Michigan ECPE

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Vocabulary Extension

Innovative inventors

A) Greek time, Roman time: The Cloze task mentions Ford's fascination with watches that were synchronized to the spinning of the Earth. Several time words in English derive from one of two roots: chron-(from Chronos, Greek for "time") and tempo-(from tempus, Latin for "time". Drag the phrases to their correct place in the sentences.

Contemporary	chronological	synchronized	temporary
chronic		anachronistic	temporal
extemporaneous			contemporary

1. He's been a heavy smoker for two decades and now suffers from _____ bronchitis.
2. He's not very good at making _____ speeches. He prefers to plan what he's going to say.
3. The _____ swimming team prefers performing to _____ music.
4. Take this list of inventions and put it into _____ order. Which was invented first?
5. The illness has affected his _____ perception. He has no idea how long he's been here.
6. The _____ secretary did such a good job that she was offered a permanent position.
7. The _____ use of modern slang adds a fun touch to this new production of the ancient play.
8. The historian brings the Civil War to life by quoting from _____ sources.

B) Time out for time expressions: Understandably, some people have a hard time keeping the following easily confused time expressions straight. Complete the sentences below with the words in the box. (Drag and drop)

at a time	at one time	at times	at one time	at the same time	at a time

a. This is a serious matter. How can you joke _____ like this?
b. _____, he was able to run a mile in under 6 minutes, but not anymore.
c. On the whole, she's feeling much better now, but _____ she gets weak and needs to rest.
d. Multitasking means doing several things _____ / _____ / _____.

Ahead of time	ahead of (one's) time	behind time	behind the times

a. Innovators, by definition, are people who are _____.
b. Procrastinators do things at the last minute. They never do anything _____.
c. Nowadays, if you don't have computer skills, you are hopelessly _____.
d. You're late again! You always seem to be running _____ these days.

In time	in (one's) own time	on (one's) own time	on time

a. The boss gets angry if she catches people sending personal e-mails during work hours. She's made it clear that we should do that _____ (and not the company's).

b. Henry hates having to work to deadlines. He feels he produces much better work when he can do things _____. Unfortunately, the reality of the business world is that schedules exist, and work must be finished _____. If deadlines are not met, products may not hit the market _____ to maximize sales during peak selling seasons.

C) Choose the correct word that best completes each sentence:

B **Exam practice:** Circle the choice that best completes each answer.

1. The scientist was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for his _____ cancer research.
   a. commercial b. synchronized c. flimsy d. pioneering
2. Hydroelectric energy involves _____ flowing water into electricity
   a. constructing b. converting c. financing d. disassembling
3. The directors will approve the research proposal only if they feel it is _____. They'll let us know soon.
   a. viable b. obsolete c. deliberate d. mass-produced
4. Please let me know _____ time if you can't come to the meeting.
   a. before b. ahead of c. behind d. at one
5. The lecture was a bit too technical in a few places, but _____ she found it interesting.
   a. as yet b. at a time c. otherwise d. by no means
6. In terms of gas consumption, smaller cars are usually much more _____ than larger cars.
   a. efficient b. innovative c. handy d. unrewarding
7. Over the past century, technological innovation has occurred at an amazing _____.
   a. profusion b. advance c. pace d. conception
8. It's hard to _____ a world without electrical power.
   a. witness b. synchronize c. pioneer d. envisage

D) Match the definitions with the words or phrases on the right.

Line of workers/machinery along which a product passes as it is being put together	A. at one's beck and call
Search, explore	B. plethora
Flooded with, full of	C. assembly line
Excessively large quantity	D. poke around
Sensitive, perceptive	E. piercing
Always ready to obey	F. awash