1 Choose the correct item.

1 Robert ..... of taking some time off to travel this summer.
A thinks
B is thinking
C will think
D is going to think

2 It's getting harder and ..... to find a well-paid job these days.
A more hard
B hardest
C harder
D hard

3 Bill and Ted aren't here right now; they ..... to the city centre.
A have been
B had gone
C had been
D have gone

4 Dereck ..... English in Papua New Guinea for the last 3 years.
A is teaching
B has been teaching
C teaches
D taught

5 So far the charity ..... over £10,000 through fundraising activities.
A had raised
B has raised
C has been raising
D was raising

6 Living in the country is ..... than living in the city.
A the most peaceful
B most peaceful
C more peaceful
D peaceful

7 Nancy ..... to the airport when she got a flat tyre.
A has been driving
B was driving
C is driving
D has driven

8 Henry ..... to Mali next Saturday.
A flies
B is flying
C flew
D has flown

9 The nomadic tribe ..... to a new location two months ago.
A was moving
B moved
C has moved
D had moved

10 The villagers ..... their homes before the hurricane hit.
A had been fleeing
B had fled
C were fleeing
D have fled

11 By the time Eric ..... at the airport, his flight had already departed.
A has arrived
B was arriving
C arrives
D arrived

12 The kitchen tap ..... for several days before the pipes burst.
A dripped
B had been dripping
C has dripped
D has been dripping

13 The next flight to London ..... at 9 o'clock.
A leaves
B left
C has left
D was leaving

14 Dan is a good citizen; he ..... obeys the law.
A often
B always
C seldom
D sometimes

15 London has by far ..... population of any city in England.
A larger
B the largest
C more large
D large

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2 Read the article. Match the headings (A-E) to the numbered paragraphs (1-4) by writing your answers in the table. There is one extra heading.

A AN UNEXPECTED SCENE
B A DANGEROUS SITUATION
C CONCERN FOR OTHERS
D A LESS EXCITING PLACE TO BE
E AN ALMOST EMPTY LANDSCAPE

Living with the Inuit

1 ☐

Peering out from the porthole of the plane, I was astounded to see an endless snowy tundra covered by mist. It was hard to believe that anything could survive in this inhospitable climate, let alone people. However, as the plane began its descent, a small settlement emerged from the fog. It seemed to spring out of nowhere, surrounded by the barren polar desert. I wondered how anyone had managed to venture so far into the wilderness, and why.

2 ☐

Emerging from the plane, I was greeted by a short Inuit man with a distinctive black moustache and bushy eyebrows above his weathered face. As he approached, he circled his left hand over his chest, a standard Inuit greeting. "My name is Kaya," he said in perfect English. "Welcome to Baffin Island." He led me to his snowmobile and promptly whisked me off across the frozen landscape. The biting cold penetrated through my jacket and the four layers of clothing I had beneath it. My fingers, in fur-lined gloves, went completely numb. Several minutes later, we arrived at Kaya's home: an ordinary wooden house painted a pleasant shade of green. Inside, it was surprisingly warm and had all the modern comforts I was used to myself. For a moment, I felt rather disappointed. What I saw before me failed to match the primitive image of Inuit culture I had in mind. Where were the igloos that I had seen on TV? Had these people lost their heritage?

3 ☐

In fact those first impressions were wrong. Over the course of my stay, I learned how to sew and make tools in ways used for thousands of years. I went ice fishing on a frozen lake and shared my catch among my new friends. Although each day was a struggle for survival, there was a real sense of community among the Inuit. They would never let their neighbour become hungry or lonely or sad. And slowly, I too began to feel a sense of belonging. As well as having such incredible community spirit, the Inuit also maintained a deep connection with nature. They understood the land in which they lived and truly respected it. Even though they had inhabited the region for thousands of years, they had preserved it well, making only the slightest imprint upon it. Their respect for the natural world made me embarrassed by the polluted city from which I came.

4 ☐

The months flew by and before I knew it I was back in London. The bustling city, which I had previously regarded as the hub of the world, now seemed spiritless and empty. I longed for the simplicity of the Inuit way of life, for the connection with nature and sense of belonging that I had experienced so very briefly. I suddenly felt like a stranger in a strange land. And yet I was home.

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3 You will hear an interview with a woman called Karen Wells who designs portable houses. For questions 1-10, complete the sentences.

PORTABLE HOUSES

Karen says the disadvantage of most portable homes is their high transportation 1 _____ .

Karen gives the example of a(n) 2 _____ as a tool needed to make one of her houses.

Karen works as a(n) 3 _____ in the construction industry.

Karen says her homes answer the need for affordable and 4 _____ housing.

Karen's homes can act as 5 _____ in disaster situations.

Karen designed her homes with a(n) 6 _____ to make them appear larger inside.

Owners of Karen's houses can make them more comfortable by adding 7 _____ to their homes.

Karen uses special 8 _____ in the building of her homes that withstand extreme weather conditions.

Karen one day hopes to use her homes to create a 9 _____ where groups of people can live.

In Kenya some of Karen's homes are being used as 10 _____ .

schoolhouses plastic panels cost screwdriver

village other rooms high ceiling shelters

durable engineer portable rooms

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