wetlands as a result **(B)** \_\_\_\_ lead poisoning.

The high number of deaths is mainly attributed **(C)** \_\_\_\_ heavy winter rain two years ago. A sport shooting range near the lake's northern tip closed nearly 18 years ago and authorities organised a cleanup of lead pellets in the lakebed there. But Hellicar said the cleanup was apparently incomplete. A European Union-funded study is under way to identify where significant amounts of lead pellets remain so they can be removed. "The problem is pronounced," he said. "The danger is real **(D)** \_\_\_\_ the flamingoes and other birds that use the area."

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| A. | 1) with | 2) of   | 3) off  | 4) over  | 5) around |
| B. | 1) in   | 2) at   | 3) of   | 4) for   | 5) into   |
| C. | 1) to   | 2) with | 3) over | 4) about | 5) at     |
| D. | 1) at   | 2) in   | 3) with | 4) for   | 5) about  |