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Useful language: collocations

1 Choose the correct alternative in *italics*.

- 1 Eating badly can result *on / in* poor health.
- 2 That old city is known *for / of* its beautiful castle.
- 3 My teacher is still not satisfied *with / of* my work.
- 4 Hannah is proud *of / for* her daughter's success.
- 5 It takes time to get used *to / of* living in another country.
- 6 The film is based *of / on* events that really happened.
- 7 I was disappointed *for / with* the food in that café.
- 8 Leroy is capable *of / in* running 100 metres in under 10 seconds.

2 Add a verb in the correct form to complete the collocations.

- 1 I ..... the last bus home so I had to walk.
- 2 I'm happy because my team ..... yesterday's match 5-0.
- 3 On Sunday afternoons I often stay at home and ..... cards with my family.
- 4 Please ..... this secret. Don't tell anyone.
- 5 I'll get a car if I ..... my driving test.
- 6 The directors are ..... a meeting next week.
- 7 Last winter I ..... a bad cold.
- 8 Some footballers ..... lots of money every week.

3 Choose A, B, C or D in these sentences written by First candidates, and say why each is correct.

- 1 My job involved helping the band to ... up their equipment on the stage.  
A put            B make            C stand            D set
- 2 The sound of the waves makes you sleep ... if you were on a cloud.  
A so            B just            C almost            D as
- 3 I wanted to change the subject, but he ... on telling me all the details.  
A suggested    B required    C insisted    D demanded
- 4 I was woken up in the night by a ... noise which came from the first floor.  
A strong    B loud    C heavy    D high
- 5 As ... as I know there were about 5,000 people at the festival.  
A good    B far    C much    D long
- 6 Unfortunately, our next meeting has been ... off until July 1st.  
A left    B made    C put    D turned
- 7 They both liked the same kind of music and had the same ... to life.  
A view    B attitude    C feeling    D opinion
- 8 Friends can't always agree ... everything; each person has her own opinion.  
A on    B of    C for    D in

**Tip!** For each gap, look at the whole sentence before you choose the answer.

**Advice**

- 1 You need to complete a phrasal verb with 'up' that means 'get everything ready'.
- 2 Which forms a set phrase with 'if', for something that only seems to be true?
- 3 Only one of these verbs is followed by 'on'.
- 4 Which adjective collocates with 'noise'?
- 5 Which word completes a set phrase meaning 'I think it's true but I'm not sure'?
- 6 Which option can you add to 'off' to mean 'postpone to a future time'?
- 7 Only one of these nouns is followed by 'to'.
- 8 Which preposition follows 'agree' when it means 'have the same opinion about something'?

**Follow the exam instructions, using the advice to help you.**

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

**Example:**

- 0 A keep out of    B put up with    C miss out on    D stand up for

**Tip!** Understanding the overall meaning of the text makes it easier to choose the correct words for the gaps.

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**Planes can make it rain**

Living next to an airport has always meant having to (0) ..... the noise of planes landing and taking off. Now it seems that (1) ..... residents also have bad weather, according to a (2) ..... published study.

The scientists looked at satellite (3) ..... of clouds above airports, and also studied computer models of the way clouds behave. What they found was that as a plane flies through a very cold cloud, the air behind it expands and then cools (4) ..... rapidly. This sudden drop in temperature, (5) ..... with the hole formed in the cloud where the plane has passed through, can increase the (6) ..... of rain or snow on the ground.

In the case of major airports, with hundreds of flights every day, this can have a significant (7) ..... on weather patterns up to 100 kilometres away. The researchers point out, however, that aircraft passing through clouds are (8) ..... to affect the global climate.

**Advice**

- 1 Which word goes with 'residents'?
- 2 One of these adverbs often goes with 'published'.
- 3 Which of these words goes with 'satellite'?
- 4 Only one of these adverbs can go with 'rapidly'.
- 5 Which is often followed by 'with'?
- 6 Which forms a phrase meaning 'to make something more likely'?
- 7 Which goes with 'have' and is followed by 'on'?
- 8 Which is followed by 'to'?

**Tip!** Remember to look for prepositions that often follow certain verbs and adjectives.



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|------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 A neighbouring | B close       | C local       | D surrounded    |
| 2 A lately       | B recently    | C lastly      | D freshly       |
| 3 A images       | B figures     | C aspects     | D portraits     |
| 4 A totally      | B extremely   | C entirely    | D perfectly     |
| 5 A joined       | B attached    | C composed    | D combined      |
| 6 A forecasts    | B certainties | C chances     | D opportunities |
| 7 A result       | B influence   | C consequence | D impression    |
| 8 A doubtful     | B unsure      | C unlikely    | D improbable    |