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PART 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the BEST option and fill in the answer in the table given below.

Practice 1

Questions 1 – 7 are based on the following passage. Choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

I can still remember my father vividly. He built the house on Langely Lake for my mother, in the town she ___(1)___ up in. It was a hundred miles from the glassy skyscrapers my father built in the city ___(2)___ the Upper East Side.

The house on Langely Lake looked unlike any of the other houses in town, with their greying vinyl siding and slouching car porch. No, the house on Langely Lake wasn't a house at all. It was a three-storey fortress, built of stones, with a thick fence and ___(3)___ hedges all the way around.

When I was a little girl, we spent our summers in that fortress. I remember slumber parties in a tent on the back lawn and afternoons spent sunning on the raft just off shore. I remember tall glasses of ___(4)___ lemonade sweating on the patio and the sundresses my mother wore and her wide brimmed hats.

Once I thought my father had built that house to keep everyone else out, ___(5)___ then my uncle Thomas found the photographs. They were in a shoebox, hidden under a loose floorboard in my parents' bedroom. They were ___(6)___ that summer, 2008, a few weeks before my mother disappeared. I saw the photographs and I realised I had been wrong about ___(7)___.

My father hadn't built the house on Langely Lake to keep everyone else out. He'd built it to keep us in.

Adapted from "All These Beautiful Strangers, Elizabeth Klehfoth"

1
- **A** grew
- **B** grows
- **C** grown
- **D** growing

2
- **A** in
- **B** on
- **C** at
- **D** out

3
- **A** inevitable
- **B** impenetrable
- **C** unbearable
- **D** undeniable

4
- **A** ice
- **B** icy
- **C** iced
- **D** icing

5
- **A** so
- **B** if
- **C** and
- **D** but

6
- **A** taken
- **B** taking
- **C** take
- **D** took

7
- **A** everything
- **B** everyone
- **C** anything
- **D** anyone

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.

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Read the passage carefully. Choose the BEST option and fill in the answer in the table given below.

Practice 2

Questions 1 – 7 are based on the following passage. Choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

The Sherpas in Nepal live at a higher altitude than any other people in the world. Their home is in the Everest region of the Himalaya mountains. The Sherpas are skilled mountaineers and ___(1)___ the first to climb *Sagarmatha*, which is the highest mountain in the world.

In summer, farmers take their cattle, called yaks, to graze at heights of around 5000m. The ___(2)___ snow reveals lush grass here. In winter, the farmers and their yaks retreat, as the snow ___(3)___ to lower altitudes. Their main crop is potatoes as rice ___(4)___ poorly at high altitude.

Tourists visit the region in spring and autumn. The trekking paths are closed the rest of the year. ___(5)___ summer, monsoon rains flood the paths and in winter, snow makes them impassable.

Despite the many tourists and their more modern lifestyles, the Sherpas ___(6)___ a great sense of identity and tradition. They are hospitable and loyal people in one of the wildest and most inhospitable places on earth. Hopefully, the Sherpas continue the simplicity in life ___(7)___ Nepal has become a tourist attraction.

1
- **A** Is
- **B** Are
- **C** Was
- **D** were

2
- **A** melting
- **B** melted
- **C** melt
- **D** melts

3
- **A** advance
- **B** advances
- **C** advanced
- **D** advancing

4
- **A** grow
- **B** grown
- **C** grows
- **D** grew

5
- **A** in
- **B** at
- **C** on
- **D** with

6
- **A** follow
- **B** retain
- **C** save
- **D** support

7
- **A** even though
- **B** ever since
- **C** thus
- **D** finally

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.

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PART 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the BEST option and fill in the answer in the table given below.

Practice 3

Questions 9 – 15 *are based on the following passage.*

Seattle photographer, Jennifer Loomis, decided she was ready to adopt a child. As she **(9)** through blurry photos of children in the Northwest Adoption Exchange (NWAE) website one night, she struggled to feel a connection. "I couldn't get a sense of **(10)** the children were." Jennifer says.

She emailed the organisation that night, **(11)** to photograph the children. With 18 years of experience as a documentary and portrait photographer, she believed she **(12)** use her skills to bring out each child's personality. After the NWAE gratefully accepted her offer, she **(13)** a photo shoot with five boys and two girls, aged nine to 17. To entertain the children, she brought her dog and a trampoline, along with a make-up artist. Local businesses donated balloons and food. "I wanted to see the children smile and laugh," she says. One of the prospective adoptive parents visited to website and were **(14)** drawn to one child, Deon. They said that it was Deon's sparkling happy eyes that encouraged them to pursue an adoption.

NWAE won't disclose how many children have been adopted **(15)** date, but a spokesperson says the photos have been an 'invaluable tool' in matching the children with families.

As for Jennifer, she did not adopt a child. In July 2014, she gave birth to a son. Meanwhile, she will continue photographing foster children. "Their lives depend on it," she says. She is still using her photography talents to help foster children find homes.

(Adapted from *Reader's Digest*, March 2015)

9 **A** peered
B flipped
C peeped
D scrolled

10 **A** who
B which
C whom
D whose

11 **A** volunteer
B volunteers
C volunteered
D volunteering

12 **A** must
B could
C might
D would

13 **A** set up
B set forth
C set aside
D set down

14 **A** slightly
B gradually
C reluctantly
D immediately

15 **A** of
B to
C with
D behind

9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.

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PART 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the BEST option and fill in the answer in the table given below.

Practice 4

*Questions **9-15** are based on the following passage. Choose the best answer to fill in each blank.*

The drover had gone droving (moving cattle to the market), leaving his wife and children alone in their house in the Australian outback. One of the children ____**(9)**____ a snake and calls for the mother. The bush-woman reaches for her stick and rushes to her children, ____**(10)**____ the snake hides in a hole between the wall and floor. As the snake disappeared into the hole, the woman puts the children to sleep and stays awake with her dog, Alligator waiting ____**(11)**____ the reptile to come out.

By morning, she runs out of candles and gets up to get ____**(12)**____ wood to keep the fire burning. She seizes a stick, pulls it out and the whole woodpile collapses, injuring her, and she begins to cry. She ____**(13)**____ an aboriginal man to stack it for her and assumed it was actually full of wood. She takes out a handkerchief to wipe away her tears, but she pokes her eyes instead as the handkerchief is full of holes. This ____**(14)**____ situation makes her laugh.

Suddenly, the snake comes out of a large crack in the partition slabs. The dog starts to chase the snake and ____**(15)**____ kills it. The woman lifts the reptile on the point of her stick and throws it into the fire. Tommy, the eldest boy, wakes up and notices the tears in the eyes of his mother. He promises never to leave her alone.

9
- **A** discover
- **B** discovers
- **C** discovered
- **D** discovering

10
- **A** so
- **B** by
- **C** but
- **D** and

11
- **A** as
- **B** for
- **C** since
- **D** because

12
- **A** many
- **B** much
- **C** more
- **D** plenty

13
- **A** paid
- **B** paying
- **C** has paid
- **D** had paid

14
- **A** strange
- **B** ridiculous
- **C** impossible
- **D** complicated

15
- **A** eventually
- **B** purposely
- **C** initially
- **D** lastly

9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.