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Full name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

EX1: Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 1 to 5.

BEHIND THE CAMERA

When a local museum invited teenagers to create a photographic record of their neighbourhood, I decided to take part. I had always enjoyed taking pictures, but working to a specific brief was another matter. Our supervisor made it clear that we would have to (1) _____ deadlines, just like professional photographers.

At first, I focused on famous buildings. However, the supervisor encouraged me to (2) _____ attention to the ordinary details that visitors often missed. I began photographing market stalls, old shop signs and people on their way to work.

Looking through everyone's photographs brought out my competitive (3) _____. Whenever someone produced a striking image, I wanted to improve my own work. Yet I soon realised that comparing myself with others could also (4) _____ my confidence, especially when my photographs did not turn out as expected.

By the end of the project, I had learnt to take constructive criticism on (5) _____ and use it to improve. The experience changed the way I looked at both photography and my neighbourhood.

1. A. achieve	B. meet	C. reach	D. complete
2. A. make	B. catch	C. pay	D. bring
3. A. habit	B. temper	C. mood	D. streak
4. A. undermine	B. discourage	C. disappoint	D. hesitate
5. A. hand	B. mind	C. board	D. place

EX2: Complete the text with one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

LEARNING TO COOK

Last month, I decided (0) to learn how to cook. I was tired (1) _____ eating sandwiches whenever my parents came home late, so I asked my older sister to teach me a few simple dishes.

My first attempt was not very successful. I added too (2) _____ salt to the soup, and nobody wanted to finish it. My sister explained that following a recipe was just as important (3) _____ choosing fresh ingredients.

After a few lessons, I became more confident. I could prepare dinner on my own instead (4) _____ asking for help every few minutes. I still make mistakes, but I am much better at cooking (5) _____ I was a month ago.

EX3: Complete the text with the correct form of the words in capital letters.

REPAIR, DON'T REPLACE

Our town recently opened a repair café, where volunteers help people fix broken household items. The idea has become increasingly (0) popular (POPULARITY) among local residents. The organisers want to raise (1) _____ (AWARE) of how much waste we produce by throwing things away. Many items that seem completely (2) _____ (USE) can actually be repaired in less than an hour. Visitors are often surprised by the volunteers' (3) _____ (ABLE) to find practical solutions to unusual problems. However, the time needed for a repair can be (4) _____ (PREDICT): a simple job may reveal a much more serious fault. For safety reasons, volunteers check every electrical item (5) _____ (THOROUGH) before returning it to its owner.

EX4: Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use between TWO and FIVE words, including the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. Olivia hadn't expected the repairs to be so expensive. **COST**

The repairs _____ Olivia had expected.

2. It was a mistake for Ben to turn down the offer without discussing it with his parents. **SHOULD**

Ben _____ the offer without discussing it with his parents.

3. Emma lost her courage just before the audition and decided not to take part. **FEET**

Emma _____ just before the audition and decided not to take part.

4. "I strongly advise you not to put off making a decision," the adviser told me. **BETTER**

"You _____ making a decision," the adviser told me.

5. Someone should have informed the passengers about the delay earlier. **BEEN**

The passengers _____ about the delay earlier.