Choose the correct answer to complete the sentences. Circle the letter a, b, c or d.

TASK 1

1 When Karen became the manager, she began to _____ people as if they were inferior.
a look down on **b** go off **c** fall out with **d** see to

2 We were very much surprised when Maria told us that her _____ on her father's side originally came from China.
a ancestors **c** successors
b descendants **d** associates

3 It's reported that many refugees leave their country to avoid _____.
a immigration **c** relegation
b persecution **d** breakout

4 When I saw your present, I realised I'd love _____ a similar one for my last birthday.
a receiving **c** to receive
b having received **d** to have received

TASK 2

1 I feel cold and feverish so to be honest I'd rather _____ in bed for a day or two than go to work.
a to stay **b** stay **c** to be staying **d** be staying

2 When we were buying the house, we were surprised that the previous owner didn't want any of the electrical _____ like the washing machine, the tumble-drier or the freezer.
a utilities **b** ornaments **c** utensils **d** appliances

3 Look at Mark and Julia. They're chatting to each other _____ they were good friends. In actual fact, they met just now.
a so as **b** as though **c** in spite of **d** however

4 Bullies usually _____ younger and weaker ones as it is easier to criticise or treat them unfairly.
a call in **b** back up **c** stand by **d** pick on

TASK 3

1 Gavin felt truly _____ when his girlfriend Sonia decided to split up with him and moved out immediately. He cried for weeks and nobody was able to console him.
a devastated **b** relieved **c** tense **d** offended

2 Incredibly slow service _____ a lot of people eating in that restaurant, but the food is worth waiting for.
a gets into **b** pulls out **c** puts off **d** sends off

3 Do you think Sheila _____ her assignment before her tutor comes back from sick leave?
a will have been submitting **c** is submitting
b will have submitted **d** will be submitting

4 We decided to have the roof insulated _____ it would mean stretching ourselves financially quite a lot.
a as if **b** as long as **c** whereas **d** although

TASK 4

1 One day you'll have to _____ the consequences of your behaviour towards her and nobody will support you.
a look up for **c** keep up with
b stand up for **d** face up to

2 Lydia has proved herself to be excellent at teaching children with _____ needs.
a unusual **b** individual **c** unique **d** special

3 Apparently, Holland is notorious for bicycle _____ – it's one of the most common crimes in this country.
a theft **b** hijacking **c** robbery **d** fraud

4 I wish I _____ my uncle's offer of helping him run his bar on the beach in Florida. I might be enjoying myself now.
a accepted **c** had accepted
b have accepted **d** would have accepted

TASK 5

1 When I returned to work after maternity leave, I was sent on a course because I had difficulty _____ up with the latest changes in the regulations.
a making **b** living **c** keeping **d** putting

2 I guess no one mentioned the side effects of the drug to you, _____?
a did they **b** had they **c** didn't they **d** don't they

3 To save energy, appliances shouldn't be left _____ – they ought to be switched off.
a logged on **c** on standby
b at work **d** out of order

4 All the employees were suddenly _____ after the industry collapsed.
a dropped **b** fired **c** rejected **d** retired

TASK 6

1 It's nearly the end of April and I still haven't got _____ to filling in my tax form.
a through **b** round **c** over **d** on

2 They say that life really begins once you _____ 40 because of the major problems you begin to experience then.
a make **b** pass **c** turn **d** have

3 I made a new cake for the county fair. Not having followed the recipe precisely, I expected it to be dry, but it was very tasty. _____, it won first prize in the baking competition.
a Still **b** Nevertheless **c** Moreover **d** However

4 I felt simply exhausted last night and went to bed at 8. I guess it's because I _____ solidly for 8 hours the night before.
a had been studying **c** have been studying
b was used to studying **d** would be studying

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