Choose a, b or c.

1. Most experts agree that the time when we will all use flying cars is still a(n) _____ way off.
   a. entire b. right c. long
2. Some airlines offer _____ flights from the UK to Australia, which means you can get there in just seventeen hours.
   a. non-stop b. correct c. tired
3. Air pollution is a _____ problem in most cities.
   a. worried b. major c. wrong
4. Scientists have _____ that the world's temperature could go up by three degrees over the next thirty years.
   a. predicted b. succeeded c. tried out
5. Schools have an important _____ to play in teaching children to be responsible for their actions.
   a. TV set b. role c. billion

Match the expressions to the definitions a-e.

1. make a decision ◯
2. make a mistake ◯
3. make a phone call ◯
4. make a prediction ◯
5. make money ◯

a. to say what you think will happen in the future
b. to do something that is not correct
c. to do an activity (usually work) so that you get paid
d. to choose something after considering different choices
e. to use a telephone to speak to someone

Match the quotes 1-3 with the paragraphs A-C.

1. 'There's just not that many videos I want to watch.'
2. 'Man will not fly for 50 years.'
3. 'Television won't last because people will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night.'

With the world changing so quickly, it is very difficult to make correct predictions about the future. Some people get it right, others get it wrong. Some people, however, are a long way off. Here are a few examples.

(A) ◯ *Wilbur Wright, to his brother Orville (1901)* In 1901, the Wright brothers tried out their flying machine for the first time but were very disappointed when they didn't succeed. However, two years later, in 1903, they took to the skies and entered the history books. And only 18 years after Wilbur made his prediction, the first non-stop transatlantic flight was made from Newfoundland, Canada to Ireland by Captain John Alcock and Lieutenant Arthur Whitten Brown.

(B) ◯ *Darryl Zanuck, film producer, 20th Century Fox (1946)* Zanuck played a major role in the Hollywood studio system from 1922 to 1970, but he definitely got it wrong about television. The total number of houses with TV sets in the world is over 1.7 billion. In the USA, there are almost 2,000 TV channels and on average, US adults watch TV for about 3 hours a day.

(C) ◯ *Steve Chen, co-founder of YouTube (2005)* At the time, Chen was worried about the popularity of his site. Luckily for Chen, he continued with his YouTube idea and almost two years later, on 13 November 2006, he made a lot of money when Google bought YouTube for $1.65 billion. Today, YouTube is the Internet's largest video sharing website. Hundreds of millions of videos are watched every day by people from all around the world.

C. Read again and write T for True or F for False.

1. The Wright brothers flew a plane for the first time in 1901. ◯
2. The first non-stop transatlantic flight was in 1918. ◯
3. Zanuck predicted that people wouldn't like watching TV. ◯
4. In the USA, adults have their TV sets on for about 3 hours a day. ◯
5. Steve Chen owns YouTube. ◯

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Complete the sentences with the Present Simple Passive or the Past Simple Passive of the verbs in brackets.

1. I was pleased that no animals _____ (harm) during the film.
2. Look at this robot! It _____ (control) by remote control.
3. A TV set like mine _____ (not invent) 40 years ago.
4. After I finished the race, I _____ (give) an award.
5. The Science Museum's website _____ (visit) by about a billion people every two years.
6. **A:** How many phone calls _____ (usually / make) in your office?

   B: About a hundred per week.

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