PET READING PART 5 – LEXICAL CLOZE

Read the text and choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each space.

I was walking around my neighborhood in New York when I saw a stretch limousine parked outside a restaurant. The driver had his engine running while he waited for his clients. It really (1) _____ me because he was polluting the air and wasting fuel.

I knocked on the driver's window and explained the problem politely. After a short conversation, he agreed to turn (2) _____ the engine. I felt happy because I thought I could make a difference to the (3) _____.

A few months later, I spoke to another driver who turned out to be an undercover police officer. He told me there was actually a law against engine (4) _____ in New York City. Drivers could be fined if they left their engines running for too long.

After that, I printed small business cards with information about the law and started handing them (5) _____ to drivers. Many people are surprised when they learn they could get a fine.

Whenever I talk to drivers, I try to be polite and professional. Most people are eventually (6) _____ by my arguments and agree to turn off their engines. However, some people become aggressive and refuse to listen.

I keep a detailed record of all my (7) _____ in an Excel spreadsheet. If someone reacts badly, I write down their comments carefully. Still, I try not to get affected emotionally and continue my campaign in a professional (8) _____.

So far, I have had thousands of conversations with drivers and I believe I have made a real (9) _____. Recently, a traffic police officer even gave the city's first ticket for engine idling. This shows that public awareness about the problem is slowly (10) _____.

QUESTIONS

1.	A. worried	B. bothered	C. interested	D. surprised
2.	A. away	B. over	C. off	D. down
3.	A. environment	B. neighborhood	C. restaurant	D. industry
4.	A. parking	B. driving	C. idling	D. speeding
5.	A. out	B. over	C. through	D. back
6.	A. argued	B. convinced	C. explained	D. supported
7.	A. encounters	B. penalties	C. discussions	D. customers
8.	A. road	B. direction	C. law	D. manner
9.	A. progress	B. result	C. difference	D. success
10.	A. improving	B. changing	C. growing	D. developing

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