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Task 1. You are going to hear part of a radio programme about making sure your home is safe when you are away. Complete the advice below using NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the recording.

How to protect your home

Outdoors

- If you live in an area 1 ..... a lot of tall trees, cut off overhanging or dead branches.
- Put away objects 2 ..... damaging missiles.

Indoors

- If you are away for a long time then find someone 3 ..... on your home for you.
- Install lights 4 ..... a timer so that it looks as though you are home.
- Find someone 5 ..... your mail regularly.

Task 2. Choose the best endings for these sentences.

1 I hurt my knee quite badly so
(a) I had to go to hospital. b I didn't have the right running shoes.

2 One way to improve your health is to eat more fruit and vegetables. Alternatively,
a you could increase your risk of heart disease. b you could exercise more.

3 Humans like to form social groups. Likewise,
a many other mammals live independently of each other.
b many other mammals live together in small communities.

4 I didn't work hard at school. Consequently,
a I did well at university. b I failed most of my exams.

5 I believe travelling can help us to understand other cultures. Furthermore,
a it can help you to become more independent.
b it can be a lonely experience at times.

6 In spite of the fact that learning to speak a foreign language requires a lot of time and effort,
a many people give up after a short time. b many people manage it successfully.

7 In my experience, vegetarians tend to be quite healthy. In contrast,
a many meat-eaters do not have a healthy diet. b they look after their bodies well.

8 Fifty per cent of all newspaper readers in this country only read the sports section of the paper. In other words,
a many people are not interested in news.
b sports are reported very well in the newspaper.

9 Sydney is the biggest city in Australia, yet
a it isn't the capital. b it is the oldest city.

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10 You wouldn't be allowed to drive in my country because

a there is no point in getting a car. b you need to be over 21.

11 Studies suggest that although sales of cookery books have increased significantly in the past five years,

a we spend less time than ever in the kitchen. b we enjoy experimenting.

12 There are delays on all trains due to the fact that

a passengers should allow extra time. b there is a shortage of drivers.

Task 3. Choose the correct linking expressions.

It is generally accepted that smoking causes the deaths of large numbers of people. In order to address this problem governments should ban smoking in public places.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Many people think that the best way to reduce deaths from smoking is to ban smoking in public places. **1** However / In addition, it is not as simple as that. There are several reasons why I do not consider this approach to be suitable.

2 Alternatively. / Firstly, banning activities often increases their popularity by making them seem more exciting. **3** Furthermore /In contrast, most smoking takes place in the privacy of people's homes, and would **4** therefore / nevertheless not be affected by the ban. **5** Thirdly. / Similarly, a ban on smoking would make extra demands on the police.

6 Although / Despite the ideas behind banning smoking in public places are good, an alternative approach needs to be taken, in my opinion. Schools should lead the way in discussing the harmful effects of smoking not only on the smokers themselves but on others around them. **7** In addition / Consequently, parents need to support these efforts by encouraging their children to understand the negative aspects of smoking.

If we adopted these measures, I believe fewer people would take up smoking **8** as a result / moreover. To some extent these things are already happening. **9** And / Nevertheless, further efforts are needed.

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